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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.

Don't miss these upcoming events...

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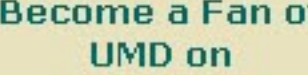
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Doing Good in the Neighborhood...

Special thanks to

the **Croasdaile Farm Fall Event, Families in our Neighborhood**, for collecting food for the Cafe and Food Pantry.

REI for a recent donation of outerwear and boots for the Clothing Closet, just in time for the cooler days ahead!

We sincerely appreciate the many neighborhood associations, businesses, communities of faith and individuals in Durham that come together to support us!

Be on the lookout...

For the Special Edition Joint Issue of the Fall 2009 Gateway Newsletter & Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ended July 30, 2009

...coming soon to your mailboxes.

Contact Us

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Give us your feedback!

A Season for Giving Thanks

Message from the Executive Director

During this season of giving thanks, we want to share an example of how your gifts to Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD), help us to give to others. From July 1st to September 30th, 27 families stayed in our shelter. This included 24 children 5 years old and under. The following note of appreciation is from one of the moms in a family that just moved from the shelter to permanent housing. This mom, her husband and two little boys stayed in our shelter for almost two months after they lost their jobs, got behind in their rent and were evicted.

Dear Urban Ministries and staff,

Thank you so very much for accepting our family and covering us with shelter. We appreciated your help so very much. We have nothing to give but love so we want to put it on paper. Our stay here has made us stronger and better people. It has brought caring and sharing arms to my children. It has made me grow as a woman. So thanks and keep blessing others.

We would like to offer special thanks for Mandy, the Family Case Manager, and Mary Shannon, the evening shelter resident advisor. These women have brought glory to my life and to my children. I'm a woman and mother, but first I'm a person. Ever since the first day, these two women have treated me as an equal person, no judgment of character or anything. You didn't know how much that meant to me. It kept my head up and saved my marriage. When I was at my breaking point, you gave us kind words...

As supporters of our programs, much of this thanks also belongs to you. We could not provide the services to families such as this one without your financial gifts as well as your time and service. You truly make a difference.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving season.

Patrice

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We Give Thanks!



A lot can happen in a week, and we're proud to say...we celebrate

Two shelter residents who started new jobs this week

Three who went on interviews this week will be starting their new jobs soon

Two who went to a Job Link session yesterday morning

One who is seeking transportation to get to a job*

And, a new Employment Resource Center is being set up in the UMD shelter with the assistance of interns from Shaw University!

**Yes! Daily bus passes, tracfones and small denomination phone cards would be very helpful for UMD guests looking for jobs. To donate these items, contact [Deanna Kleiss](#).*

Let's talk numbers...

18,143 meals served in the Cafe, **up 18%**
5,215 pounds of food distributed by the Food Pantry, **up 71%**
4,485 articles of clothing distributed by the Clothing Closet, **up 113%**

144 average # of guests sheltered each night, **up 11%**

...ONE MONTH IN THE LIFE OF UMD
September 2009vs. 2008

Please help us fill the shelves of the Food Pantry, they are getting dangerously bare.



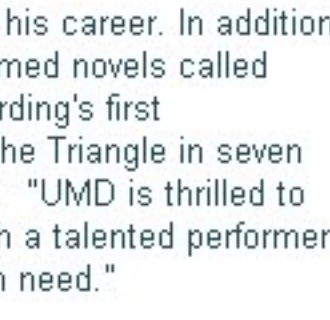
Contact [Lee Nelson](#), our Food and Clothing Manager for more information at 919-682-0538 ext. 26.

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Strings Attached Concert Benefit Featuring John Wesley Harding

Friday, November 6, 7:00pm Folk/pop

singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding will perform at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 6th at St. Philips Episcopal Church (403 East Main Street) in downtown Durham as a benefit for UMD.



Harding's best-known work is "I'm Wrong About Everything", which was included on the soundtrack for the movie High Fidelity. His cover of the Madonna song, "Like A Prayer" is also widely known. Harding has released 15 albums throughout his career. In addition to music, Harding has published two critically acclaimed novels called Misfortune and By George. "This is John Wesley Harding's first performance in Durham and his first performance in the Triangle in seven years," said UMD Executive Director Patrice Nelson. "UMD is thrilled to work with Strings Attached Productions to bring such a talented performer to the Bull City to help members of our community in need."

Advance Tickets \$15, \$20 at the door, \$8 children 6-12, children under free (online price includes convenience fee). To purchase via phone or for more information, call (919) 682-5708. Beer, wine, and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Hope-Believe Recovery Graduation

Tuesday, November 17, 3:00pm

We are proud to announce the Fall Graduation of the Hope & Believe Substance Abuse Recovery Programs. The ceremony, honoring twelve men and women, will be held in the UMD Community Cafe. Professor Monique Holsey-Hyman of the Shaw University School of Social Work is the keynote speaker for the event. Please join us for the ceremony and reception following as we celebrate this important milestone. For more information, email [Leroy Joyner](#) or call 682-0538 ext. 32.

Annual Rebuilding Lives Breakfast

Thursday, November 19, 7:30am

A group of sponsors have made it possible for us to invite those supporters and others who are interested in the agency's future to breakfast at the Washington Duke Inn. Guests will hear what we've been doing and what we have planned for the future. We're also planning to share a report on our financial efforts for the past year and a look at our situation for the future. If you would like to attend this event and find out how you too can provide the foundational support needed for our ongoing program, please RSVP Richard Morin at [Richard Morin](#) or 919-280-8733.

Give to Urban Ministries of Durham

Your generous gift allows Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) to continue providing food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to our neighbors in need. Each time a resident stands tall and takes the next step in the journey to rebuild their lives, the importance of these gifts becomes evident.

You can make your gift securely online by clicking on the DONATE NOW button at the **top** left corner of this page or via the donation link on our [website](#).

Also, remember to check with your employer to see if there's a matching gift program available. Many businesses have established such programs, allowing your donation to UMD to make even more of a difference to people affected by domestic violence.

Urban Ministries is a 501(c)3 organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. A copy of the official registration and financial information is available on request from [Deanna Kleiss](#).

Other Ways to Give

2009 Edition Holiday Honor Card



The Honor Card Program is an annual campaign to raise awareness and funds to meet the needs of the homeless. This year's card features a painting of a picturesque winterscape by Greensboro, NC artist William Mangum entitled *Moving On*. Available for a minimum donation of \$5 per card, purchase as a gift and send to friends and family telling them that they have been honored with a gift to UMD. Or, consider sending one to everyone on your holiday card list. Better yet, send us your list, and we'll take care of the rest!

All proceeds from the sale of this card directly benefit Urban Ministries of Durham.

To order, contact [Deanna Kleiss](#).

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Holiday "Adopt a Family" Program

Share in the spirit of giving this holiday season by "adopting" one of the nine families in UMD's shelter. Families are in need of both necessities (like clothes and hygiene items) and gifts including toys, games, and books. You can also help support the UMD Family Program by donating items such as dish soap, sponges, & scrubbers, single ply toilet paper, pillows, pillowcases, twin size sheet sets, bath towels & blankets. If you are interested in "adopting a family", please send an email to [Faye Morin](#) or call 682-0538, ext. 25 for more information on each family's specific needs.

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



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