



Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities has been helping the poor, hungry, and homeless in the Twin Cities for 112 years.

Thanksgiving is a special time for us. In 1958 we began providing Thanksgiving Food Bags for needy families. The number of families kept increasing so that in 2006 we asked some churches to join us by filling bags with non-perishable items. In 2006 we distributed 3,900 bags of food.

In 2013, thanks to the generosity of contributors at 29 churches, 3 businesses, and 1 Knights of Columbus, 49,955 pounds of non-perishable food was donated. We distributed over 9,625 bags of food to needy families and more than 48,000 people were blessed with a Thanksgiving meal. Needy National Guard families, with spouses serving primarily in Afganistan, received 1,020 of those bags. On Thanksgiving Day the Mission served over 1,000 meals at senior low income high rises and 100's of meals at our Men's Campus.

Participating churches distribute grocery bags with a non-perishable food list attached to members who fill the bags and return them to the church. The list on each bag includes: 2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of whole kernel corn, 2 cans of peas, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 1 can of sweet potatoes/yams, 1 box of stuffing, and 1 bag of white rice (#1 or larger). The Mission then arranges a date for pickup of the filled bags. The Mission adds a #5 bag of potatoes and a 10 to 12 pound turkey. Each bag contains enough food for a family of 5.

We hope your church can become part of the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities 2014 Thanksgiving Food Bag Drive. The distribution dates for members to receive bags to be filled are October 5, 12, 19, and 26 and November 2 and 9. Pickup dates are October 12, 19, and 26 and November 2, 9, and 16. Families will receive the bags on November 24 and 25.

Please help us show God's special love to needy families this Thanksgiving.

**To sign your church up as a partner in the 2014 Thanksgiving Food Bag Drive, or for further information, contact:**

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# How big will lines get this Thanksgiving?

*Nearly 105,000 meals are needed to serve the homeless this Thanksgiving season. But you can provide a meal to hungry neighbors for just \$1.96 each.*

**TWIN CITIES** — Minnesota's economy may have recovered nicely, but the homeless sure haven't.

Lately, so many people have been coming for help that the Mission has had trouble keeping up.

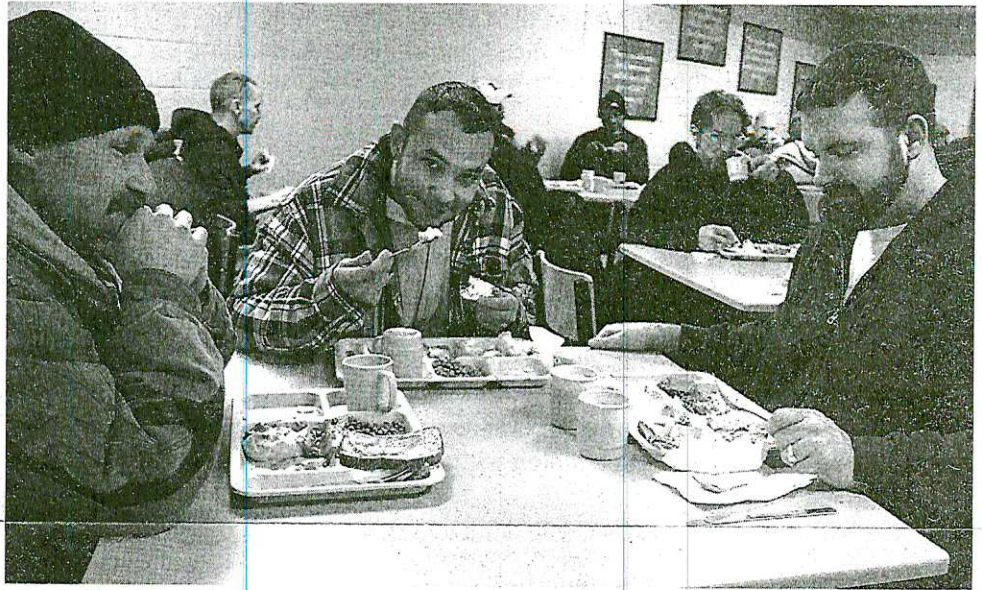
"More and more frequently, we're hearing from those who have fallen on hard times. Many people are barely hanging on," noted Dr. Charles P. Morgan, the Mission's chief executive officer.

Last year during Thanksgiving alone, Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities provided 76,755 meals — including 10,011 bags of groceries — to homeless and hungry people in our community. This year, those numbers could go even higher.

"When people come to us, they're desperate," says Dr. Morgan. "They've often exhausted all other avenues of help. We've promised them we'd help them. They're counting on us. I'm not going to let them down, not at Thanksgiving."

How can Dr. Morgan be so sure — especially in such challenging times?

"It's the generosity of this community," Dr. Morgan says. "For more than 113 years, our wonderful Twin Cities community has been helping the Mission provide food and



Thanksgiving and Christmas are tough on the less fortunate — but a good, hot meal can be the beginning of a changed life.

other care so hurting people can get back on their feet."

That's a big task, particularly when you consider that as many as one of every six Americans goes to bed hungry each night.

If any place is up to the challenge, it's Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities. The Mission provides emergency services throughout the year, but it really rolls out the red carpet at Thanksgiving.

There are decorated holiday tables. Scores of helpful volunteers. Lots of good food. And because so much of it is donated, the Mission can provide a complete Thanksgiving dinner (including pumpkin pie for dessert) for just \$1.96 per person.

That means a lot to hurting people who come to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities for so many different reasons. Loss of a job. Home foreclosure. An illness. Shrinking paychecks that don't keep up with rising prices.

Fortunately, the Mission is able to stretch every dollar it receives to help thousands with a variety of life-changing services for men and women.

Many are so grateful for the help they have received that they end up volunteering so others might find the same hope they did.

This year, the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities is doing it again. With your help.

## MEAL TICKET

### Thanksgiving Dinner

My gift of **\$19.60** to feed and care for **10 people**.

These meals were provided by:

**Schmidt Chiropractic Clinic**

"... so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."

2 Cor. 4:15

Return this Meal Ticket with your check for **\$19.60** to Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities.

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My gift of **\$27.44** to feed and care for **14 people**.

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### Thanksgiving Dinner

My gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to feed and care for as many people as possible.

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