

2020 - 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

ONE LESS TENT,
ONE LIFE CHANGED.





A NOTE FROM JASON

Dear Friend of Union Gospel Mission:

Transitions can leave us with unease; however, they are also opportunities for growth.

As we have transitioned into the "new normal" of a post-pandemic season, Union Gospel Mission bolstered its Search + Rescue program helping those grappling with houselessness. And we're having an impact by delivering over 150 people out of homeless camps and vehicles into permanent supportive housing, recovery, or shelters. For UGM, "one less tent" means "one life changed."

For nearly 30 years, UGM has been under the steady, grace-driven leadership of Bill Russell. Last year, Bill focused his efforts on expanding the capacity of our Women's LifeChange program while transitioning the responsibilities of Executive Director to me.

Bill not only handed over a strong, healthy organization, he quietly helped lead the effort to raise \$14 million of the nearly \$18 million that will be used to double our capacity to serve homeless women and their children in a new facility in unincorporated Washington County.

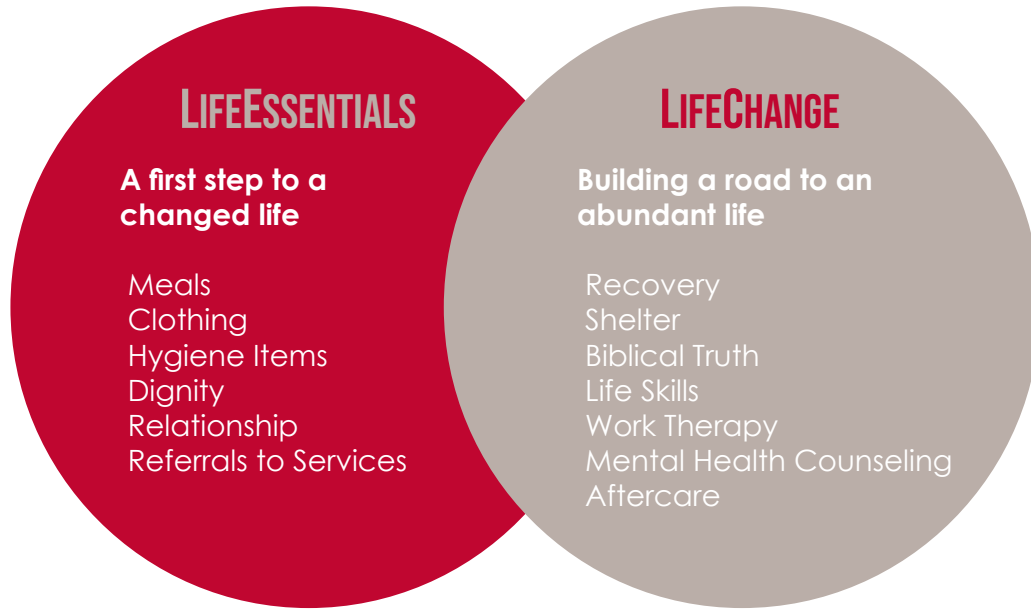
Thank you to all who have supported The Mission. Together we are having a genuine impact on people's lives.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Christensen'.

Jason Christensen | Executive Director

FEEDING THE HUNGRY, RESTORING THE ADDICT



AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Matthew 25:35



LIFE ESSENTIALS

Shower Ministry

In the fall of 2020 we started a new ministry providing showers for those experiencing homelessness. We started once a week with our partners at Central Nazarene Church and by spring were also providing showers at our downtown location.

792 showers were provided through this new outreach.

Shelter

Another exciting expansion of our ministry was a cold weather shelter also in partnership with Central Nazarene. The shelter opened November 1, 2020 and was open every night through the end of March 2021. This new shelter location allowed us to provide much needed winter shelter on the East side of Portland where there is great need.

360 individuals were warm and safe during the winter at our cold weather shelter.



Search + Rescue

Our dedicated Search + Rescue team expanded its efforts to come alongside people experiencing homelessness, helping them transition off the streets into safety, housing and health.

425 individuals served by our Search + Rescue team.

132 individuals received service referrals.

150 individuals transitioned off the streets into housing.

Meals and Clothing

Homeless Services meals: **83,303**

Search + Rescue meals: **22,289**

Event meals: **2,802**

LifeChange meals: **63,480**

Navigation Center meals: **22,460**

Total meals: 194,334

Food boxes distributed: **1,339**

Clothing items given away: **6,382**

LIFECHANGE

The LifeChange community at Union Gospel Mission provides a safe, healing recovery community for men, and women and their children who are dealing with addiction, abuse and trauma.

Men and women in LifeChange receive:

- **Addiction recovery services**
- **A safe home and nutritious meals**
- **Mental health counseling**
- **Case management**
- **Life skills and job training**
- **Education**

Children who enter LifeChange with their mothers also receive individual and family counseling, and educational support allowing them to heal alongside their mother and find success in school.





**77 men, 33 women, and 68 children
were part of our LifeChange
Community.**



**23 men and women completed their
recovery program and are now
sober, housed, and employed.**

THE JOURNEY HOME

After many years of planning and dreaming, in June of 2022, we broke ground on a new home for women and their children escaping homelessness, addiction and abuse. This was a big step towards getting more women and children safe, off the streets, and into a healing home where they can experience life transformation. We plan to open the new home in 2023. This new home will cost \$17.8M to build and furnish and will serve more than 2,000 women and children over the next ten years.

To learn more about this new home visit our website: www.ugmportland.org/journeyhome





A NEW HOME FOR WOMEN & THEIR CHILDREN

This new building will double our capacity to serve more than 2,000 women and children in the next decade as they work to end cycles of addiction, poverty, and abuse. Not only will the new center have 52 rooms to accommodate women and children but it will also be equipped with incredible spaces for healing and transformation. It will include spaces for community building, onsite counseling, parenting classes, a children's education center, a chapel, and more!





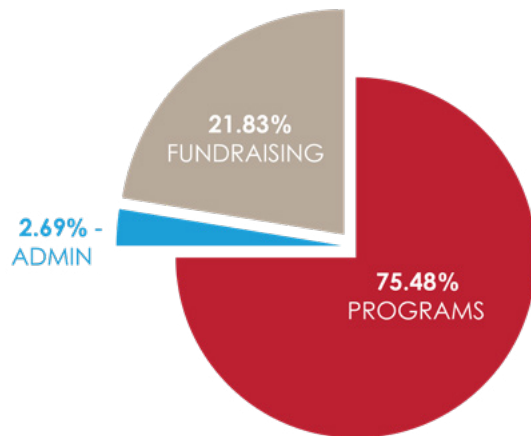
DONNA'S STORY:

Abel and Kristi from UGM's Search + Rescue met with Donna once a week for several months. During those visits, Abel would encourage Donna to get off the streets. "Most of the people on the streets, especially women, have been hurt and abused. The first thing you have to do is build a relationship and gain their trust," said Abel. "Donna's living conditions were unhealthy and dangerous; I was scared for her."

Finally, during one of the visits Donna said she was ready to get off the streets. UGM's outreach was able to help Donna to get a placement at one of the Joint Office of Homeless Services converted hotels. While Donna is at the county's shelter, UGM's Search + Rescue outreach is filling in the gaps and helping Donna navigate getting her ID, taking her to the doctor for medical care and encouraging her.

A month after Donna entered a safe shelter, she's gained some weight back, she's looking healthier, she's working several days a week, she's happy and there is one less tent in Portland tonight.

2020-2021 FINANCIALS



Total Revenue & Support	\$8,825,496
Expenses:	
Programs:	\$4,580,123
Admin:	\$163,068
Fundraising:	\$1,324,853
Total expenses:	\$6,068,044

*Pie chart reflects expenses. Financial information reflects unaudited finances from October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Union Gospel Mission has independent audits conducted on an annual basis which are available on request.

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