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Buffalo City Mission Launches Fall Campaign to Raise \$2.47 Million by End of 2019

Initiative seeks to raise nearly one-third of organization's annual operating budget to serve the community's poor and homeless

BUFFALO, NEW YORK (October 10, 2019) – Today, the [Buffalo City Mission](#) announced the launch of its annual Fall fundraising campaign, a significant annual initiative to advance its work in providing critical programs and services for the homeless of Buffalo.

Through this year's Fall campaign, the Mission asks for community support to help raise \$2.47 million between October 10 and December 31, 2019 – representing 32 percent of the organization's annual operating budget. The campaign is a significant annual fundraiser that helps the Mission to provide the finances and resources necessary to sustain its year-round work in saving the poor and homeless.

“Our annual Fall campaign is an important time where we once again look to the generosity of this special community,” said Stuart Harper, CEO and Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. “Our target \$2.47 million will enable us to continue providing the services and programs that have the power to lift up and transform the lives of our fellow neighbors who are less fortunate.”

“Homelessness continues to be a serious and unchecked blight in the Western New York area,” continued Harper. “More than 30 percent of people in Buffalo live below the poverty line. In addition, more than 77 percent are experiencing homelessness for the first time. Through our Fall campaign, we have an opportunity to raise critical funds that provide programs and services available for every individual that comes through our doors.”

Last year, the City Mission served over 158,100 meals and provided 73,691 safe nights of sleep shelter. As the region's largest homeless shelter, the organization stands resolute in its role as a center of hope, restoration and support – working with the community, for the betterment of every neighbor in need.

“The time to make a difference is now,” stated Harper. “The City Mission runs 365 days a year because homelessness does not rest. The need today is incredibly important.



Every contribution, from every individual, can make a difference, help others, and restore lives.”

To learn more about the annual Fall campaign and how your donation can help restore a life of a fellow Buffalonian, visit buffalocitymission.org.

To stay updated on this initiative and the broader work of the Buffalo City Mission, follow the organization on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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 every year. The Mission includes a Women and Children’s Shelter (Cornerstone Manor), the Men’s Community Center, and the Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

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