TRAILER STORE

Saturdays
10AM - 2PM

OPEN
Welcome Letter
by Ken Disselkoen, Board Chair, & Alison DeCourcey, Executive Director

United Community Ministries (UCM) was founded 50 years ago aimed at sustaining hope for families struggling to survive. It took both kindness and courage from our founders to take action and to set up an organization that literally dispensed hope. We are humbled by their legacy.

Since 1969, UCM has served thousands of people starting with a food pantry and clothing closet and evolving significantly over the past five decades to meet the needs of a changing community. In spite of this, too often we see the same individuals year after year, and heartbreakingly, their children and grandchildren over the span of many years and even decades.

At UCM, we have become aware of a powerful force that pulls whole families down into a vortex of impoverished education, underemployment, and constant frustration. We call it the gravity of poverty. So, as we honor our first 50 years of neighbors helping neighbors and look forward to the future, our aspiration must be to end multigenerational poverty.

At UCM, we grudgingly accept gravity, but we work to defy poverty. Because while gravity is inevitable, poverty is not. We take aim at the gravity of poverty not just because it dooms past and future generations, but because it dooms us by stifling the talent and innovation that would benefit us all.

Defying poverty will require using new tools – advocacy for policy change and public/private collaborations on a scale we’ve never attempted before. Fulfilling our highest aspirations will require a united community of individuals, families, faith organizations, other nonprofits, businesses, foundations, government agencies, elected officials, and more.

Our Board of Directors is pleased to announce the renaming of our historic organization to United Community, recognizing the power of collaborators working in unison to end multigenerational poverty – an aspiration that best expresses the impact we seek to create.

Our policies, our identity, and our goal will be as one: to break the cycle of poverty and give the poorest among us the chance to feel the thrill of liftoff, of taking off and defying gravity.

Join us as a
united community
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1108

Commending United Community Ministries, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2019

WHEREAS, for 50 years, United Community Ministries, Inc., has been in the community, of the community, and for the community, with a mission to empower neighbors in need in southeastern Fairfax County to transform their lives; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, members of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, and other faith communities joined together to start a food and clothing drive to support families living in poverty in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, United Community Ministries (UCM) was born from this humanitarian community service initiative as an independent, community-based nonprofit organization, with one employee, a $7,000 budget, and a group of dedicated volunteers that provided food, clothing, and other emergency assistance to poor children, youth, and families; and

WHEREAS, in its 50-year history, UCM has grown tremendously to meet and serve the changing needs of Fairfax County, providing a range of holistic, life-changing services that address the complex challenges of multigenerational poverty, with a $4.2 million operating budget and more than 70 employees, annually serving more than 6,000 vulnerable people, 40 percent of whom are children; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing food and financial assistance, UCM also works to meet many other essential needs, including providing: emergency utility and medical assistance; an early learning center to prepare children for school readiness; a child abuse and neglect prevention program; youth development and enrichment programs at two community centers; English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes; immigration services; job readiness services; neighborhood community-building programs; and community schools; and

WHEREAS, with the changing population and increasing community needs, UCM’s services and strategic partnerships with other nonprofit organizations, businesses, and government bodies have continued to evolve, leading UCM to serve as Lead Agency of Opportunity Mount Vernon, providing a continuum of services to children, youth, and adults to break the cycle of poverty, while embracing a vision of One Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, over five decades, hundreds of thousands of people in need have benefited from the caring work of UCM; and

WHEREAS, UCM envisions a community where everyone thrives and continues to empower neighbors in need with the dedicated leadership of its volunteer board of directors, the hard work of its team members and volunteers, and the generosity of its many community partners and donors; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, UCM has been at the heart of neighbors helping neighbors and aspire to leverage this community spirit and work with critical partners to accelerate systemic changes to end multigenerational poverty in southeastern Fairfax County as a core value; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend United Community Ministries, Inc., on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, for its legacy of providing a strong safety net and performing a central role in facilitating a full spectrum of services to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty, and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to United Community Ministries, Inc., as an expression of the General Assembly’s admiration for the organization’s vital role in southeastern Fairfax County.

House Patron: Krizek and Sickles
Senate Patron: Surovell and Ebbin

[Signature]
Clerk of the House of Delegates
A Burden Lifted

“I feel strong and excited about my future.”

For Lorraine, homelessness and poverty came like a storm out of a clear sky. Her career as a special education teacher ended and her descent into an untethered life began with a diagnosis of a mental illness.

“My life fell apart,” she said. By the time she arrived at the agency she said she was homeless, deeply depressed, and had no hope for the future.

“But when I came to UCM, it was like a burden was lifted – my fears and worries began to evaporate, and my situation began to improve.”

With the help of UCM counselors, Lorraine qualified for housing assistance and received food to supplement her Social Security income.

“The counselors at UCM are amazing: very welcoming and respectful. They showed me great compassion and dedication,” she said.

“Thanks to the healthy, fresh food at UCM, I am able to eat healthy even on my limited budget. I am now off high blood pressure medicine and no longer diabetic. I never thought I could be feeling as good as I do now.”
Congratulations!
Thanks for Uniting Our Community.
Neighbors Helping Neighbors,
One Family at a Time.

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The Gerald W. Hyland Humanitarian Award

UCM created the Gerald W. Hyland Humanitarian Award in 2017 to recognize outstanding individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the welfare and overall economic prosperity of the community and whose accomplishments are consistent with the goals and direction of United Community Ministries.

Award recipients include the following:

**2019: The Honorable Mark Warner**

Senator Mark Warner was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2008 and reelected to a second term in November 2014. He serves on the Senate Finance, Banking, Budget, and Rules Committees as well as the Select Committee on Intelligence, where he is the Vice Chairman. Senator Warner has been recognized as a national leader in fighting for military men and women and veterans, and in working to find bipartisan, balanced solutions to address our country’s debt and deficit.

**2019: Addy Krizek**

Addy Krizek worked for a Fairfax County Supervisor, then for the American Red Cross as director of a new office she opened in our community. She is a past president of the local Juvenile Diabetes Foundation chapter. Addy’s compassion for people who face disadvantages and her zest for philanthropy extended to United Community Ministries in the organization’s initial years. By the 1980s, Addy was working as UCM’s director of volunteer services, and later as director of development.

**2018: Joanne and Bruce Malkin**

Joanne and Bruce Malkin share a passion for helping individuals living in low-income families, especially children. Long-time residents of Mount Vernon, the Malkins each have a long history of public service, including federal government careers as State Department Foreign Service Officers. Since their retirement in 2002, their leadership and personal participation in numerous Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club (MVKC) activities has benefited thousands of UCM children and families.

**2017: The Honorable Gerald W. Hyland**

Gerry Hyland was first elected to represent the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in fall 1987 and retired 28 years later, after serving seven terms. A resident of Northern Virginia for nearly 60 years, he was instrumental in keeping the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital open; he championed for road and street improvements; defended tax relief for seniors; worked with Fort Belvoir to improve engagement with our community; and helped shape the redevelopment of Route 1.
In the early 1960s, a group of women from affluent neighborhoods around Gum Springs who attended the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church started a clothing drive to help families in Gum Springs, a largely neglected community with rampant poverty.

“We were particularly distressed that our own closets were overflowing while children in Gum Springs were sometimes not attending schools for lack of clothing,” noted one of the women, Pat Berg, who later became the first executive director of UCM.

This group of women bought a beat up trailer for $700 and parked it on the church property of what is now Bethlehem Baptist Church on Sherwood Hall and Fordson Roads. They called it the Trailer Store.

The women enlisted other churches to collect clothes and recruited volunteers from congregants to help with distribution. People came in droves to help.

Each Saturday morning, the trailer was a beehive of activity. In addition to handing out clothes, volunteers offered a variety of classes to young and old, and provided additional emergency help, for example, to families who were homeless because they lost their homes to fire.

Over the past 50 years, UCM provided services and programs to help families in crisis with their most basic needs – food, clothing, and shelter. Through the generosity, kindness, and caring of countless individuals, corporate, and foundation donors, the faith community, and the government of Fairfax
County, UCM has become the anchor institution for human services in southeast Fairfax County, the most economically challenged region in Fairfax County.

“We did not fool ourselves into thinking that UCM’s emergency assistance would raise people out of poverty. Rather, our aid could help sustain hope, a needed ingredient for people struggling to survive,” Pat Berg added. UCM started with one employee and less than $8,000 the first year. By 1971, it had attracted more than 700 volunteers and gained funding from the Fairfax County Department of Social Services. The agency declared that UCM, “Helped bridge the communication between the advantaged and disadvantaged in the community.”

Today, with a $5.0 million budget and 71 employees, UCM is serving approximately 9,000 unique individuals through the variety of human services. After five decades of providing basic needs to impoverished families, it has become clear that our future must include aiming to end multigenerational poverty in the Route 1 Corridor by harnessing the power of community to create systemic change.
1969
UCM was incorporated under the leadership of Pat Berg, the first executive director. The Basic Needs program began & the first Back Porch Thrift Store opened to offer residents affordable clothing & utilize income to support program cost.

1976
Basic Needs program, with funding from Fairfax County, added medical, nutrition, employment, housing counseling, and community outreach.

1984
Second Lady Barbara Bush is Honorary Chair of UCM's annual gala.

1986
Bryant Early Learning Center opened to provide our residents a high-quality learning environment for children age two to pre-K in partnership with Fairfax County Schools, Office for Children, and Fairfax County government.

1990
Early Learning Center expanded to infant care starting at 6-weeks old.

2011
Progreso Hispano, born in 2001 out of the Hispanic Ministry at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, changed its name legally to Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center.

2012
Forward Steps program launched at Sacramento and Creekside Village Community Centers offers STEM focused learning, computer labs, and evidence based programs aimed to develop academic, leadership and social growth for youth.

2013
Progreso Literacy & Citizenship Center merged into UCM.

2013
Community Housing Resource Program converted to domestic & sexual violence housing program for homeless families.

2012
UCM became the lead partner for Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon, a collective impact initiative designed to break the cycle of poverty in partnership with Fairfax County Neighborhood Community Services.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

- **1969 - 1974** Pat Berg
- **1974 - 1979** Eleanor Kennedy
- **1979 - 2004** Sharon Kelso
- **2004 - 2005** Cheri Zeman
### 1997
Supportive Housing program launched offering safe, long-term housing to vulnerable individuals & families with support from Fairfax Co. Continuum of Care, Fairfax County Dept. of Human Services, and the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development.

### 1998
Healthy Families Fairfax - South County site opened and operated by UCM in partnership with Northern Virginia Family Service. It is a nationally recognized child-abuse prevention program.

### 1999
UCM began managing Sacramento Neighborhood Center & Janna Lee Apt.'s Community Center, (now the Creekside Village Community Center) in partnership with Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services.

### 2000
The Friends of UCM created as a UCM charter. Nancy Urban was its first president.

### 2001
UCM added Journeys Supportive Housing Program for homeless families who are victims of domestic violence with support from the Fairfax County Continuum of Care and the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development.

### 2004
UCM established the Gerry W. Hyland Humanitarian Award.

### 2005
Janna Lee Apartments changed ownership to Creekside Village. Through advocacy UCM was able to maintain management of the community center.

### 2006 - 2007
- **2006 - 2007**
  - Anthony Hill

### 2007 - 2012
- **2007 - 2012**
  - Cynthia Hull

### 2013 - 2014
- **2013 - 2014**
  - Shirley Marshall

### 2015 - 2017
- **2015 - 2017**
  - Nichelle Mitchem

### 2017 - Present
- **2017 - Present**
  - Alison DeCourcey

### 2014
- **2014**
  - Back Porch Thrift Store relocated to Sacramento Shopping Center.

### 2016
- **2016**
  - Progreso Literacy and Citizenship Center added pro bono legal services to guide immigrants’ application process.

### 2017
- **2017**
  - UCM named Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce 2017 Nonprofit Organization of the Year.

### 2018
- **2018**
  - UCM established the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Elin Bohn and Thomas Curcio co-chair the committee.

### 2018
- **2018**
  - Selected by United Way – National Capital Area, Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools to be lead partner in piloting Community School initiative at Walt Whitman Middle & Mount Vernon Woods Elementary Schools.

### 2018
- **2018**
  - Stepping Stones added job readiness and case management.

### 2019
- **2019**
  - United Community celebrates its 50th year of neighbors helping neighbors.

### 2015
- **2015**
  - UCM Emeritus Board created to engage former board members. Joe Conti is its first chair.

### 2018
- **2018**
  - UCM established the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Elin Bohn and Thomas Curcio co-chair the committee.

### 2019
- **2019**
  - United Community becomes the new name for the organization to define the need for greater collaboration to end multigenerational poverty.
## 50 YEARS OF CONTINUITY & CHANGE

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### Founding Faith Circle

- Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
- Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- Alexandria Friends Meeting at Woodlawn
- Belle View Baptist Church
- Calvary Presbyterian Church
- Good Shepherd Catholic Church
- Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
- Mount Vernon United Methodist Church
- Nativity Lutheran Church
- Plymouth Haven Baptist Church
- St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church
- St. Louis Catholic Church
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

These members of the faith community were among the early supporters of UCM.

United Community has benefited from the leadership and generosity of innumerable individuals who support us as donors, board members, volunteers, cheerleaders, team members, neighborhood ambassadors, champions, and spokespeople. It is not uncommon that so many of these important relationships have endured for decades, and the tradition of uniting with the organization lives on through their children and grandchildren. United Community is humbled by the support of many, including faithful friends who have passed on from this life. We honor and remember them for their lasting legacy to the community of southeastern Fairfax County.
So I Can Support Our Family

The Progreso Center for Literacy and Citizenship offers those new to this country a sense of belonging. Immigrants come together to improve their command of English, absorb U.S. culture, and prepare for the citizenship exam.

Asia, who emigrated from Pakistan with her husband and three young children, got a perfect score after coaching from Annette Weichlein, volunteer ESL and civics teacher at the Progreso Center. The next day, a very excited and proud Asia came to visit the civics class at Progreso to share her experience about the exam and encourage current students.

“I want to continue to improve my English,” Asia said. “Then I want to pass my GED, so I can study at Northern Virginia Community College. My dream is to become a nurse, so I can help support our family and get our girls to college and in good careers.”

Congratulations!

50 years transforming the lives of our neighbors in need.

We proudly celebrate your past, present, and bright future.

Gigi Hyland & Chris Revere
STEPPING STONES
Ensures that an individual or a family has basic stability so they may begin the permanent pathway out of poverty.

Building Resiliency
- 445 individuals and 175 families received utility assistance to successfully prevent disconnection.
- 7,950 individuals received food including fresh produce and other healthy options.
- 452 individuals and 149 families received financial assistance to prevent eviction.
- 885 children received gifts from the Holiday Gift Room.
- 257 individuals and 198 families received assistance with medical and dental needs to achieve stable and/or improved physical health.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER
Provides an enriching environment for infants, toddlers, and young children from six weeks to five years old. Special emphasis on social-emotional development along with an evidence-based curriculum ensure that our children are prepared to learn when they enter Kindergarten.

Successful Children
Out of 90 children enrolled in our high quality programming, including 36 pre-K students,
- 100% have a primary care physician/medical home.
- 100% of all Pre-K students demonstrated school readiness for Kindergarten.
- 100% of parents and families indicated confidence in quality of care.

FORWARD STEPS
Afterschool and summer programming offered at the two community centers - for children and youth in grades 1-12. Activities include STEAM focused learning, homework help, tutoring and mentoring. Parents also participate in fun family enrichment events and other activities to support their child’s success.

Student Achievement
- 70% improved their social skills.
- 64% improved their academic performance.
- 6 graduating high school seniors received college scholarships.
**HEALTHY FAMILIES**

A nationally recognized child abuse prevention program to promote healthy child development, and prevent child abuse and neglect, for families with children pre-birth to age 3. Healthy Families provides the tools, guidance, and support that families need to build a healthy, successful life.

**Positive Parenting**

- Out of 119 families served, no founded cases of child abuse or neglect.
- 98% of children met age-appropriate developmental milestones.

**PROGRESO CENTER FOR LITERACY AND CITIZENSHIP**

Offers immigrants and refugees a safe, judgment-free learning zone where clients can establish positive relationships and create support networks. English as a Second Language, (ESL), classes and legal professional immigration services empower immigrants to help them achieve their economic and social goals.

**Educational Empowerment**

- 226 adults attended ESL classes, improving their language skills to advance social and economic goals.
- 23 adults successfully attained citizenship.
- 90 volunteers (both professional and non-professional) provided 1,512 hours of services.

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**NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS**

Sacramento Neighborhood Center and Creekside Village Community Center serve as hubs for 15 local neighborhoods to meet, learn, and grow as neighbors and as a larger community. Programs are developed by and for local residents serving people of all ages.

**Neighbors United**

- 9,219 visits to neighborhood centers allowed residents to connect and engage.
- Partnered with over 75 organizations to help bring services to underserved communities.

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**OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD MOUNT VERNON**

A collective impact initiative where residents, schools, local government, community organizations, faith groups, and business partners work collaboratively to create supports and possibilities to ensure the well-being of children and youth by reducing barriers to opportunity.

**A Connected Community**

- 5 Neighborhood Ambassadors contributed 192 volunteer hours coordinating 67 events and distributing information to their neighborhoods.
- 275 families were connected to community resources by Neighborhood Ambassadors.
- Led evidence-based community training on trauma and child resiliency for 91 participants.
Christian Relief Services shares the commitment and vision of UCM to invest in families and strengthen our community.

Congratulations, UCM! Looking forward to another 50 years of your dedicated service to the community.
The Friends have contributed over $2.5 million to the organization.

At a chance meeting of like-minded women, an idea was born in the Mount Vernon district in Fairfax County. To extend the reach of the valuable work of UCM in the community, a coalition would organize to conduct fundraising, outreach, and advocacy. With the Board of Director’s approval, The Friends of UCM was launched, and a steering committee began the work of drafting by-laws, preparing a plan for recruiting new members, and selecting a date for the first Friends recruitment meeting - September 12, 2001.

A week after the September 11th terrorist attacks, the first membership event of the newly formed Friends of UCM was ultimately held. In a thank you letter to a new Friend who joined that September meeting, Sharon Kelso, the UCM executive director, wrote, “Having a caring community has taken on a new, intensified meaning since September 11. When tragedy strikes, it is more important to help others in need. Building a strong network and volunteering to make a difference in our community are the founding principles of The Friends of UCM. We cannot change recent events but, working together, we can help strengthen our community.”

And so, The Friends of UCM got to work. They built a network of talented women – from business owners to teachers, realtors to attorneys, soccer moms to part-time students – all with a passion to share their experiences and skills. Their goal: to build public awareness of the work of UCM in the community and to raise money by planning and hosting two major social charity events.

Through 2018, Friends have hosted seventeen galas and eighteen Capitol Steps performances. They have organized other money-raising events, like Home for the Holidays, Walk for the Homeless, and social evenings featuring Texas Hold’em, Bunco, and Mardi Gras celebrations. Together, with revenue from annual dues and event sponsorships, the Friends have contributed over $2.5 million to the organization.

During these past 18 years, the Friends have welcomed approximately 350 new members who have brought their friendship, creativity, and can-do attitude to the group. Some have become UCM volunteers coordinating the very successful Holiday Gift Room, the Back-to-School backpack distribution, and a neighborhood Girl Scout program. Other Friends work in the food pantry and the Early Learning Center. Today, 45 dedicated Friends are helping launch the 50th anniversary of UCM.

Friends’ president, Nancy Hawkins, sums up the experience, “All these years together have made us a close sisterhood. We are proud to be celebrating another year as advocates for UCM.”

The Friends welcome new members throughout the year.

Visit ucmagency.org/friends to learn more or email info@ucmagency.org.
THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS

UCM has retained donor records since 1983. Since that time, we have received $25,871,298.90 in gifts and grants from 149,949 unique individuals, religious organizations, corporations, foundations, and local and federal governments.

This list summarizes donor contributions since 1983.

$1,000,000 and Higher
Fairfax County Government
The Friends of UCM
Greater Washington Community Foundation
United Way of the National Capital Area
U.S. Federal Government

$250,000 to $999,999
Christian Relief Services
Good Shepherd Catholic Church
Douglas J. & Eileen Kennett
Estate of Arleen B. Richman
Law Offices of James D. Turner
Estate of Lois A. Valencourt

$100,000-$249,999
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Anonymous
Battelle Foundation Fund
Bethel Baptist Church
Boeing Company Employee Community Fund
The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
Joe & Marie Canny
Clark-Winchcole Foundation
Delman-Mortenson Charitable Foundation
Dominion Energy Share
Fairfax County Professional Firefighters & Paramedics IAFF
Local 2068
Philip L. Graham Fund
Information Technology Solutions & Consulting
Ivakota Association, Inc.
Edward R. Kengla Foundation, Inc.
Knights of Columbus
Mount Vernon Council #5998
Elaine Kolish & David FitzGerald
Carlos E. & Jane K. Martinez
Walter B. & Mary Lou McCormick
Eugene & Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
Mount Vernon Unitarian Church
St. Louis Catholic Church
Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church
Marianne D. & Ellison C. Urban
George K. & Myra L. Withers

$50,000-$99,999
Abbie Arms & Paula Dubberly
AT&T, Inc.
Belle View Baptist Church
Belvoir Protestant Mission Society
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Church World Services
Community Foundation of Northern Virginia
Devotion to Children, Inc.
Ft. Belvoir Consolidated Chaplains
Michael & Neil Greene
Heritage Presbyterian Church
Marie P. Hombs
Gigi Hyland & Christopher Revere
Inova Health System
Joanne Jackley
James R. Klein & Elizabeth Lardner
Claride W. Mayo
Jarrell S. Mitchell
Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club
Northern Virginia Association of Realtors
Helen Pepper
Plymouth Haven Baptist Church
Harry & Zoe Poole Foundation
Nathan & Melissa Schweitzer
St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church
James M. & Melissa J. Thiel
Nancy V. & Robert W. Urban

$25,000-$49,999
Clifford & Elizabeth M. Alexander
Alexandria Friends Meeting at Woodlawn
Bebe Ann Aramony
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Banks Family Foundation
David & Nancy Barbour
Bethany Lutheran Church
BJ’s Charitable Foundation
Fred N. & Carol F. Booth
Ed & Karen Burka
Dan & Frances J. Burke
Calibre Systems, Inc.
Jack & Suzy Coffey/Redmond/Redmon, Peyton & Braswell, LLP
Thomas & Gale Curcio/Curcio Law
Lynne L. Dearborn
Sandra & James Dunn
John & Lynn Eiseman
Bruce & Beth Engelmann
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Janet & Jon Heddesheimer
Donald F. & Jean S. Heinrichs
Nellie M. Hiebert
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A half-century of caring and sharing has changed thousands of lives!

To all those who have given or will give -- as volunteers, employees, or sponsors -- we salute you!

We hope to stand with you for many years to come!

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I Became a Star in My Life Story

Deneisha moved to the Creekside Village community with her family when she was 12 years old. “She was a middle school student with an attitude,” in the words of one of her mentors.

Deneisha joined the after-school program at the Creekside Village Community Center. With the help of staff, volunteers, and mentors, she became an honor student and led fun activities at the community center. She became a role model for other youth.

“Deneisha transformed herself into the poised, confident and capable young woman she is today with the support of the adult volunteer mentors, and the activities available at the Creekside Village Community Center,” says Kathy Lehner, long-time volunteer and Deneisha’s biggest fan.

“Coming to the UCM Center every day after school taught me to have a better outlook on things, on my self respect, and most important – to believe in myself, to be my own star in the story of my life. I was now on the right track. I had a new appreciation for my teachers and for my peers. Through this whole experience I’ve not just been a participant, but have gained responsibilities as well,” says Deneisha.

“Thank you, UCM, from the bottom of my heart for believing in me. Without you, I would not be the young woman and role model that I am today. You are truly a treasure and I wholeheartedly appreciate you,” she adds.
With this commemorative report, we honor UCM’s 50-year history and the many friends, supporters, staff, donors, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide relief for struggling families in our community. We also identify our organization’s new path and future – ending multigenerational poverty – one that requires a United Community. Defying the gravity of poverty requires investments that provide basic human needs and advocate for systemic changes that will fundamentally break from the conditions that feed into the cycle of poverty. It must stop.

Thank you to all who have generously supported our organization in the past. We ask you to continue your support as we move forward on our new path. Join us as a United Community to achieve a community where everyone thrives.

Share your capital gains with United Community instead of the IRS. By making a gift of appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes while simultaneously helping to achieve a United Community. Contact the Giving Office at 571-255-8977 for information on how to easily and effortlessly transfer your securities to our brokerage account.

Turn mandatory into meaningful. If you are 70½ or older you can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to United Community and simultaneously satisfy your mandatory required minimum distribution (RMD). A qualified charitable distribution removes the gift from your taxable income, even if you do not itemize, and instead take the standard deduction. You can turn mandatory into meaningful!

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Recommend others contribute to United Community. We encourage you to recommend to all your friends to support United Community. We have two special friends in mind: many companies match charitable gifts by employees, retirees, or board members. Consult your employer’s human resource director to see if your company has a matching gift program. If you have established a donor-advised fund, we especially encourage you to recommend that your fund administrator designate a contribution to United Community from your fund.

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And, of course, write a check. Checks for general support of United Community, or directed to one of our specific programs, are always welcome. Moreover, you can make a significant multi-year pledge, and we will annually send you a summary of your support and provide an annual pledge reminder.

For more information, contact the Giving Office
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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

~ HONORARY CO-CHAIRS ~

THE HONORABLE MARK WARNER
U.S. SENATOR

MRS. ADDY KRIZEK
COMMUNITY LEADER

We dedicate our yearlong 50th anniversary celebration to the community we serve and invite all to join us.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:00 am to Noon
Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

Join us for brunch to thank and recognize our hard-working and dedicated volunteers.

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA:
50 YEARS OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
Friday, May 3, 2019, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Belle Haven Country Club

Hosted by The Friends of UCM, this special event will commemorate our 50 years of empowering neighbors in need to transform their lives. Honoring Senator Mark Warner and Mrs. Addy Krizek.

CREEKSIDE VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Creekside Village Community Center

A celebration of community and partnership! This free family-oriented day will include food and fun. The community will show special appreciation for mothers and community leaders of all ages.

SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY DAY
Saturday, June 1, 2019, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sacramento Neighborhood Community Center

This free family-oriented day will include food and fun. The community will highlight student and teacher achievement and community leaders of all ages. Special Guest: Charles F. Bolden Jr., first African American Administrator of NASA, a retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General, a former astronaut, and a long-time Mount Vernon resident.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
Saturday, June 22, 2019, 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Fort Hunt Park Pavilion

Snacks and beverages available to ticket holders. We invite families, college students, young adults, and more.

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS OF UCM
Mid-Late July TBA

A thank you BBQ event for The Friends of UCM who have been supporting UCM with their time, talent, and treasure for nearly 20 years.

WINE TASTING
Early September
Unwined Gourmet Wine and Cigars

We are pleased to grow our network of supporters by reaching out to professionals, families, entrepreneurs, college students, and more, and attract them to join our community of neighbors helping neighbors.

CARING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS MISSION CONFERENCE (CO-HOSTED BY BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH)
Friday & Saturday, September 27-28, 2019
Bethlehem Baptist Church

Members of area faith and other organizations will participate in a two-day conference to discuss local concerns and needs of the community.

50TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING
Saturday, October 19, 2019, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Mount Vernon Country Club

Free, by invitation. Current and former board members, team members, major donors, community leaders, clients and volunteers will reminisce 50 years of UCM serving the community. Special guest: former UCM Executive Director Sharon Kelso.

THE CAPITOL STEPS
Sunday, November 3, 2019, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Hosted by The Friends of UCM, Capitol Steps is an annual comedy troop performance benefiting UCM.
Congratulations UCM
50 years of selfless community service!

“For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
Matthew 25:35

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