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## **Urban Ministries of Durham Receives Father George Mader Award**

*Durham, N.C. –November 17, 2009* –The Catholic Network of Volunteer Service recently recognized Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) with the Father George Mader Award on Saturday, November 14 at its annual conference at the Durham Marriott Convention Center.

The Father George Mader Award was created in 1988 to honor organizations and individuals that encourage men and women to serve others in the United States and abroad. The award is named after Father George Mader of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, who in 1963, together with his sister Patricia Mader Stalker, founded what is today known as the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS). The group is a national membership organization of Christian volunteer and mission programs that fosters and promotes full-time national and international service opportunities for people of all backgrounds, ages and skills.

“We are honored to be recognized by the CNVS,” said UMD Executive Director Patrice Nelson. “To be among the esteemed list of previous winners that range from universities to senators to other non-profits is a true honor.”

UMD was founded by volunteers from the faith community and Durham Congregations in Action in 1982. Today, UMD hosts over 4,100 volunteers a year, of which 53 percent are from a diverse group of over 60 faith communities.

### **About Urban Ministries of Durham**

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) is a private, non-profit organization that has provided emergency services such as food, clothing, shelter and counseling to people in need in Durham since 1983. Its community kitchen serves nearly 700 meals per day. Its shelter houses 80 beds for men, 26 beds for women and nine rooms with private baths for families. In emergency situations the shelter can house up to 175 people and averages 145 a night. UMD also assists those in need through its community closet and food pantry. UMD provides additional services such as its Hope-Believe Recovery Program, a live-in drug and alcohol

rehabilitation program. For more information on the many services provided by UMD, please visit [www.umdurham.org](http://www.umdurham.org).

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