



***M&T Bank Awards \$200,000 Grant
Toward Mission's Next Century Capital Campaign***

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Buffalo, NY, October 24, 2017 – Today, the Buffalo City Mission announces they received a \$200,000 grant in support of the Next Century Capital Campaign from the M&T Bank.

Over the past century, thousands of men, women, and children of Erie County have received a nutritious meal, a warm shower, a clean bed, and most importantly, hope that they could overcome poverty and homelessness from the Buffalo City Mission's programs and services. Through the Next Century Capital Campaign, the Mission plans to build a new Center to provide needed services to all Buffalians in a clean, secure, and comfortable area. The goal is to effectively give each person experiencing homelessness in the Buffalo area the best holistic care, a unique opportunity to shorten their cycle of poverty and to decrease the overall number of people living in poverty who are on the brink of homelessness.

"We understand how important it is to help advance the goals of the Buffalo City Mission's campaign to help end the cycle of poverty for those in their care," said Shelley C. Drake, President of the M&T Charitable Foundation. "Much more than providing the homeless with meals and shelter, the new building will allow for the expansion of programs to provide a pathway to a more stable life."

"With poverty rates in Buffalo and the surrounding area at 33% and 5953 people experiencing homelessness in 2016, 83% of them for the first time, according to HAWNY there is a great need for the business community's intervention. The aging men's facility is insufficient to meet the growing need in this area. We are thankful the M&T Bank recognizes their role in helping people in Buffalo and the greater Buffalo area receive a better future. With their help, each person who comes to the Buffalo City Mission will have a chance at a better quality of life, and for that, we are so grateful," said Stuart Harper, Executive Director of the Mission.

About the Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization that provides preventative, emergency and transitional 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 Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit www.buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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