

Helping the Homeless

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The City Union Mission of Kansas City, Mo., has been sheltering, feeding and rehabilitating homeless men, women and children for 84 years. "Rehabilitation" for some of the Mission's clients means overcoming addiction, finding a purpose in life, receiving job training, and developing a relationship with the source of all their good. Clients pursue their personal goals by participating in programs that may last for more than a year while they live at the Mission.

Ironically, the City Union Mission is located at the UMKC School of Dentistry's old building at 10th and Troost, where my dad (1928), brother-in-law (1956) and I (1965) received our dental training. The building that for decades blessed so many of us with the opportunity to fulfill the American dream now serves almost 1,000 meals a day and is home to many people struggling to make their way.

On Valentines Day 2005, I began a dental program that serves the residents at the Mission who are making real changes in their lives. Even if a person comes in from the cold just one night, we leave no brother or sister in pain. Thanks to the help of 65 general dentists and specialists and the assistance of Mallow-Tru Dental Laboratory, we have given new smiles, new self-images and increased self-confidence to countless residents. Additional support has been supplied by my Dental Class of 1965, which endowed a fund to pay the expenses of clients in need of emergency services at the UMKC School of Dentistry.

I invite you to contribute to this program by helping a rehabilitated resident who is turning his or her life around. Assisting one resident with his or her dental needs in your office each year would be a tremendous help. You, too, might find yourself experiencing a new smile. If you'd like to reach out to a neighbor in need, please don't hesitate to contact me at: 913-469-6547 or holmeslg@umkc.edu. ■

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