

# OUR STORIES CONNECT



JACINTA WATSON

“My boyfriend and I were homeless and sleeping outside here in Durham for years – rain, sleet, snow, whatever. We slept at City Hall, in the elevators of parking garages ...”

“I came to UMD, and I said, ‘I need help now; I can’t go back out there.’ I just couldn’t handle it anymore ...”



GORDON COOPER

“I don’t plan to be at UMD for long. With a little bit of help – and a whole lot of work ...”



JUANITA MITCHELL

“Now I have my own apartment with a key. I can still make it in society, and I’m very appreciative.”



JULIUS WILLIAMS

## TO YOURS AT



URBAN MINISTRIES  
OF DURHAM



FOOD, SHELTER AND A FUTURE

The personal stories and the outcome metrics in this annual report show it clearly: With your support and involvement, Urban Ministries of Durham has become highly effective at offering food, shelter and a future to neighbors experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Together, we’re meeting not just today’s need for food and clean clothes and a safe place to sleep. We’re also offering every single person staying in the Community Shelter the help of a case manager to make a personalized plan to gain housing and the income and support needed to remain secure there.

In the new year, we’re intensifying our work with a group of single adults who have been hard to serve, but where we have also seen remarkable success stories. These are people who though chronically homeless and disabled, may still be able to work and earn a living. Yet they have barriers such as health concerns, gaps in their employment history, inadequate literacy or past criminal records. They need help preparing for, interviewing for, finding and keeping that job. As Durham rents rise, they probably also need a roommate or two to afford a safe place to live.

Fred Stoppelkamp has joined our staff as our first Workforce Development Manager to lead new ways of helping the hundreds of people who’ll come to UMD homeless in this situation this year. We’ve launched three programs using the UMD campus for on-the-job training: commercial kitchen procedures in the Community Café, janitorial and facility maintenance campus-wide, and retail job skills in the Clothing Closet and Food Pantry. Participants complete the curriculum, pass weekly written tests, and earn a certification they can show to an employer.

UMD has never needed your support more. Taking on bigger work requires more resources. And as announced late this summer, Patrice is stepping down as executive director in the spring to pursue other interests after nearly seven very busy years in charge. David and the board have mounted a national search for her successor. UMD needs you to help extend the momentum of these initiatives and to end even more people’s homelessness in the coming year.

**We enter 2016 with confidence, knowing your neighbors can always count on you to pitch in when you see how you can help. Thank you for caring and being a part of this special community.**

*Sincerely,*

*David Sotolongo, board chair & Patrice Nelson, executive director*



**I'M DANICA DENISON. I'M 25.**

*By the time I checked into the Community Shelter at Urban Ministries of Durham, my mother was heartbroken from finding me on the streets to offer me food and clothes.*

She'd told me, "I cannot put myself through the pain of wondering whether you're going to be alive or not." I'd been a good student and started community college before getting into a relationship with a guy who used drugs. We were together six years. We were homeless in our car. Or we slept in a seedy motel. I finally left him and came to UMD. I told him, "I'm so done with dying. You can go on killing yourself if you want to."

UMD – truly, honestly, this place did save my life. Everybody here really does care. I'm different in some ways from other people who come to UMD for help. I'm Mormon and others are various Christian denominations, Muslim, or not religious. I'm white and a lot of people are African-Americans. It doesn't matter. Case managers accept everyone and help you work on the problems keeping you homeless. At UMD, I felt the love of an equally diverse community that cooperates to make UMD available, all the volunteers and people who donate.

This fall, I moved out of the shelter – back to my mother's home, and I got a new job waiting tables. But now I want to become a social worker, like Maruka Rivers, who helped me at UMD.

I love everyone. I honestly care about the good of humanity. This place helped me when I had nothing. That's what we're all supposed to do for each other:

*We need to be there for each other.*

# THIS FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015



**81**

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS  
NEIGHBORS HOUSED



**259,793**

MEALS SERVED TO HUNGRY  
NEIGHBORS IN THE COMMUNITY CAFE



**57**

HOURS OF CLASSES  
PROVIDED EACH WEEK

**237**

PEOPLE ENDED THEIR  
HOMELESSNESS  
BY CONNECTING WITH UMD

**487**



HOUSEHOLDS PER MONTH RECEIVED  
GROCERIES & CLOTHING THROUGH THE  
UMD FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET



**52,506**

NIGHTS OF SHELTER  
PROVIDED TO HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

**899**



HOMELESS NEIGHBORS  
PROVIDED WITH SHELTER



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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

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who made financial gifts  
to achieve these accomplishments.

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<http://tinyurl.com/UMDgivers>

**4,121** VOLUNTEERS HELPED UMD  
**FIGHT POVERTY AND**  
**HOMELESSNESS** LAST FISCAL YEAR

## REVENUES BY SOURCE

Individuals	\$508,667
Foundations	\$401,405
Government	\$337,908
Communities of Faith	\$119,400
Special Events	\$276,459
Business, Civic & Community Groups	\$75,999
Workplace Giving & Other	\$73,729
In-Kind Donations*	\$1,276,936

## EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Community Shelter	\$1,229,658
Community Café	\$783,565
Food Pantry & Clothing Closet	\$492,892
Community Outreach & Enrichment	\$307,950
Fundraising & Development	\$193,528
Management & General	\$258,570