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WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!



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Young folks, big hearts...

UMD extends a special **THANK YOU** to the Durham Young Professionals for their generous donation of 50 lbs. of spaghetti and sauce for the Food Pantry!

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Give us your feedback!

Reflections on Economic Indicators - by Executive Director, Patrice Nelson

As I exited the door of Urban Ministries, a gentleman about 50 years old was sitting on a crate by the parking lot door. He approached asking "Ms. Nelson, could you help me get a job? I have walked everywhere I can think of looking for work. I went to two places today." He removed his cap and continued, "I even spent the little money I had on a haircut and shaved so that they might not be able to tell I'm homeless. I know I'll get dinner here and I hope to get a bed tonight but I just want to work. A man doesn't feel like a man when he can't work."

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said recently that the worst recession since the 1930's is probably over. But he cautioned that pain will persist, especially for the nearly 15 million Americans who are unemployed. He's right about that....

While the buzz on Wall Street is that this fall is kicking off with the stock market on the rise, homes beginning to sell and auto manufacturers looking forward to launching new lines of cars, the effects have yet to trickle down to reach many at Urban Ministries of Durham.

Our numbers are still significantly higher than a year ago, as over 600 people a day come for meals and over 420 households a month come for food and clothing. All summer we have been operating the shelter at winter freeze occupancy levels of approximately 150 guests per night, more people than we have beds. Still a few more we couldn't fit in sleep outside. We believe times will get better for our agency. We believe they will get better for those who come to Urban Ministries for service. We have to. That's the spirit that will enable us all to survive and move forward to a new level of stability.

Meanwhile we're....

- ◆ Working hard to re-align our goals to meet the mounting challenges
- ◆ Developing a plan to achieve those goals
- ◆ Referring more guests to employment services
- ◆ Drawing upon local colleges to harness case management services we can't buy
- ◆ Partnering with other agencies to use stimulus funds in ways that help us prevent more homelessness and re-house those who are homeless
- ◆ Preparing our financial and operational records for the fall audit
- ◆ Grateful for volunteers who come regularly because without them, the tasks would be even more overwhelming.

Hoping you'll come to our Rebuilding Lives Breakfast on November 19th and will take note of the other ways you can help us keep the lights on and our collective heads held high!

Yes, the economy is on the rise....but in the meantime, your help is really needed today at Urban Ministries of Durham as we continue to serve with our neighbors in need. Donate [online](#), by mail at P.O. Box 249, Durham, NC 27702, or by calling Deanna Kleiss at 919-682-0538 ext. 35. Many thanks for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Patrice



You Can Make A Difference NOW

Urgent Items Needed

Shelter - towels, wash cloths, toilet tissue

Food Pantry & Clothing Closet - canned meats, vegetables, fruits & stews

Cafe - paper towels, napkins, [casseroles](#)

For more information, please contact Lee Nelson at 682-0538 ext. 26.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Cafe (various openings)

Volunteer Shelter Administrative Assistant - The assistant will staff the shelter's front office and will work closely with UMD's employees, guests, and visitors. Duties include answering telephone, directing calls, greeting visitors, making copies, filing, sorting mail, and other support tasks as assigned.

For more information, please call Faye Morin at 682-0538 ext. 29.

Strings Attached - October 2

Featuring Greg Greenway

Described as one of the strongest and finest voices in folk music, Greg Greenway's style is influenced by gospel, rock, blues, and world music. Join us for a night of great entertainment that helps support UMD and it's mission to help others.

Friday, October 2 at 7:00PM

St. Philips Church

[Advance Tickets](#) \$15, \$20 at the door, \$8 children 6-12 (online price includes convenience fee)

To purchase via phone or for more information, call (919) 682-5708. Beer, wine, and light refreshments available for purchase.



Cuts for a Cause - Look Good, Feel Good, Do Good

Hair by Design - Every Saturday in October

Here's yet another way to support Urban Ministries of Durham.

Cuts for a Cause!

What: Cuts & Manicures

Where: Hair by Design, 2617 Durham Chapel Hill Blvd.

When: Saturdays in October, 9am-1pm

How: Call 419-1963 to book appointment with designers Wayne & Mia, and nail technician Christi and mention **UMD or Cuts for a Cause** and proceeds from these services will be donated to UMD.

What a great way to Look Good, Feel Good, and DO Good!

For more information call Deanna Kleiss at 682-0538 ext. 35.

Annual Rebuilding Lives Breakfast - Nov. 19

Through the years, Urban Ministries of Durham has been fortunate to have a group of very special supporters who have given generously to our program. On Thursday November 19th from 7:30 to 9:00AM, 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 to Deanna Kleiss at dkleiss@umdurham.org or 919-682-0538 ext. 35.

Mark Your Calendars for the upcoming Strings Attached Concerts to Benefit UMD

Nov. 6 - [John Wesley Harding](#)

Feb. 12 - [Kate Campbell](#)

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