

October 2021

Dear Colaborers in Christ,

On Thanksgiving Day, we will host our 10th annual Drumstick Dash 5K fundraising event on the boulevard in Charleston. We are SO excited to be able to host this event again after canceling last year due to covid. Over the years, this event has become an anchor activity not only for Union Mission's fundraising efforts but for so many of you who have told us this has become your new Thanksgiving tradition. You get up early, run or walk with family and friends to help support a local nonprofit organization, then go home and prepare to have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Burning those calories in the morning helps justify the second helping of mashed potatoes and stuffing later that afternoon!

Thousands of dollars are raised from this event that are directly used to feed and provide other needs for our clients. Our men and women in our yearlong addiction recovery programs along with families who are experiencing temporary hard times are given access to cooked meals or food boxes. Food that is sent to many different food pantries throughout our rural service network during the holiday season is made possible through funds generated by the Drumstick Dash.

We are blessed to have local businesses who partner with us as corporate sponsors to make sure this event is a success. I want to personally thank Chick-fil-a of Southridge, CAMC, Appalachian Railcar Services, Ghareeb Dental Group, Servpro, WQBE, and Encova Foundation of West Virginia for joining with us.

We cannot, however, discuss or plan this event without thinking of our dear friend and Drumstick Dash organizer who carried this event on her back for many years - Lana McVey. We miss Lana dearly and want to honor her legacy each year we host this event. If you knew Lana, then you know how much she loved Union Mission and how much serving others was part of her DNA.

If you cannot attend the Drumstick Dash this year, we would love to have you still participate and help the event be a success by donating to Union Mission. You can even designate your gift to the Drumstick Dash Fundraiser. Better yet, consider donating as a memorial for Lana. We know her family and friends would love to see that!

Lastly, consider praying that this event will go well. Please pray that our staff and volunteers will remain safe. Please pray that the weather will cooperate as well. Most importantly, please pray that everyone involved directly or indirectly would witness the love of Jesus manifested in this event.

Your Friend,



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