



## 70 YEARS OF RECKLESS LOVE

As we approach the Easter season, we are reminded of the parable of the shepherd who left the ninety-nine to seek out the one who was lost. Likewise, Jesus left heaven to seek and save those who are lost. During Easter, we celebrate the victory that Jesus has over death and the eternal life that He offers to us. This is the wonderful

message of hope that we take to the homeless: You matter. You are loved. Jesus loves you so much that He laid down His life to offer you eternal life.

It is our 70th year of loving the most unloved in our area by providing life saving supplies to address their physical needs while sharing the hope of renewal available because Jesus is alive, and He has won the victory over sin and death. For these past 70 years, the story hasn't changed. Those of us who work and volunteer at UGM, along with those who give financially, do so because we are committed to making sure every man, woman and child who comes through our doors looking for hope, finds it and experiences it on a personal level.

This year we have planned a wide range of activities to help support and grow the reach we have to the Dallas community. I am excited to see what God accomplishes at UGM this year and as we work toward the next 70 years.



We want to continue sharing the greatest story ever told, the only story that brings hope to the hopeless.

*“For God so loved this world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him, will NOT perish, but will have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

Happy Easter to each of you.

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### UGM DALLAS CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, and UGM Dallas will be honoring these sacrificial and dedicated volunteers. The CEO of UGM Dallas, Mr. Bruce Butler, has said many times that “our volunteers do whatever is necessary to get the job done in a way that exemplifies God’s love for our homeless clients; these volunteers are invaluable.” Each month UGM Dallas highlights a different volunteer who has given of their time, energy and diverse skills to serve others and keep UGM Dallas working toward its goal of “Transforming lives to end homelessness one person at a time.”

### GENEROUS GIFTS FROM INTERSTATE BATTERY EMPLOYEES



January 22nd was Servants Heart Day and Interstate Battery

demonstrated their core value of serving others by donating care bags to residents at UGM Calvert Place Men’s Shelter. The care bags were full of greatly needed and appreciated necessities. This demonstration of Christian love made a lasting impression on the residents. We want to thank Interstate Battery and their employees for the generous gifts to the men at Calvert Place.

### A LABOR OF LOVE “SPARK”



The women at UGM Dallas Center of Hope were showered with love and encouragement during the recent women’s retreat presented by Spark Ministry. The focus of Spark Ministry is to provide hurting women, living in a long-term faith-based recovery center, a weekend retreat they will never forget. The weekend

mission centered around “Serving People and Reflecting Kindness.”

The Spark staff did a beautiful job serving these women in a way that demonstrated Christ’s love for them. The retreat was full of opportunities to build relationships, enjoy group activities, and attend dynamic small group Bible studies as well as evening worship services. Many of the women left the retreat having made life-changing decisions to follow the Lord, and all left the retreat refreshed and excited to see how God can and will “make all things new” in their own lives.



**MAE'S STORY**



"It was the week before Thanksgiving 2018, I had lost my apartment and was living in a hotel. Money had run out, and I made the decision to go to the Center of Hope where they have Christian based programs to help women with children in crisis. Everything was falling apart and I needed help. The guilt and sense of failure I felt when I walked through their doors was overwhelming.

Since coming to the Center of Hope, I was given opportunities to participate in classes and counseling sessions that helped me regain a sense of self-worth and begin rebuilding my life, specifically my relationship with God. I learned to put God first in my life, not rush ahead, but allow Him to lead. I am eager for my kids and extended family to see the difference putting God first has made in my life. The program also offers education classes, job readiness training, as well as parenting and financial classes. Everything I needed to get my life back on track.

Singing and performing are my passions. When I lost hope, I stopped singing. God is a restorer of lives, and He has restored my desire to sing. For the first time in years, I had the joy of singing at the UGM Christmas program. Through song, I want to share what God's mercy and grace has done in my life and bring honor and glory to Him."

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Center of Hope- 4815 Cass Street, Dallas, Texas 75235

For more information visit: [www.ugmdallas.org](http://www.ugmdallas.org)

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**CURRENT NEEDS**

The Center of Hope provides up to 195 women and children with food, clothing, medical care and shelter. Last summer, the HVAC unit at the Center of Hope broke down, and we are in desperate need for multiple HVAC systems. We were blessed to have received a challenge grant from the Hobbizelle Foundation to raise \$32,500 towards the purchase of a new unit. If you would like to help us raise funds for a new HVAC unit at the Union Gospel Mission Dallas Center of Hope, donations can be made by mail at 3211 Irving Blvd, Dallas, Texas 75247. Please write in the memo line - Center of Hope HVAC or online at [ugmdallas.org](http://ugmdallas.org) and click the "In Honor Of" button and list Center of Hope HVAC as the honoree.

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