



A Ministry on the Move

For **Urban Christian Ministries** the year **2017** equals excitement. We are striving to do all that we do with excellence. Our staff is gearing up to make this one of the **greatest years in our almost 47 years of existence**. We are in the process of planning and mapping out the year, with a number of new events and expanded programming.

I am pleased to announce that through a generous year end gift, we are now able to purchase a few **new computers for our computer lab!** Our lab is far from complete, but we now have some of the capabilities and technology needed for our children to be successful. That's just one of the things that we are excited about.

UCM is building new relationships with a number of churches and organizations in our region, and there will be a number of collaborations in the future. We know that UCM cannot meet all of the needs of our community, but we know that we stand a much better chance when we are united with other like-minded individuals and organizations. We have put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes the last few years, and we believe that 2017 will be a year of growth and expansion.

As always, I would like to **thank you all for your prayers and support** over the years, we could not have done any of this without you. We are so grateful to have such loyal supporters. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

To stay up to date with the latest happenings at UCM visit UCMbuffalo.org and join our email list, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram.

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Buffalo Bills Alumni Delivers Another Big Hit!

On November 22nd, 2016 Urban Christian Ministries held its annual Thanksgiving dinner which was sponsored by the Buffalo Bills Alumni Association. It was held at the Moot Center on High St, and was a celebration for our L.E.G.A.C.Y Afterschool program children and their families. The program began with the children and our program coordinator, Curtis Byrd, stating their list of what they were most thankful for, followed by a delicious meal for the families, staff, and volunteers that was prepared by our wonderful Board of Directors. After the meal, each family was blessed with a Thanksgiving basket which included a Turkey complete with sides and fixings. The event was a true success, and was a wonderful night of food, family and fellowship.



**2016,
the
Year in
Review**



Knowledge is Power

Urban Christian Ministries is thankful and fortunate to have staff from **Community Access Services (CAS)** work with our pantry clients every Thursday. This wonderful organization provides **HIV and STI testing** right at UCM, and they give instant results. People in our community now have access to vital knowledge and information. These free services allow people to know their status, and gives them greater control over their health. Over the past few months they have **tested dozens of people in the Fruitbelt Community**. CAS continues to provide our community with vital information and services, and we are extremely thankful to work in conjunction with such a great organization. For more information on the services Community Access Services offer go to www.caswny.org.



Feeding the Needy

Please join us as we replay three very special days at UCM for our annual News Neediest Christmas distribution.

- Sign in and warm up with coffee, cookies, and enjoy time to shop for needed free items while singing Christmas carols with our guitarist.
- Travel upstairs for needed linens, winter outerwear, and News Neediest food bags.
- Choose a special toy and proceed to the conference room for homemade hot soup, punch, and fun conversation with others.
- Collect your allotted bags with help from our wonderful volunteers.
- Leave UCM with happy hearts and smiling faces, knowing that God loves each one of us.

Many thanks to our loyal volunteers, and committed churches; First Presbyterian of East Aurora, First Church of Evans, Lakeview Community, Marilla Baptist Church, Randall Baptist Church, and the Women's Ministry of Randall Baptist Church.



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Urban Christian Ministries Needs Your Support



As you see we are into another year of exciting and spiritually meaningful experiences for our youth, **but we need your help.**

In order for UCM to be able to keep our programs free and affordable, we rely on generous donations from those who financially support the ministry. We are in need of your help.

The youth of today are facing many challenges on a daily basis, and UCM is doing all that we can to help them overcome these challenges. You have an opportunity to be part of what God wants to do in the lives of the young people at UCM throughout the year. **Will you please prayerfully consider a donation to Urban Christian Ministries General Fund?**

Urban Christian Ministries is a non-profit organization impacting and mentoring youth, families and the community for Christ since 1970. Your donations are tax-deductible and can be mailed to our office or made at UCMBuffalo.org.