

Serving Utica and the Mohawk Valley since 1890

SUMMER 2019

Don't
miss...



Finding Joy in
Challenges

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Help turn
\$25,000 → \$50,000

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"I could put God
first again."

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ROBERT'S CHALLENGE:

FINDING HIS WAY BACK TO CHRIST

YOU are the reason Robert
& others like him are
overcoming their challenges.



GIVE  LIVE

92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

A Message from
WENDY GOETZ

FINDING *JOY* IN CHALLENGES

When you hear the word, “challenge,” your immediate thought may not be, “Hooray!”

But we’re rejoicing in our challenge this month: A wonderful friend of the Mission is challenging you to match their generous \$25,000 gift with an additional \$25,000.

That’s a total of \$50,000 to care for those in need.

Our joy comes from knowing friends like you will step up to help meet this challenge!

I hope when you read Robert’s story (*on page 3*), you’ll see how tremendously his life has been changed by gifts like yours. I’m so grateful that you not only lift up our guests in your prayers, but take the next step by sharing your abundance with them. It would be such a blessing to give this month, when your gift provides twice the help with essentials like food and shelter – *and with long-term care in our Parker House Aftercare program* – so they can find healing and hope through Christ’s love.

You are the reason this ministry can meet the challenge of caring for our community’s homeless – this month and throughout the entire year.

God bless you for remembering all those who are hurting. Your compassion lets them know they’re not alone in the challenges they’re currently facing.



Wendy L. Goetz

Wendy Goetz
Executive Director



DOUBLE YOUR HELP!

Our Matching Challenge is underway now



Right now, a generous Matching gift means every gift given until May 31 has double the impact. That means **TWICE THE HELP** for people facing huge challenges here in our community!

\$50 → \$100

\$100 → \$200

\$150 → \$300

- ♥ Hot meals for a hungry mother and child (just \$2.19 each!)
- ♥ Safe shelter & a bed for a homeless man
- ♥ Counsel & prayer for a woman battling addiction
- ♥ Clothing for a family who lost everything
- ♥ Training to help a man or woman prepare for employment



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YOU will be a blessing in so many lives!

This Matching Challenge ends May 31!



Send your gift for 2x the impact today.



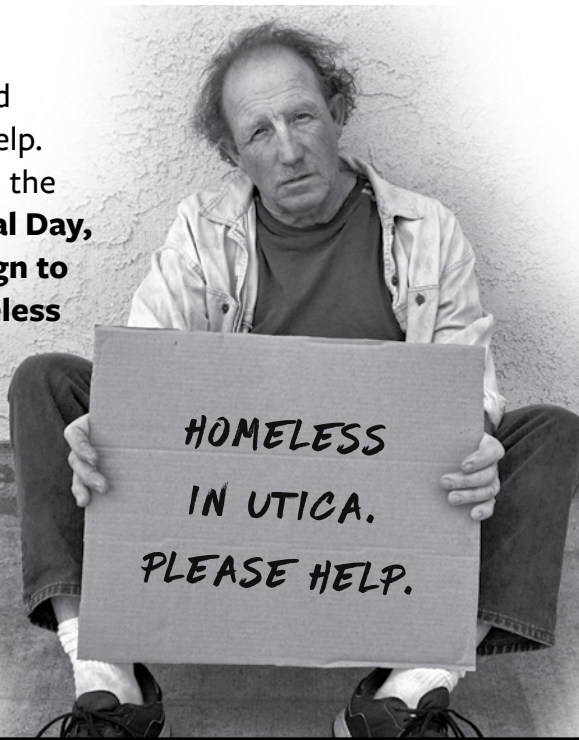
Give online at uticamission.org.



**DON'T WAIT!
DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT BY RESPONDING NOW.**

You don’t have to go far to find people in desperate need of help. They’re right here in Utica and the Mohawk Valley. **This Memorial Day, our 92-day summer campaign to help our community’s homeless and hungry begins.**

GIVE *where you* LIVE
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN



**“The Mission
gave me the
time to clear
my mind so I
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first again.”**



Robert started drinking with his neighborhood friends when he was 16 – the beginning of a 35-year habit that slowly eroded his self-esteem. “I held a job and paid my bills, but on the weekends I’d overdo it. I felt terrible having to make excuses why I couldn’t go to work the next day,” he says.

He was also ashamed of what God must think of his drinking, and over time grew distant from the Lord. “As a kid I used to go to church, but I fell away,” he says.

Then one morning, after a night of drinking, Robert decided he’d had enough. “I found myself curled up on my floor, sick to my stomach, and I came to the realization that it needed to stop,” he says. “I needed to deepen my spirituality and build back my relationship with Christ.”

It was then that Robert came to our Parker House Aftercare, and through outpatient treatment, life-skills classes, counseling, Bible studies, and chapel services, found sobriety and restoration of his faith. “After my mind cleared up, I started reading His Word a lot more and recognizing His promises,” he says.

It’s been healing for him to discover that, even though he didn’t like himself when he drank, God loved him unconditionally. “I’ve always been under His grace,” he says.

**“I’VE COME TO REALIZE
THAT HE’S NEVER TURNED
HIS BACK ON ME.”**

Robert has already landed a new job, and after graduation, plans to move into our Transitional Housing, where he can save money for his own place. “I’m going to get financially stable and be a productive member of society again,” he says.

YOU are the reason that men and women like Robert are no longer bound by their challenges – and have become overcomers through God’s love! “The Mission gave me shelter, fed me, and met all my needs. They gave me the time to clear my mind so I could put God first in my life again.”

Come join... **RIDERS ON A MISSION**

It's that time of year again. Time for our **annual 50-mile Riders on a Mission event**, hosted by Harley-Davidson of Utica.

Join other motorcycle enthusiasts as they spend the day riding to raise money for the Mission. Registration is \$30 per driver and \$15 per passenger, and all proceeds go to support our programs that bring shelter, healing and hope to those in need in our community.

WHEN:
Saturday, July 27, 2019
Registration-9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Kickstands up-11:00 AM

WHERE:
Begins and ends at Harley-Davidson,
4870 Commercial Drive, New York Mills.

HOW:
For online registration and sponsorships, visit uticamission.org or call **(315) 735-1645**.



There's still time to change a life on the links!

It's your last chance to register for our **12th Annual Golf Tournament** to raise money for our lifesaving and sustaining programs.

Join us for a day of fellowship on the links, Thursday, June 13, at Twin Ponds Golf Course in New York Mills. While you're enjoying a round, you'll be moving us closer to our goal of raising \$43,000 to bring healing and hope to those in need in Utica and the Mohawk Valley.

Whether you golf, volunteer or become a sponsor, your participation will help make the day a success. We can't do it without you!

For more information, visit uticamission.org.

Thank you!

Restaurants To The Rescue



Save the date for the **27th Annual Gourmet Guys Event: Restaurants to the Rescue** on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the Hart's Hill Inn, 4:00 p.m. The area's best restaurants will serve their best dishes to benefit the programs of our Mission!

For more information, visit uticamission.org or call Leslie Nicolette at **(315) 735-1645, ext. 2104**.



I'LL DOUBLE MY IMPACT

Wendy, here's my Matching gift to reach 2X as many people with meals, shelter, care - and hope!

- \$25 to have an impact of \$50
- \$50 to have an impact of \$100
- \$75 to have an impact of \$150
- \$100 to have an impact of \$200
- \$_____ to double my impact with the Challenge

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