



Holiday Gift Room - December 2014

You donated thousands of toys, games, books, and warm clothing that ensured a joy-filled December holiday for more than 1,200 children! Scores of UCM volunteers helped to organize, sort, and re-stock gifts, as well as escort parents selecting gifts for their kids. (See page 1 for a list of Holiday Gift and Food Drive sponsor groups.)



Back to School - August 2014

You donated new backpacks and money for school supplies so that more than 1,000 children could start school ready to succeed! Scores of volunteers of all ages spent hundreds of hours organizing, sorting, and filling the backpacks – and assisting eager students to pick out a special one just for them! (See page 4 for a list of sponsor groups.)



UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

At the Heart of Community

You Make the Difference!

You change lives for the better, each and every day... helping thousands of individuals and families in need to achieve stability and success.

Your support matters: your donations of time, talent, and treasure make our work possible.

We couldn't do what we do without you.

Thank You for being "Part of the Heart" with UCM

Help the Homeless - Fall 2014

Thanks to walk event coordinators, students, parents, teachers, volunteers, businesses, and generous donors, we raised almost \$90,000 to help families avoid eviction – all from our community. Thanks for raising funds and awareness of poverty in our community! (See page 4 for a list of sponsor groups.)



Events to Benefit UCM

We thank you and all your neighbors who joined us to attend a concert or event, dine or shop to benefit UCM's programs, or participated in other creative ways to raise funds for UCM. The extra publicity and awareness generated for our mission are critical. We always need to engage more community members to help and appreciate your support!

Community Service - 2014

School groups, faith communities, civic and social groups, neighborhood associations, scouts ... we are grateful to the many caring, diverse organizations that generously host our drives for food, kids books, winter coats, and our Holiday Gift Room.



Scouting for Food - November 2014

The annual community-wide **Scouting for Food** drive is UCM's biggest single-day food drive, with hundreds of Boy Scouts collecting food pantry items from thousands of area residents at their homes. Hundreds of volunteers helped collect, unpack, sort, and store more than 7.5 tons of food at UCM, just in time for the holiday season!





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Back To School

Thank you to the groups that sponsored backpack and donations drives, including:

Aldersgate Methodist Church
Alley Cat Restaurant
Belle View Baptist Church
Beyer Auto Group
Burke & Herbert Bank
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Cotton & Company, LLP
Duke Street Speedy Lube
Eamonn's A Dublin Chipper
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Girl Scouts Service Unit 536
Gold's Gym
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Grounded Coffee Shop
Mount Vernon Athletic Club
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
Mount Vernon United Methodist Church
Plymouth Haven Baptist Church:
Vacation Bible Camp and the Preschool
South Meadows Condo Association
St. Louis Catholic Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
The Physical Therapy Zone
USI Insurance Services
Weichert Realtors Old Town

Winter Coat Drives

Thank you to the groups that sponsored recent coat drives, including:

Aleixo Family (Stratford Landing Neighborhood)
Beyer Auto Group
Browne Academy
Eddie Bauer - Tanger Outlets (One Warm Coat)
Firefighters and Paramedics Union, Fairfax County
Friends of UCM

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
Jesus is Lord Life Ministries
Margaret Keagle (Hollin Hall Village)
Montebello Condominiums
Sew Perfect Windows
West Potomac High School Track and Field
Sunflower Systems
Vornado Property Management (Crystal City and Bell St.)
Weichert Realtors Old Town

Help The Homeless

Thank you to all our Walk event and other sponsors, including:

Aquinas Montessori
Browne Academy
Friends of UCM
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Islamic Saudi Academy Girls
JLV Partners
Mount Vernon AAUW
St. Aidan's Day School
St. Louis Catholic School
St. Luke's Day School
UCM Sleep In To Help Out Donors
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Holiday Food & Gifts (cont. from page 1)

Friends of UCM
Girl Scout Cadette Troop 364
Girl Scout Cadette Troop 2048
Girl Scout Junior Troop 2442
Gold's Gym
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Grounded Coffee Shop
Hana Associates Realtors
Heritage Presbyterian Church
Hollin Hall Senior Center
Islamic Circle of North America
Islamic Saudi Academy
Lockheed Martin Manassas

Mamma's Kitchen
Meadow Woods Apartments
Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Montessori School of Alexandria
Mount Vernon AAUW
Mount Vernon Athletic Club
Mount Vernon Center for Dentistry
Mount Vernon Evening Lions Club
Mount Vernon Home and Garden Club
Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club
Mount. Vernon Knights of Columbus #5998.
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
Mount Vernon Recreation Center
Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School
National Association of Accountants
Nativity Lutheran Church
Navy Wives Club
Old Town Alexandria Connections (OTAC)
Oliff PLC
Plymouth Haven Baptist Church
Plymouth Haven Preschool
Post Carlyle Square
Rose Hill Brownie Troop 865
St. James Episcopal Church
St. Louis Catholic Church
St. Louis Catholic School
St. Luke's Day School
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
St. Mark's Episcopal
South Meadows Condo Association
The Shelby
Del. Mark Sickles Cookie Party
Third Baptist Church
Toys for Tots - US Marines
Unwined Belle View
Virginia's Finest Auto Club
Watergate at Landmark Condominiums
Washington Community Church
Washington Farm United Methodist Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
Wiechert Realtors Old Town
Woodley Hills Elementary School
Yogurt City Fordson Rd.
Zpizza Mount Vernon



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MISSION

UCM mobilizes the power of community to equip, educate, and empower people to measurably improve their lives

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No member of the UCM community will ever be hungry, homeless, helpless or hopeless.

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Winter 2014

Dear Friends:

Wow! What a difference you have made this year - a positive, long-term impact on children, families, individuals, and our whole community. UCM provides a vital connection between people in need and people like you who are committed to helping them grow and thrive. Take a peek inside to see how we have brought together people who want to help, with people who need that outstretched hand.

When people in need come to UCM, we provide help and hope so they can build a better future. Our staff and volunteers are a life-line for thousands of children, families and individuals. But it is your generous involvement and commitment that makes the critical difference in helping local adults and children grow and thrive. **Because of you, we are changing lives for the better.**

Please take a look inside to see highlights of just a few recent examples of our community in action. We hope you'll spot some friends and neighbors... or even yourself!

All of our community benefits when together we enhance the quality of life for each of our residents. **Thank you for the important part you play with UCM ... at the heart of community.**

Together, we are changing lives, providing opportunities for personal and community success. Every life changed contributes to a stronger community for us all.

We look forward to seeing you soon in 2015!



Best wishes for a Happy New Year from all of us at UCM!

Joyful Holidays for Families Because of You

We rely on the generosity of our community to make the season joyful for families who are struggling this year -- and once again, we were humbled by the outpouring of caring and support. We especially appreciate the many area schools, faith communities, retailers, and businesses that organized a UCM Holiday Food and/or Gift Room collection drive or "giving tree, including:

Aldersgate Day School
Aldersgate Methodist Church
Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Antioch Baptist Church
Aquinas Montessori School
Belle Haven Women's Club & Citizens' Association

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Epiphany Weekday School
Exercio
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Eye Level Learning Center
First Christian Church of Alexandria
Fort Belvoir Elementary School

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