

These volunteers need patience as well as understanding of children. Most of all, they need a heart full of the love of Jesus to share with these children.

Other volunteers help with the clothing shop ministry. They sort donated clothing and prepare it for distribution, they help individuals select clothing during clothing shop hours, they keep track of individual records, and they refold clothing after clothing shop hours and return it to storage areas.

Volunteers also work with the transitional living house. Volunteers help with work projects at the house, assist individual men with employment or other issues, and meet specific needs of the men as they arise.

Serving coffee and doughnuts during neighborhood coffee hours is also frequently done by volunteers. Meeting individuals, listening to them, responding to their needs and questions and pointing them to spiritual answers are often part of the task of volunteers during the neighborhood coffee hours.

About once a month, a group of volunteers also sponsors and serves a Saturday morning breakfast at the Mission. These breakfasts build on the regular weekday coffee hours and provide an opportunity for church and community groups to participate in the Mission's ministry to people in need.

### *Financial Support . . .*

Washington Street Mission receives no government funding. All of our ministries are supported by the generous financial donations of individuals, churches, and businesses in the Springfield community.

The annual budget of the Mission is about \$225,000. The Mission staff includes five full-time employees and several part-time employees. Two of the full-time staff members are solely dedicated to the ministry of the transitional living house.

The continued ministry of Washington Street Mission depends on the faithful support of people who believe in sharing the love of Jesus Christ by meeting spiritual and physical needs.



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### *Our Vision . . .*

Washington Street Mission is committed to building on its growing ministry to unemployed and homeless men as well as expanding and enhancing its ministries to children, youth and families in poverty.

With the opening of a transitional living home for men in November 2002, the Mission has been able to provide a stable environment and solid Biblical support for men who are moving

away from life on the streets. The Mission is also committed to continued development of our afterschool tutoring program for children, our youth support group, our summer activities for children and youth, our clothing ministry and our neighborhood coffee hour.

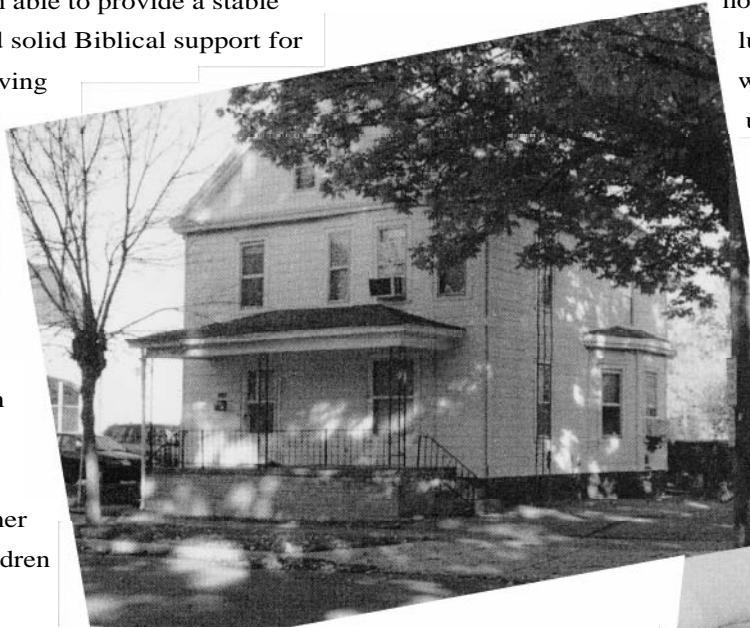
### *Our Mission . . .*

To share the love of Jesus Christ with the people of Springfield by providing opportunities that meet their spiritual and physical needs.

### *Our History • • •*

Washington Street Mission has been serving Jesus by serving others in the Springfield community since 1910. Founded as a rescue mission in the wake of revival meetings led by famed evangelist Billy Sunday, over the years the Mission has provided meals and shelter to derelicts and alcoholics, offered nightly Gospel services, and even operated a home for wayward girls during the 1920s and a work camp for unemployed men during the Depression years.

Times have changed and the specific programs of the



*The Transition House, a ministry of Washington Street Mission, opened in November 2002.*

Mission have changed as well. We no longer offer shelter or meals or nightly Gospel services, but we continue to reach out to people in need with the message of Jesus Christ by meeting spiritual and physical needs.



*Volunteer tutors and the children enjoy the afterschool tutoring program at Washington Street Mission.*

### *Physical Needs . . .*

A wide variety of physical resources are needed to support the ministries of the Mission. All types of clothing are needed for distribution in our free clothing shop. Household items, such as dishes, pots and pans, sheets, blankets, curtains and small pieces of furniture, are also needed for distribution to families served by the Mission.

Donated food items are used at the transitional living house and distributed to families in need, although the Mission does not operate a full food pantry. The Mission also needs donations of personal hygiene items, paper towels, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Donations of cans of coffee for use in our coffee hour ministry are also appreciated.

### *Volunteers . . .*

Washington Street Mission relies on an army of volunteers who support our ministries in a wide variety of ways.

Volunteers work as tutors in our afterschool tutoring program. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. during the school year, tutors work individually with children on their schoolwork as they develop nurturing, supportive relationships.