

Urban Christian Ministries



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UCM Fundraising Luncheon

UCM is pleased to announce the details of our 2017 fundraising luncheon to take place of **Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 2pm to 4pm**. The luncheon will be held at **Knox Presbyterian Church**, located at 2595 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217. Ticket prices are **\$25.00 per person**. Tickets are available for purchase at our office. We are excited to share all of the great things taking place at the ministry, and looking forward to fellowshiping with our faithful supporters. **This is an event you do not want to miss.** Call UCM at 716-882-9472 right away to purchase your tickets.



Prayer Request

Urban Christian Ministries is so blessed and fortunate to have served this great city for 47 years. We are excited to continue building upon the long legacy of meaningful work. We have spent over 20 years at our current location, and our building is in need of some major updating. UCM is in need of:

- A new boiler/heating system
- Refrigerator
- Electric stove
- Staircase replacement
- Volunteer(s) with strong academic background
- Financial support
- Men's clothing for the clothing closet

In Remembrance

We extend our deepest sympathy to the following UCM families whose loved ones were recently called home to their heavenly reward. They will be great missed.

- Mr. Donald Hills, husband of Mary Jo and father of David and Phoenix
- Mrs. Mary Lou Sticht, mother of Kevin, Gary and Richard, and sister of Jean Laird.
- Mr. Warner Brown, Jr, husband of Chawntay and father of Kejaina.

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Summer Camp 2017

Urban Christian Ministries' Summer Camp 2017 at Bliss Summit Bible Camp was another massive success. This year we had 37 campers, and a number of them were first time participants. For the third year in a row, we were fortunate to **have JT and Alana of H2fitness** from Syracuse, NY with us for camp. H2Fitness leads our recreation activities for the week. They do a great job of getting the campers and volunteers up and active, while also preaching positivity, encouragement, and sportsmanship. We were blessed to have



Pastor Germaine Hurst of Greater Emmanuel Temple as a guest speaker. His message blessed everybody in attendance, and set the tone for the remainder of the week. Our theme this year was **"New in Christ"**, and all of our activities, bible lessons, and devotions were based around this theme. By the end of the week we had **14 campers accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!** God moved mightily among the staff as well during our daily devotion time, and many were blessed and refreshed. Needless to say, **UCM Summer Camp 2017 was a big hit!**



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Rock the Block

July 12th-15th **Urban Christian Ministries in conjunction with Greater Refuge Temple of Christ Church** held the 2nd annual “**Rock the Block**” **community event**. The three day event began with an outdoor service which was hosted by Greater Refuge Temple of Christ Church with **Pastor Jason Drayton of First Calvary Missionary Baptist Church** as the guest speaker. To go along with the outdoor service, we had **local food trucks, Ricos Pinchos Place and Kona Ice, in attendance**. Thursday and Friday consisted of **Evangelism teams** going out to minister to the community, and evangelized to the lost. Saturday from 12-3pm was the main event of “**Rock the Block**”. The difference between year 1 and year 2 was remarkable. There was a **large increase in the number** of participating vendors & agencies, as well as the number of people in attendance. We estimated **over 400 people in attendance** throughout the 3 hour event! The event featured 15 local vendors & community organizations, bounce houses, face painting, pony rides, free food, and lots of free giveaways for children and their families. We even had a mobile food truck on site, and a number of health related test and screenings for the community. A brief sermon was given by **Pastor Alberto DeLeon**. The event was a true success and exceeded our expectations. UCM would like to thank **Senior Pastor Robert L Sanders, Elder Leonard Marshall, Elder Nathan Salter, and the entire Greater Refuge Temple of Christ** family for all of the work they did planning and implementing the events.

Volunteer Spotlight

We salute Melissa “Mel” Mazur, a Buffalo State College Student, who is majoring in Social Work and spent the past school year volunteering with our LEGACY Program. Realizing that God led her here, Mel returned during the summer to volunteer with our Summer Day Camp and assist Program Coordinator, Curtis Byrd by leading activities, serving lunches, and helping the kids with their Bible studies. She will also continue volunteering this school year with our LEGACY Program. God bless you Melissa, and thank you for all of your help.



National Tour Comes to UCM!

The Extreme Tour made a memorable stop at Urban Christian Ministries on July 7th. The Extreme Tour began in Idaho in 1994 and is a **Christian based musical international tour** featuring poets, rappers and singers from around the U.S. The tour was coming to town, but despite planning to be at another site, the plans changed and they were in need of another venue. Urban Christian Ministries was glad to be available to assist. The Buffalo stop was a welcomed surprise to the neighborhood. The event was filled with **music, poetry, food**, and a lively audience consisting of our neighbors and those passing by. The members of the tour also did a **beautiful prayer**, birthday song and encouragement for one of the audience members from across the street. The tour members also encouraged UCM and prayed for our continued success. They expressed interest in returning to Buffalo for the tour next year. **It was truly a divine appointment to cross paths with this nationally renowned tour!**

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A Word From Our Director:

Summer came and went, and now we are preparing for our fall/winter ministry. **We had an amazing summer.** We are very pleased with the impact that was made on the community. However, our focus has shifted to **building upon the momentum** and making sure we finish the year strong. **In this newsletter** you will read about the successful summer that we had, and you can get the details regarding our **Fundraising Luncheon**. As always, on behalf of Urban Christian Ministries, I would like to **thank you for your continued prayers**, and for the seeds that you have sown at UCM. May God bless you and your family!

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 online at UCMBuffalo.org.

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