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Our Mission

To provide food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need.

Our Values

A welcoming, caring and compassionate environment that affirms the dignity of our guests, volunteers and staff.



SAVE THE DATE!

Empty Bowls Friday, March 5th 5:30PM

The Durham Armory
212 Foster St.

Stay tuned for ticket info coming soon...

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events

Strings Attached Concert Series



Feb. 12 - Kate Campbell

Apr. 16 - John Gorka

All concerts begin at 7PM at [St. Philips Church](#) on 403 E. Main St. downtown Durham.

Durham Crop Walk

Sunday, March 21
Registration 1:30PM
Duke Chapel



Hope to see you there!

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The 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Annual Report is now available. View [now online](#) or for a hard copy, please contact [Deanna Kleiss](#).

Share the Journey

Message from the Executive Director



On the second Saturday morning of this new year, Ann was cutting and lining up donated cakes for the 150-200 guests expected for the midday meal in Urban Ministries of Durham's (UMD) Community Café. She comes to volunteer regularly because there was once a time when as a victim of domestic violence, she

needed help and she is grateful to now be in a position to give to someone else in need.

That same morning, 12 college-aged gentlemen from Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity from North Carolina Central University were chopping fruit. Another young and vibrant group of professionals laughed together as they prepared potato slices for baking.

Then, three generations of one family came by to drop off personal hygiene gifts as a part of their family's holiday celebrations, and several residents of the UMD shelter worked alongside them carrying packages, setting up tables and adding the finishing touches. There was such energy in the room, but what struck me even more was the diversity of the participants and the way they worked so well as a team to keep UMD going.

Urban Ministries of Durham welcomes approximately 7600 people each year who come seeking food, shelter, clothing and supportive services. We also welcome 4100 volunteers, over 60 communities of faith, groups from every local college and university and many K-12 schools, civic groups and businesses, large and small. There are 26 UMD staff members, but only half are full-time. Together, all of these people share in a variety of tasks to help one another and to create a welcoming, caring, and compassionate environment that affirms the dignity of all.

In 2010, Urban Ministries of Durham is adopting the theme, *Share the Journey*.

In this month's newsletter and throughout the year, you will be hearing of opportunities to serve, celebrate, raise funds, collect, learn, comfort and be comforted as our entire community shares the journey together. Yes, we will provide food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need, but in doing this together, we can build a stronger community of support, and reap blessings we neither expected nor imagined along the way.

The year 2010 promises to be filled with its share of mystery, hope, need and celebration. I'm looking forward to seeing how it unfolds.

Come, *Share the Journey* with us!

Patrice

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UMD and Community Partners Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Day of Service

On Monday, January 18, Urban Ministries of Durham honors the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a Day of Service. UMD staff, guests, and program participants are partnering with the Americorps team from United Way of the Greater Triangle, Alpha Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to refurbish and renew shower-rooms, bathrooms, and to provide a special cleaning for the women and family side of the shelter. The AKA's from Alpha Zeta Omega will also be bringing toiletries and necessities for the women and children in the shelter. Those with an extra creative flair will be working on new centerpieces for our new Café tables. In this day of service and remembrance, the emphasis is coming together in a "doing with activity" rather than a "doing for activity" in the true spirit of Dr. King.



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Community Spirit

UMD experienced the true spirit of the holidays as many area businesses, groups and individuals came together in a time of great need. Thanks to the generous folks at Twiggs, Beskind, Strickland & Rabenau, P.A., we now have a new convection oven in the kitchen and new dining tables in the Cafe! A group from the firm even came to UMD on December 15 to bake holiday cookies and treats.



The improvements to the Cafe do not end there. We now have new food trays thanks to The Law Firm of James Scott Farrin, and new chairs and mugs made possible by McKinney Advertising's "Seats of Honor" campaign are on the way. And to make spirits even brighter, MindWorks Multimedia arranged for new light bulbs to be installed. All of these improvements make this space more inviting and welcoming for all.



To further help support UMD's operations, our local Whole Foods Market chipped in by holding a 5% Day in our honor on December 8th. That's right, 5% of the day's proceeds were donated back to UMD. In addition, UMD was featured in the store's community spotlight for the entire month of December.



Throughout the holidays, a number of groups came together to make sure the families and children in the Community Shelter had gifts and essentials, including McMillan Pate & Co., the Environmental Protection Agency, Carolina Donor Services, WTVD-11, Measurement Inc., Maxwell, Freeman & Bowman PA, Ledgerrock Baptist Church and a bible study group from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

We sincerely thank everyone who gave of themselves in so many ways to help us through the holidays and the start of the new year. Financial gifts, gifts of time and service, and in-kind gifts of food, clothing and supplies, great or small, are equally important because together they make a difference.

Coming in February The 2010 Stewards Challenge

Urban Ministries of Durham has been awarded a challenge grant in the amount of \$25,000 from The Stewards Fund.

This means that if UMD can raise \$25,000 in revenue from new sources between February 1st and May 31st of 2010, The Stewards Fund will match that amount dollar for dollar up to \$25,000.

Even if you are already a supporter of UMD, you can still make an impact to help us meet the challenge. Encourage friends, family and associates to share in the journey by making a gift. Friends can get involved as well. Have a bake sale, chili cook-off, or photography or art contest, maybe even a Guitar Hero Jam Fest...get your team, class, office, fraternity, sorority involved and get creative and have some fun.

For further ideas and information, please email [Deanna Kleiss](#) or call (919) 682-0538 x35.

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Thanks to all of our wonderful supporters and volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!



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