



Since the Fire

It's amazing how far we've come since the fire of 2015! We have built a brand new veterans' facility, expanded our Women with Children Shelter, and increased our overall capacity to house those in need by 45% over the past 16 months. We also expanded our Medical Clinic and Career Training and Education Center to help more people in more ways.

But as City Mission grows, we continue to need your help. As the reach and the scope of our services expand, more and more people are coming to our doors for help. We need your support, now more than ever.

We truly appreciate your support! Your donations make the life-transforming work we do possible, and you have been so generous. Please send another gift today to help us complete the campus renovation that will allow us to serve so many more than ever before.



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The Inside Track on the Capital Campaign



FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

Crabtree Kovacicek Veterans House

Thanks to you, local veterans have been given a new hope and new place to heal together. On July 3 of this past year, we celebrated the Grand Opening of the Crabtree Kovacicek Veterans House, our new veterans' residence.

"This is a dream-come-true day for City Mission," said President/CEO Dean Gartland. The Veterans House became a dream nine years ago when City Mission began tracking the number of veterans who were coming to the Mission for help. As the numbers increased, the City Mission Board of Directors decided to put a plan into action. "Two words that should never be in the same sentence," Gartland added, "are 'homeless' and 'veteran.'"

The flag-raising event kicked off with the roar of motorcycles. The Patriot Guard Riders along with others, led by County Commissioner Larry Maggi, carried the ceremonial flag (from American Legion Post #175 to the City Mission campus) that was raised during the event. The flag had recently flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the Veterans House.

The event culminated with the ribbon-cutting ceremony, which featured Dr. Michael Crabtree, a member of the City Mission Board of Directors and a local professor and psychologist. His generous donation made the completion of the Veterans House possible.

The dream of the Veterans House has finally become a reality.



Thank you for helping us transform lives!

Yes! I'd like to give a special Capital Campaign donation of \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other

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A New Place for Local Women with Children to Call Home

Families with children are the fastest-growing homeless population in the US. Thanks to you, we have been able to expand our Women with Children Shelter, nearly doubling our capacity to house women and children during a critical time in their lives.

On October 25, 2018, we celebrated the Grand Opening of our newly-renovated Women with Children Shelter.

"At the new Women with Children Shelter, women and children can get the help they need to build strong, stable lives," said City Mission Chief Development Officer Dr. Sally Mounts.

Our newly-expanded Women with Children Shelter consists of 11 cozy suites, each uniquely designed to feel like home for a family in crisis. Each suite contains a kitchenette, full bath, living room, and bedroom.

The guest speaker for the Grand Opening event was Washington County Commissioner, Diana Irey Vaughan, who has raised over \$100,000 for City Mission's Capital Campaign.

Irey Vaughan explained that she supports City Mission because of its success in restoring broken lives to sustainable independence. "City Mission has a 67% success rate for residents who stay in the program for at least 90 days," she said.

She also spoke about City Mission's commitment to "fostering a woman's path to independence, a path of forgiveness, mercy, grace, and hope." And she challenged everyone in attendance to "rise to the challenge of the unmet needs in our community. "She ended her speech by saying, "These families are God's children just like us. I pray that all the women and children that walk through the doors of City Mission's Women with Children Shelter will find safety, security, and most importantly, God's love and mercy."



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New City Mission Dining Facility and Programs Building Help Show Love to Our Neighbors



Holidays in the Dining Hall

Our newly-renovated dining hall allowed us to celebrate the Holidays in style. For both Thanksgiving and Christmas, City Mission staff and hundreds of volunteers served family-style lunches and dinners to City Mission residents and members of the community, including a tray of luscious desserts to finish the meal.

Samaritan Care

Samaritan Care, our community outreach center located inside the newly-renovated Chapel and Programs Building, serves low-income families and individuals. We distributed over 2,000 bags of food last year and gave out over \$1,000 worth of clothing vouchers. We also gave away 250 Thanksgiving meals to the community and over 3,000 Christmas toys to local children.



*"It's not just the buildings...it's what we do inside them that really matters."
Dean Gartland,
President/CEO*