

Share the Journey



As we announced in June, the follow-up team will periodically provide you with an update on our progress on the Journey to Freedom giving. We are pleased to announce that through the end of June, the total giving for the Journey to Freedom is \$298,402.72. This is a great start for the campaign, as this giving is beyond expected levels. We are thankful that God is blessing University City United Methodist in this way! We encourage you to continue your enthusiastic support of UCUMC and the Journey to Freedom as God blesses you and your household!

In Christ,
The Journey to Freedom Follow-up Team

An Open Letter to the UCUMC Congregation from the UCUMC Missions Leadership Team

The Missions Leadership Team at UCUMC would like to THANK our congregation for the generous support the team will be receiving via the Journey to Freedom (JTF) Campaign. Your Missions Team has been working diligently for years to increase the outreach from UCUMC to our community, our nation, and around the world. In recent years, we have been forced to focus mainly on more local activities due to the same budget constraints that each of our church member families is experiencing. Even through these tough times, we have been working to develop strong working relationships with various charitable organizations. Our goal is just that – to develop long-term working relationships rather than being one-hit wonders that drop by and then disappear when times are hard. When times are hard is when the need is the greatest.

As part of this goal, we have developed a list (attached) of local charities with which we attempt to have regular interaction. A UCUMC contact is listed where we have them defined. These folks can help you or your team make contact with the charity if you need their assistance. A few of the charities are purely financial support, but most are supported via financial aid and **hands-on service**. We also are working with regional and international efforts. We attempt to serve a variety of needs in our community and the world at large.

The financial assistance from JTF will be a significant boost to our capabilities BUT, money is only part of the answer. The Missions Leadership Team cannot do it alone. **We also need your loving heart, your hands, your feet and your smiling face to aid us.**

Via programs like FISH and GUPPIES, we are trying to provide our congregation regular opportunities to go into our community and make a difference to those in need. FISH – First-steps In Serving Him was conceived to do just that. With the gift of financing via JTF, we can now do even more.

The Team has laid out a draft plan for the next 15 months outlined below to utilize the anticipated funding from JTF. The lines highlighted in **GREEN** denote where hands-on involvement is needed. We will be using the FISH and monthly GUPPIE processes to provide opportunities for you and your family to volunteer to serve our community in missions-focused events. **Please prayerfully review the list below and see where God leads you to help serve in our community.** Then watch the UCUMC website for opportunities to volunteer.

Thank you again for the generous gift to missions to help finance our efforts! With all of our hearts and hands engaged, we can make a significant contribution to the needs of our community.

Missions Team 15-month Planning Calendar

The working assumptions from JTF pledges call for the following missions funding:

Available now	\$10K
Jul 2010	\$10K
Oct 2010	\$ 3K
Jan 2011	\$20K
Apr 2011	\$ 3K
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	\$46K estimated to be available to use by mid-2011.

Additional funds will come as part of the campaign but we have planned initially for the period 3Q2010-3Q2011. Please note these are draft plans which could change depending on charity needs, funds income, etc.

Dollars in Thousands '000s	Calendar Quarter					Total
	3Q2010	4Q2010	1Q2011	2Q2011	3Q2011	
Cash donations to local charities we support – Note 1	\$3.0		\$3.0			
Charlotte Rescue Mission Meals - Note 2	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	
Love INC Ramp Building - Note 3	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	
Missionary Support - Note 4	\$3.0					\$3.0
Regional Disaster Recovery - Note 5	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	
International Missions - Note 6	\$2.0			\$2.0		
Hope Haven Washer Donation - Note 7	\$2.0					
Kidsfest/GO FISH - Note 8	\$1.5					\$1.5
Fall/Spring FISH - Note 9	\$1.0			\$1.0		
Water Wells (via UMCOR) - Note 10	\$1.0			\$1.0		
Habitat House - Note 11	\$2.5			\$2.5		
RITI at UCUMC - Note 12		\$1.0	\$1.5			
Community Meals - Note 13			\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	
Crisis Assistance Funding - Note 14		\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.5	
Qtr'ly totals->	\$18.0	\$3.5	\$7.5	\$9.5	\$7.5	\$46.0

General note - Cells highlighted green involve membership hands-on involvement

- Note 1** - Local charities receive \$600.00 each - Loaves and Fishes, Salvation Army Women's Shelter, UMAR, Uptown Men's Shelter, Urban Ministries
- Note 2** - Serve a meal twice per quarter - estimated \$250.00 each time for supplies
- Note 3** - Build one wheelchair access ramp per quarter
- Note 4** - Tentative plan would be \$2K to Dalenburgs in Africa and \$1K to Johnsons in Campus Crusade for Christ at Indiana University
- Note 5** - Money used to cover travel expenses and supply materials for team doing recovery work - examples might be recent flooding in TN, tornado damage in MS, etc
- Note 6** - Back to Back – international mission our youth group currently works with but we hope to involve whole families as well
- Note 7** - Hope Haven provides laundry service we use for RITI
- Note 8** - Funds to help Outreach Missions at UCUMC such as KidzFest
- Note 9** - FISH church-wide missions day
- Note 10** - Funds would be donated via UMCOR or similar charity to fund water wells overseas
- Note 11** - Fund a building work day and supplies for a Habitat House
- Note 12** - Funding to cover van rentals and materials such as mattresses, mattress covers, etc.
- Note 13** - Provide an open invitation dinner to the community (target would be to those in need but open to anyone) once per quarter
- Note 14** - We refer all assistance inquires to Crisis Assistance, so this helps fund Crisis to serve those needs

UCUMC 2010 Supported Mission List

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Charity Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>UCUMC Contact</u>
American Red Cross	2425 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28203		704-376-1661	greatercarolinasredcross.org	Kristen Gable kristin@thegablefamily.net
Angel Tree					Matt and Holly Mihalovich mmihalovich@carolina.rr.com
Charlotte Rescue Mission	907 W 1st St PO Box 33000 Charlotte, NC 28233	Missy Dickinson Missy.Dickinson@ Charlotterescuemi ssion.org	704-334-4635	www.charlotterescuemission.org	Steve Maynard smaynard@bellsouth.net
Crisis Assistance	500-A Spratt Street Charlotte, NC 28206		704-371-3001	www.crisisassistance.org	Linda Serrett lserrett@bellsouth.net
Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte	P.O. Box 220287 Charlotte, NC 28222-0287		704-376-2054	www.habitatcharlotte.org	Bob Eagle beaglesnax@yahoo.com
Loaves & Fishes	P.O. Box 11234 Charlotte, NC 28220	Valerie Crockett Valerie@loavesan dfishes.org	704-523-4333	www.loavesandfishes.org	Janet Kline (no e-mail; see church directory)
Love, INC of Mecklenburg County	P.O. Box 18517 Charlotte, NC 28218	Alisha Tatum atatum@loveinc- charlotte.org	704-536-5588	www.loveinc-charlotte.org	Kevin Gedney kgedney@windstream.net
Men's Shelter of Charlotte	1210 N. Tryon St PO Box 36471 Charlotte, NC 28236	Trish Hobson Trishhobson1_EW S@carolina.rr.com	704-334-3187 x109	www.mensshelterofcharlotte.org	
Salvation Army Women's Shelter	534 Spratt Street Charlotte, NC 28206		704-333-4351	www.salvationarmycharlotte.org	
Samaritan's Purse	P.O. Box 240417 Charlotte, NC 28224		704-583-1463	www.samaritanspurse.org	Patrick Penuel ptp4015@bellsouth.net
The Laurels Assisted Living Center	6101 Clarke Creek Pkwy Charlotte, NC 28269		704-947-8050		Cindy Leap cynthia.leap@atcmail.com
UMAR	P.O. Box 1558 Huntersville, NC 28070-1558	Ruby Navarro Mossor rubym@umarinfo. com	704-875-1328	www.umarinfo.com	
Urban Ministry Center (RITI)	945 N College Street Charlotte, NC 28206	Julie Puttnam jputnam@urbanmi nistrycenter.org	704-347-0278	www.urbanministrycenter.org	Steve Maynard smaynard@bellsouth.net