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**December 8 is Urban Ministries of Durham 5% Day
at Whole Foods in Durham**

Durham, N.C. –December 7, 2009 –Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) will receive five percent of the sales generated on Tuesday, December 8 at Whole Foods on Broad Street in Durham. UMD will also be featured in Whole Foods’ Community Spotlight Board throughout December.

UMD staff and volunteers will be at the store to educate shoppers about the increased need for food, shelter, clothing and supportive services UMD and other organizations have experienced throughout the past year.

“Ignoring homelessness is getting harder because so many people are being affected by it this year,” said UMD Executive Director Patrice Nelson. “We applaud Whole Foods for stepping up and sharing a percentage of their sales with UMD. As with most non-profits, donations have been down so every little bit truly helps.”

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.

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