



The City Mission

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The City Mission Celebrates 100th Anniversary of Service in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH - February 3, 2010 - The City Mission, one of the oldest non-profit social service organizations in the City of Cleveland, proudly celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year. The group held open house events for staff, friends and media today to kick off the year's major activities surrounding the anniversary.



Dedicated to providing help and hope to all people in need through the transforming power of God's love, The City Mission will commemorate its centennial year throughout 2010 with a series of special events and activities to honor the organization's history and continuing work culminating in the ["Celebration of Hope" event](#) to be held at the Wolstein Center on October 2.

"It's nearly impossible to encapsulate the breadth, depth and growth of ministry that the Mission has achieved over the past century," said Rev. Richard Trickel, Chief Executive Officer. "We realize, though, that it is the community's many faithful men and women who have labored in prayer, sacrifice, and compassionate service that have established our strong presence in the city of Cleveland."

In 1910, community leaders and pastors sensed a great need for a spiritual center in the heart of the city. Through guidance from Mel Trotter, the founder of rescue missions across the country, public support and much prayer, The City Mission of Cleveland opened its doors in an abandoned saloon on Euclid Avenue and began to serve those in need.

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Quickly, the Mission evolved into much more than a provider of warm meals and a bed for a night. Through the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers and the great generosity of many generations of Clevelanders, the Mission now offers crisis programs for men, women and children; spiritual aid and support for those incarcerated and their families and dynamic programs for youth and their families throughout the year.

Some of the unique life-changing programs offered at The City Mission include [Pathways Family Outreach Services](#) - outreach geared towards youth and their families to meet both practical needs and build a future filled with hope and promise; [Crossroads Men's Crisis Center](#) and [Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center](#) - providing safe shelter and supporting men and women (and their children) to achieve greater self-sufficiency; and [Inmate Outreach Services](#) - working with men, women and teens in our local jails and Ohio prisons and their families.

While some clients of the Mission utilize the services briefly and others long-term program, all learn about integrity, responsibility and commitment and are given access to the tools needed to change their lives.

The City Mission currently serves thousands of clients annually within Greater Cleveland at two different locations: main campus at E.55th and Carnegie Avenue and Laura's Home on Puritas Avenue.



The City Mission's CEO, Rev. Richard Trickel (right at podium) shares how The City Mission grew over 100 years to provide a range of services for thousands of Clevelanders each year. Mission staff looking on then spoke about their responsibilities: (left to right) Lawrence Linton (Security Intake) and program managers, Brent Richards (Inmate Outreach Services), Luvirt Parker (Pathways Family Outreach Services), Dale Matthias (Crossroads Men's Crisis Center) and Pam Glicker (Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center). Lawrence Linton is also a graduate of the Crossroads program and shared his story.

About The City Mission

Since 1910, The City Mission has served the homeless and others in need in Northeast Ohio. Today, The City Mission's two Cleveland locations serve thousands of individuals annually through its crisis programs for men, women and children; spiritual aid and personal support for inmates; and dynamic programs for youth and their families.

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