

CITY MISSION

Winter Newsletter

2026

*Turn cold
nights into*
warm meals
& safe shelters.

IN THIS EDITION...

Stories of
transformation.

*"It was like becoming
a butterfly."*

2025 by
the numbers...

*Lives touched, hearts
changed.*

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." -Romans 8:28



A Message from Diana

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with deep gratitude for you and the generosity that makes life-transforming work possible at City Mission.

Because of your faithful support, hope is being restored every day to individuals and families in our community.

One of the most significant milestones of the past year was the opening of Sally's Sanctuary, our new 54-bed women's shelter. The need for safe shelter for women continues to grow nationwide, and this expanded capacity has been a long-held vision for City Mission. We are deeply thankful for the donors who answered this call, helping us raise more than \$8 million to bring this vision to life, and ultimately opening the doors to provide special care and services for women in our region.

Your support has also allowed City Mission to expand the way we serve individuals in need of emergency shelter. Previously, emergency shelter was available only during cold weather months. Today, we are able to offer safe refuge year-round for men, women, and families. Our campus now provides 12 beds for men, 8 beds for women, and 4 beds for families every night of the year.

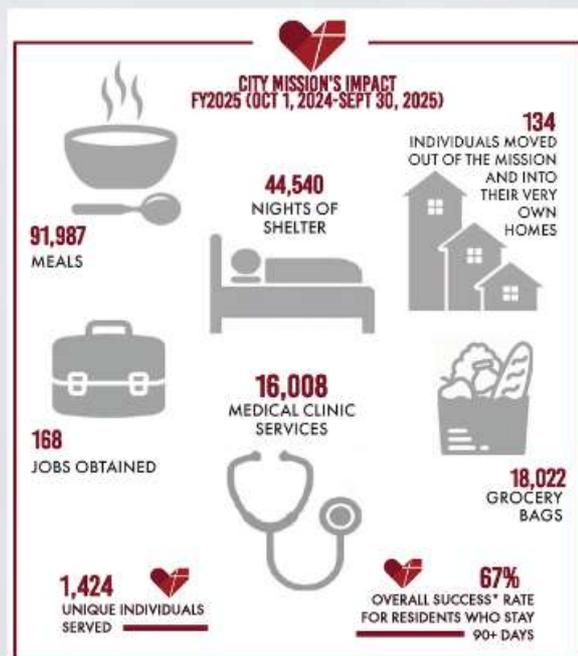
Because of your generosity in 2025, lives were changed in powerful ways. Over the past year, 134 individuals moved into their own homes, 168 people obtained jobs, 44,540 nights of shelter were provided, 91,987 meals were served, 16,008 medical clinic services were delivered, and 18,022 grocery bags were distributed. Each number represents a person whose life was touched by compassion, dignity, and care.

Thank you for standing with City Mission throughout 2025 and for making this work possible. As we look ahead to 2026, I ask for your continued partnership as we respond to growing needs in our community. On behalf of everyone we serve, I wish you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Blessings,

Diana Vaughan

*Diana Vaughan
President/CEO*



Your generosity helped create moments of pure joy this Christmas, as moms and little ones shared laughter and wonder on a trolley ride with Santa.



Because of your donations, Christmas at City Mission included moments of quiet prayer, reflection, and the reminder that no one walks this journey alone.

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When Deb stood in the auditorium cheering for her grandson as he graduated from nursing school, she felt overwhelmed with gratitude. Her daughter, also a nurse, pinned him during the ceremony, and Deb watched proudly from her seat. These are the kinds of moments she once believed she would never experience again.

For more than 12 years, addiction and grief had separated her from her children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. But this year, surrounded by her family once more, Deb celebrated not just her grandson's achievement, but her own healing. “City Mission really saved my life.”

Deb's life fell apart after the unexpected death of her husband. Grief and anger led her to alcohol, straining her relationships and isolating her from the people she loved most. At her lowest point, she wrote goodbye letters to her family in a hotel room, believing her life was over.

But a teenage girl outside the hotel said to her, “God loves you.” Deb did not accept the words at the time, but the girl noticed signs of a heart attack, called for help, and a social worker encouraged Deb to pursue treatment. After rehab, she came to City Mission, and that decision changed everything.

At City Mission, Deb found safety, support, and hope. Chapel services, counseling, case management, and compassionate staff helped her release anger and renew her faith. “It was like becoming a butterfly,” she says, a transformation her grandson celebrated with a butterfly ring for her first year of sobriety. This December, she will mark two years clean.

Through work therapy, Deb rediscovered her love of baking, creating desserts for residents and bringing joy to the kitchen. She also helped with transportation and mentorship, reclaiming skills and confidence she had lost. Today, she leads Monday morning devotions, serves as a Resident Assistant, and encourages the women following her path. “I get to give again. Give back what was given to me.”

The greatest gift, however, has been her restored family. Using the tools she learned at City Mission, Deb rebuilt relationships with patience and grace. She now participates in birthdays, holidays, and daily life, welcoming her great-grandson Roman into her heart and returning to the family's annual beach trip for the first time in twelve years. “I can see my family now.”

Deb's future is full of hope. She keeps a prayer wall in her room, practices stillness, and trusts God. She plans to move into her own apartment while staying close to City Mission, where she hopes to mentor women beginning the journey she once feared. When asked what City Mission taught her, she said: “That I am caring. That I am wanted. He walked with me through all of it. My faith is stronger now than it has ever been.” Life is full again, and for Deb, the future is bright.

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*Because of your support, life-changing stories
like Deb's happen every day. Donate today!*

Generosity in Action: Neighbors Showing Up

Hundreds of people chose to invest in our mission, and the outpouring of support has been nothing short of inspiring. Through the generosity of 367 donors during WCCF Gives, we raised an incredible \$310,068 in just one day in September, along with an additional \$14,500 on Giving Tuesday in December.

We are especially grateful to the 24 Tree of Angels hosts, whose generosity provided Christmas gifts for our residents, bringing joy and celebration to their holiday season.

Thank you to the donors who provided turkeys and sides on Thanksgiving for our Boxes of Love program, allowing us to serve over 600 households across Washington County. We are humbled, grateful, and inspired to keep going because when our community shows up, lives are transformed.



Learn more about our programs at citymission.org!

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Save THE DATE!



Sweet & Savory SUNDAY

PRESENTED BY **MPLX**

Feb 22nd | 12-5pm
Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe

NEW VENDORS!



Live music featuring North Branch of The Clarinet!

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8th Annual
CITY♥MISSION GOLF OUTING
August 17th



MISSION POSSIBLE 5K & FUN WALK
August 2026 - TBA

