



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **The 2016 *ONE MISSION, ONE HOPE* FALL CAMPAIGN Is Underway at the Buffalo City Mission**

**BUFFALO, NEW YORK**—Today, the Buffalo City Mission launched its annual campaign for the 2016 season, *One Mission, One Hope*, setting a goal of \$2.2 million. This annual campaign helps raise the finances necessary to sustain the Mission's critical programs and services for the homeless population of Buffalo, New York. The amount reflects 32% of its operating costs for 2016.

This year the Buffalo City Mission is calling upon the City of Good Neighbors to raise the essential funds to assist every man, woman, and child who is hungry and homeless in the Buffalo area. The treatment of hunger and homelessness begins by providing food and shelter. People experiencing homelessness often face insurmountable barriers such as loss of income, health care, and safe and affordable housing. Many individuals are just two paychecks away from becoming homeless. This is the reason early intervention to stabilize someone's situation is vital.

"Here at the Mission, we offer each individual who comes through our doors a nutritious meal and a safe place to lay their head down at night," said Stuart Harper, Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. "But the core of our programming ensures that those with a willingness of heart to make a change have the services they need to recover, heal, and get back on their feet. Our focus is to make sure every homeless person has an opportunity for a new life by providing counseling, education, recovery services, and financial literacy, along with job and housing development," said Harper.

Last year, the Buffalo City Mission provided over 189,000 meals and over 85,000 nights of shelter. With the community's commitment, the Buffalo City Mission can continue to serve and help the homeless and hungry population.

To support the Mission through its *One Mission, One Hope Fall Campaign*, please visit the Buffalo City Mission website at [www.buffalocitymission.org](http://www.buffalocitymission.org) and give today!

#### **About the Buffalo City Mission**

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization providing preventative, emergency, and transitional housing programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished. The Mission includes a Women and Children's Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), the Men's Community Center, and the BCM Thrift Store located on Dick Road in Depew to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit [www.buffalocitymission.org](http://www.buffalocitymission.org) or call (716) 854-8181.

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