



News from

# SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION

Your Prayerful Support Will Help Others

## YOU COULD BE NEXT: MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR TO EARN THE CARE AWARD



JP MORGAN ACCEPTS CARE AWARD 2023  
LT: Rev. Tom Laymon & Tom Horne

SBM is proud to announce WSFS Bank, JP Morgan Chase, and Boulden Brothers as its recipients of our inaugural CARE Award in 2023. CARE Award – which stands for Corporate Action, Response, and Engagement – recognizes corporate excellence in financial giving, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations.

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## School Is Cool!

Help prepare hundreds of kids grades K-8 for the next school year

SBM's annual **Back to School Rally** is scheduled for **August 10**. Your help is critical to making this event a great success for children and their families. 1,000 backpacks and enough school supplies to fill each is needed by late June so backpacks can be stuffed and ready to go by early August.

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Help us find the coolest backpacks this year!



Free Alazar Basketball Camp  
June 24th—June 28th from NOON to 3 PM



**Reserve Your Child's Space Now!**

Register online:

[www.sundaybreakfastmission.org/basketball-registration](https://www.sundaybreakfastmission.org/basketball-registration)

Or Mail/Drop-off the completed form to:

Sunday Breakfast Mission, 110 N. Poplar St., Wilmington, DE 19801

Walk-in registration (if slots available): NOON on first camp day.



REV. TOM LAYMON

# FIND HOPE

ON WINGS OF THE MORNING

SUNDAYS  
@7:45 AM

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## God Led Him Here A Staff Person's Call: **Mike Smith**, *Dir. of Support Services*

**Rev. Tom Laymon:** How did you come to know Christ?

**Mike Smith:** I had been attending a small church in my hometown and listening to the preacher. He was a fire brimstone kind who wasn't messing around and I could understand what eternity was. I got the concept at a pretty young age, and I did not want to spend eternity in hell. I could understand that Jesus died for me on the Cross. I went forward at vacation Bible school so I couldn't have been more than 12.

I heard the Word a lot I never really read it for myself and that is probably what was my downfall. In my teenage years and young adult early twenties I kind of strayed. I went off the rails and fell in with my friends who were not believers. During that time some of my buddies wanted me to do something or continue going out and getting into trouble or whatever. I could really sense the Lord telling me not to. Some pretty bad things happened to a couple of my buddies. One of my good friends was killed in a car wreck which they had wanted me to go with them on that night. I really felt the sense of Lord telling me no, you just need to go home! Many things like that happened in my past and I didn't know then, but I know it now. It was God and the Holy Spirit protecting me through some of that stuff.

Not until a little bit later into my 20s I had a job where I had to travel a lot by myself and just being out there alone and feeling lonely was hard to handle. I also had a co-worker who said as he opened his drawer pulled out his Bible, this all you need to read!

But the first time I read it I said when I get to Jesus anywhere, I'll just say God. That's how far away from Christianity I gotten. I'll just say God because I wasn't so sure I got through the first gospel. I was on my knees asking for forgiveness for even having that kind of attitude. I had an apartment close to our church that I really started being involved in. That's when my walk with Christ really got deeper. This was a major turning point in my life.

**Rev. Laymon:** What's your occupation? What were you doing for a while?

**Mike Smith:** I was a repairman for a local car factory. At that time, I worked for a robot company, and I moved here from the Detroit area. We had other people stationed at other plants. And so, I moved here to oversee a project of retooling the Chrysler plant.

So, after a year of traveling. I said I can't do that anymore. I happened to be at the local plant and there was a guy working on this big giant copier. I said what do you have to do to work on this Xerox? He told me to call this guy right here and they hired me on the spot.

**Rev. Laymon:** So you worked on Xerox machines for 15 years? So after those 15 years? I think you showed up at the Mission.

**Mike Smith:** I did. Yes, I've been praying during that time. I felt like God was shaking me up a little bit to do something different. Yeah. And my dad was an alcoholic. I struggled with alcohol. I felt like I had to do something. I wanted to do something. Trying to help people who were struggling. Somehow, I didn't have the credential, to do that.

Then you ran an ad in the newspaper. It was a huge ad too. The whole top part of it talked about Faith-Based Organization was looking for a mature Christian man. And then the bottom half was to do the Support Services job.

**Rev. Laymon:** I always ask, why do you want to work for the Mission? That's one of my standard questions. God was working in your heart, so you wanted to do something to help those who struggle with addictions.

**Mike Smith:** Right. Yep. And it just so happened I had the skills to do the the other part of the job too. So yeah, to me, it seems like a perfect fit.



**Rev. Laymon:** So you've been here at the Mission for a good long while?

**Mike Smith:** 2004. 20 years.

**Rev. Laymon:** What are some of the highlights for you of being here at the Mission?

**Mike Smith:** Well, developing relationships with the men. Even though they come and go, some of them have passed away. I enjoy developing relationships with them, and seeing them succeed.

**Rev. Laymon:** One of the things that I would say that's kind of a gift and talent that God has given you. You have the talent to try to visualize what a Gospel presentation would look like and how that might be made, for Thanksgiving or Back to School.

**Mike Smith:** I would say He has given me the talent or the ability to create something.

**Rev. Laymon:** You've had a key part in creating an opportunity to winning people to Christ. How's that make you feel that you have had that kind of role of winning people. Over thousands!

**Mike Smith:** I thought of it, more of just that's part of my job here that God has put me here to do this. So, I'm going to do it.

**Rev. Laymon:** You have been able to use some other talents as well, using computer programs to organize us.

**Mike Smith:** The access programs that I used to make the databases started when I worked at Xerox.

**Rev. Laymon:** It sounds like God led you here.

**Mike Smith:** I do really believe that and yeah, it's weird. I had one idea to work for Xerox. I had no idea what SBM was. Absolutely no idea. I have a degree in electronics. That transferred me here. Whether I knew it or not, you know, God was preparing me. And then was at Xerox. He used all my history. Yes, he grabbed me by the collar and dragged me here.

**Rev. Laymon:** Yeah, and he's kept you here and besides, I mean you, you also got a degree from Rescue College. (A college dedicated to serving the Rescue Mission Organizations now called City Vision University).

**Mike Smith:** Yes.

**Mike Smith:** As far as God working in my in my life. Patience, I've learned here. Patience. I've learned patience. Lots of patience. Lots of patience.

*Rev. Laymon Thank you, Mike.*

**BANK OF AMERICA**

**Thank You,**  
**Bank Of America,**  
**For YOUR Support This Year!**

**SBM Receives Grant From Bank Of America  
To Support Annual Back To School Rally!**

**Funding Will Help Impact Equip  
Wilmington's Youth For School Success!**



Bank Of America Employees Making  
P&J Sandwiches For SBM Community  
And Residents.



# Vehicle donations **help** change lives!

**L**amont is praising and thanking the Lord for his new (to him) car. After his 2019 graduation, Lamont left Wilmington and took a position at another Rescue Mission in a different state. He then decided to return to Wilmington and Sunday Breakfast Mission near the end of 2022. Now he is employed as a Mission staff member working in the Urban Vintage Thrift Store.

Lamont is more than just an Urban Vintage worker. While he carries out his duties, he also has the opportunity to work alongside men and women who are currently in the New Life Program. Through his personal experience and persistence, he was able to complete the program. Now he can encourage others to do the same.

Now that Lamont is working, he has the ability to own and maintain his own car. He was only able to acquire a vehicle because of a generous donor who gave a car to the Mission. Prior to having his own transportation he had to depend on bus schedules and friends to shuttle him places.

Now he can come and go as needed. A particular blessing he experiences is being able to visit his mother. Her health is failing, and his car can accommodate her wheelchair. Now they go places together. Lamont's family is also out of state. This car allows him to visit family more frequently.



Additional benefits Lamont can enjoy are the ability to attend church and various church functions. Lamont also enjoys the accomplishment of ownership and a little boost in self-esteem.

Through YOUR generous gifts of used vehicles, many of the men and women who have completed SBM's New Life

Program experience a fresh start by becoming contributing members of the community through owning their own vehicle. Remember this is not just a car donation but an opportunity for serving the most needy.

Thank you so much for your part in helping change a life. To learn more about

donating a vehicle contact **Mike Smith** at [msmith@sundaybreakfastmission.org](mailto:msmith@sundaybreakfastmission.org) or call 302-652-8314 ex 122.

## STILL SERVING THE MOST NEEDY



## DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TODAY



[WWW.SUNDAYBREAKFASTMISSION.ORG](http://WWW.SUNDAYBREAKFASTMISSION.ORG)

# THANK YOU!





# A lighthouse for the Gospel through YOUR Support

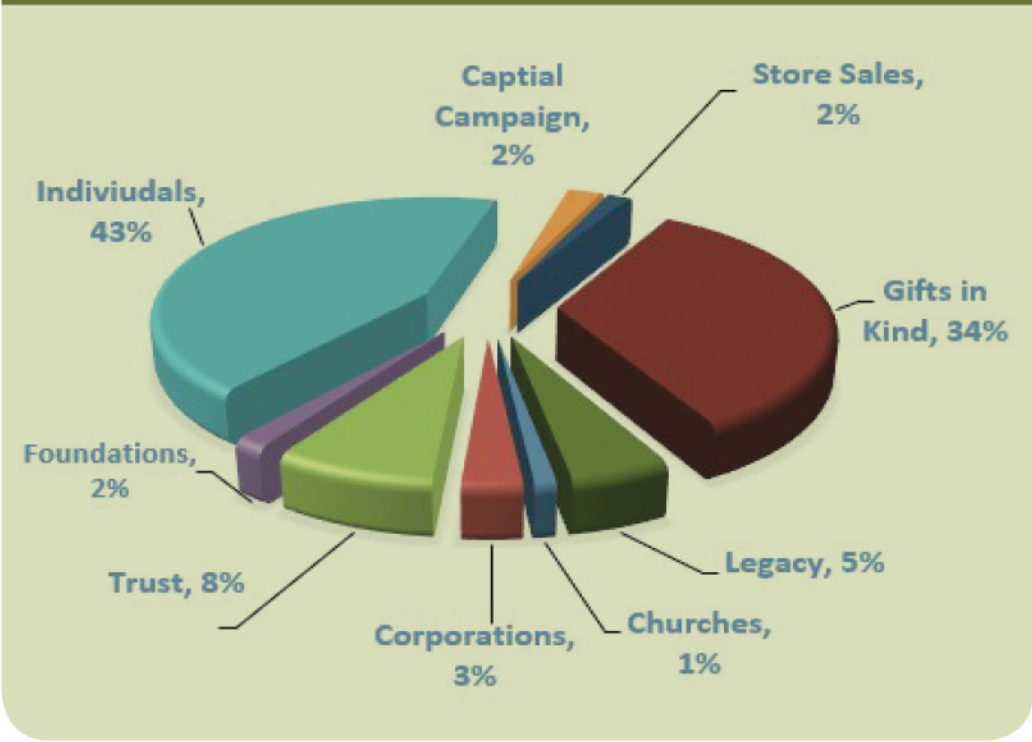
For over 130 years Sunday Breakfast Mission has been a lighthouse for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in downtown Wilmington, DE. SBM not only served the critical needs of the homeless, hungry, and hurting of our region, but more

importantly shared the Good News of lives transformed. The multiple epidemics of alcohol, drugs, homelessness only points to how important **YOUR** support through dollars, hours, food, clothing, vehicles, and household goods is for the men,

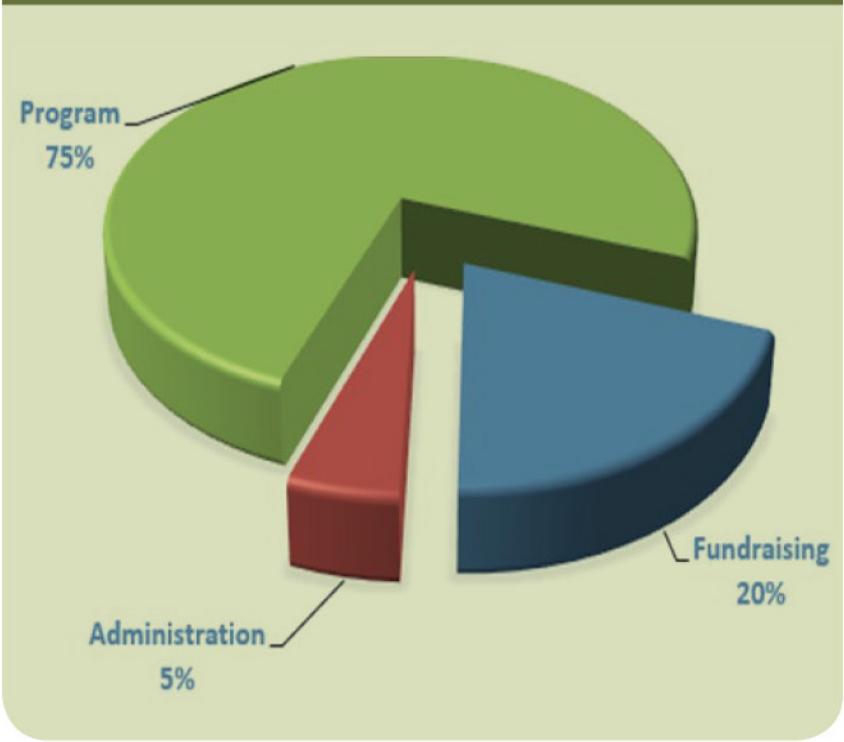
women and children that come to us. **YOU make a gigantic difference** for now and eternity. As you will see below, **because YOU gave, many lives were touched and transformed.** But if you will take this report and turn it into a praise and

prayer, many more lives will be affected. *So, as we at Sunday Breakfast Mission remember you in gratitude to God, we want to tell you as well how grateful we are for your support. May God richly bless you!*

INCOME BY CATEGORIES



BUDGET CATEGORIES



## YOU CAN PARTNER WITH SBM BY....

- ☐ Becoming a monthly online donor
- ☐ Sponsoring a summer back-to-school drive/food drive
- ☐ Serving evening community meals
- ☐ Donating a used car
- ☐ Volunteering to support programs and projects
- ☐ Donating beef, pork and poultry for community meals



*"Because I was hungry ..."*



*"... You provided."*

**362,375**

Nutritious Meals.

*"Because I was homeless ..."*



*"... You provided."*

**62,566**

Nights of safe shelter.

*"Because I was in want ..."*



*"... You provided."*

**308**

Children Cared for through  
Christmas Shop.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sunday Breakfast Mission serves the homeless, addicted and impoverished through Christ-centered programs to meet their spiritual, social and physical needs. Our primary goal is to restore people to right relationships to God, their families and society.

*"Because I was hurting ..."*



*"... You helped."*

**284**

Men and women complete from  
SBM's New Life Discipleship  
Program since 2005.

*"Because I was lost ..."*



*"... You helped."*

**411**

Men, women, and children begin a  
new relationship with Christ.

*"Because I was need ..."*



*"... You provided."*

**500**

Backpacks to Children.



# GREATLY HELP!

## By Giving Greatly This Summer Season!

Blessings are continually coming out of Urban Vintage because of YOUR willingness to bless others as Luke 6:38 reminds us: "give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you."

*Urban Vintage, the Thrift Store of SBM, is asking for your help again this summer season in giving greatly. We need YOUR gently used furnishing, clothing, and household items.*

Urban Vintage is a big help to the individuals and families in the community. We call it our discount thrift store (because we have better prices than most others). Many needy working people come and find tremendous blessings to clothe themselves and acquire furniture and household goods for their apartments or houses. The homeless need shoes, seasonal clothes, and jackets.

Therefore, **YOU** can help Greatly when those things **YOU** give generously are sold or recycled in the thrift store (**Urban Vintage 500 W 2nd Street Wilmington, DE 19101**). SBM provides



vouchers for shoes and clothing for those in greatest need. The monetary resources gained from the donations enable SBM to serve more meals, provide more beds, clothe more people, and rescue more men and women from lives filled with addiction and homelessness. The more clothing, shoes (especially rubber soled), furniture, and household items **YOU** give greatly, the more we can Help! - others. And the more **YOU** give greatly, the more we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

### NEWS ALERT:

Urban Vintage has a New Store Manager



SBM is dedicated to sharing the Good News if you or a family member would like to know more about receiving Christ as Savior, please scan the barcode above.

To donate your gently used items please drop them off at  
110 N Poplar Street Wilmington DE, 19101

Or Contact Our New Store Manager at SBM  
**Catherine Williams Kennedy at 302-477-7495 Ext 402**

# BIG THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!



Members From  
Manna Fellowship  
Packing Backpacks

**WE  
HAVE ROOM  
FOR YOUR  
GROUP THIS  
SUMMER....**



Employee Of  
CSC Corporation  
Packing Backpacks



Employees Of Wilmington  
Savings Fund Society (WSFS)  
Hanging New Clothing  
At Urban Vintage Thrift  
Store, A Ministry Of Sbm



Members From Kappa Alpha Psi  
Packing Hygiene Items



Students From  
Delaware Valley Classical School  
Packing Hygiene Items



Students From  
Cab Calloway School Of The  
Arts Packing Food Boxes



Students From The John Dickinson  
School Preparing Sandwiches  
For The SBM Community



# A Season for Everything

## Why YOU Need to Volunteer

Time is a precious commodity. In the book of Ecclesiastes God's Word says To Everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." It also says there's a time to build. S. Truett Cathy (Chick-fil-A) said "Nearly every moment of every day, we have the opportunity to give something to someone else - our time, our love, our resources."

When **YOU** volunteer with SBM you are not only investing your time, love, and resources, **YOU** are building-building food boxes, building bedrooms, building envelopes, building hygiene kits, building meals, building book-bags, building even buildings, but most of all building people.

Fill out your volunteer application today at [www.sundaybreakfastmission.org/volunteer-application](http://www.sundaybreakfastmission.org/volunteer-application)



<Mrs. Hazel building SBM mailers to help build lives.

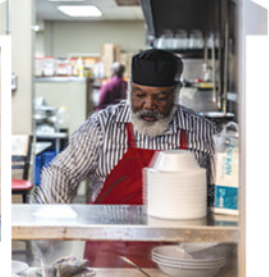
Bel Air Nazarene building hygiene kits to help build lives.



^The Journey painting rooms to help build lives.



^Excelon Employees building food boxes to help build lives.



Rev. James building meals to help build lives.

## How Your Giving Can Go Even Further

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. This interesting idiom has its roots in the days when horses were common, and if you were given one, it was best to receive it without examination or complaint—because you never know what you might find.

What if you thought about that quirky phrase differently, especially when it comes to making a difference for the causes and organizations you care about?

While giving cash is common, you may have other assets—including stock you own—that can make a difference for the ministries you love. When you look this gift horse in the mouth, you'll find:

- Your gift of stock helps you steward wisely. In addition to tax savings that help you manage your finances well; your gift of stock can also be a tool for stewarding a legacy of generosity. It opens the door for conversations with your loved ones about values, giving, and the causes that are close to your heart.
- Your gift of stock supports ministries like Sunday Breakfast Mission. Donating appreciated stock, bonds, or mutual funds can make your gift up to 20% larger because you avoid the taxes you would have to pay from selling those assets and donating the cash. Simply put, your gift goes further to make an even bigger difference.

## LOOK THAT GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH



Examining the "gift horse" of your non-cash assets more closely will show you some unexpected ways to make a lasting difference and opportunities to "...do good, ...be rich in good deeds, and...be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18).

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "Is it Time to Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth?" by contacting Rev. Laymon at (302) 656-8542, ext.103 or [tlaymon@sundaybreakfastmission.org](mailto:tlaymon@sundaybreakfastmission.org). Visit [christianwill.org/sbm](http://christianwill.org/sbm) to bless your family with an up-to-date will.

### CHECK-BOX OFFERS

- ☐ Please send me a FREE copy of your special bulletin "Is it Time to Look a Gift Horse in the Mouth?"
- ☐ Please send me information about including Sunday Breakfast Mission in my will, trust or estate plan

## Are you looking for a new adventure?

Are you looking for a new encounter? Do you want to expand your knowledge? Bring your church leadership or community organization and come along for an educational journey that you will enjoy. We would be delighted to have you schedule a tour of the Sunday Breakfast Mission and give you first-hand information about the

program and services that are provided. We will see into the two kitchens that prepare about 500 meals each day, we can get a quick peek at the newly renovated men's New Life Program accommodations and see the dormitory that shelters men every night. You will also be able to learn about the continuing remodel effort and the exciting expansion with the addition and remodel of four houses on 2nd street.

When people come to visit, we often hear "I didn't know you did that." or "This place is much bigger than I imagined." Come let us hear you say these things and expand your knowledge of Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Please contact Bruce Davison ([bdavison@sundaybreakfastmission.org](mailto:bdavison@sundaybreakfastmission.org)) to set an appointment. (Sorry, no bus.)





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To achieve the CARE Award Organizations that achieve milestones in financial donations, employee volunteer hours and drives to collect material goods for Sunday Breakfast Mission receive a recognition award, and photograph &

announcement of the achievement in Delaware Business Times. Milestone requirements for CARE award vary according to company's employee-size. Milestones are counted over 12-month period.

**LEARN MORE! Contact Jana Ellisio at 302-652-8314, Ext 111 or [jellisio@sundaybreakfastmission.org](mailto:jellisio@sundaybreakfastmission.org)**

**Large Business: Over 500 employees**

- Donate \$15,000+
- Complete 125 hours of employee volunteerism
- Host 2 drives for in-kind goods (ie. Nonperishable food, hygiene products, care ware, socks, etc.)

**Medium Business: 100 - 500 employees**

- Donate \$5,000+
- Complete 50 hours of employee volunteerism
- Host 2 drives for in-kind goods (ie. Nonperishable food, hygiene products, care ware, socks, etc.)

**Small Business: Less than 100 employees**

- Donate \$2,500+
- Complete 30 hours of employee volunteerism
- Host 1 drive for in-kind goods (ie. Nonperishable food, hygiene products, care ware, socks, etc.)

Scan here to see how you can make an impact!



**RALLY**, Continued from page 1

For your convenience scan the **QR code** and access our **Wish List of items**. This is an easy

way for you to donate the specific items necessary to help a child in need prepare for their next school year.



Elementary School	Elementary & Middle	Middle School
15 -inch Back Pack Glue Stick Washable Markers Blunt scissors Wide-Ruled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Spiral Notebook</li><li>•Composition books</li><li>•Notebook Paper</li></ul>	Pencil Pouch 24 Pack of Pencils Ruler (with in & cm) Tissues (travel size) Highlighter Large Eraser Earbuds Pencil Sharpener Cap Erasers	17-Inch Back Pack Sharp Scissors Mechanical Pencils Glue Sticks or Washable Bottled Glue College-Ruled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Composition Books</li><li>•Spiral Notebook</li><li>•Notebook Paper</li></ul>

**Want to host a school supplies and backpack drive?**

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(302) 652-8314 Ext. 172

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P.O. Box 352 Wilmington, DE 19899

(877) 306-4663

[sundaybreakfastmission.org](http://sundaybreakfastmission.org)

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**Sunday Breakfast Mission Donation Form**

Here's my tax-deductible gift to help Sunday Breakfast Mission bring shelter, nutritious meals and life-changing recovery programs to the homeless and impoverished of greater Wilmington and lower Delaware Valley.

\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$150 \_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_ \$ Other Amount

\_\_\_ Check Is Enclosed \_\_\_ Please Charge My Credit Card

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. Date \_\_\_ \ \_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ (On Card Reverse)

\_\_\_ Set me up as a Monthly Donor and Charge my Credit Card

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**YOUR GIFT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. YOU WILL BE SENT A RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION**

To designate your United Way giving to Sunday Breakfast Mission, use  
**United Way code: 9141**