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Urban Ministries of Durham Receives Stewards Fund Challenge Grant

Durham, N.C. –February 2, 2011 –Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD), a community-based organization that has provided food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to people in need since 1983 recently received a 2011 Stewards Fund Challenge Grant. The \$50,000 grant will be matched dollar for dollar if UMD is able to raise \$50,000 from first time donors or any increased gift from current donors between February 1 and May 31.

The Stewards Fund of Raleigh focuses on basic human needs. Over the last year, UMD has provided shelter to 1,248 individuals including 58 families and 112 children. UMD's Community Café served 219,552 meals and is currently serving 500-600 meals per day. UMD's Food Pantry distributed 67,917 pounds of food to people in need and close to 68,000 articles of clothing were also distributed from the Clothing Closet.

“Last year's Stewards Fund Challenge Grant was for \$25,000. This year it has doubled creating a challenge within a challenge,” said UMD Executive Director Patrice Nelson. “We really want to connect and get involved with new partners, new businesses and communities of faith. We also encourage existing supporters to enlist help from friends and co-workers to spread the word about donating. Every dollar helps support programs that make a huge difference in the lives of our residents and the challenges they face each day.”

To make a donation, visit www.umdurham.org or call Deanna Kleiss at (919) 682-0538 ext.135.

About Urban Ministries of Durham

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing food, clothing, shelter and supportive services to neighbors in need since 1983. UMD is the initial access point for services through Durham's homelessness continuum of care network. UMD focuses on homelessness prevention, homeless re-housing, emergency assistance and collaboration with community partners to assist people in need. In addition to the Community Café, Shelter, Food Pantry & Clothing Closet, UMD provides structured case

management services for shelter residents through the Journey Program. This program assists families, residents struggling with addiction, those with special medical/mental health conditions and residents seeking to enhance their job skills to secure employment and housing. For more information on the many services provided by UMD, please visit www.umdurham.org.

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