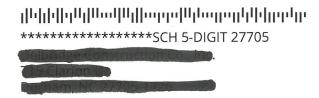


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Dear Friend,

## Subject: Urgent Appeal for Financial Support to Sustain Shelter Services Amid Budget Cuts

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD), a nonsectarian nonprofit organization, has served as a critical lifeline for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community. Unfortunately, due to recent budget cuts, and for the first time in our 40+ year history, our <a href="https://example.com/homeless-shelter">homeless shelter</a> is now facing significant financial challenges that threaten our ability to continue providing essential services.

Every night more than 100+ people rest safely in our shelter. Every day hundreds of nutritious meals are served in our Community Café. Families come to our Food Pantry & Clothing Closet for essential groceries, clean clothing and a path to stability for those in crisis. But with reduced public funding, our ability to meet even the most basic needs of our guests is at serious risk. The need is growing, yet our resources are shrinking.

We are urgently seeking **financial support and donations** to help us continue our mission. Your contribution will directly support:

- Emergency shelter operations
- Meals and hygiene supplies
- Case management and housing assistance
- Crisis response services

Please know that your generous financial support will make a profound difference in someone's life. Together, we can continue to offer hope and dignity to the most vulnerable members of our community.

This is our community-and these are our neighbors. Your gift is a powerful act of community solidarity and compassion at a time when it's needed most.

## To make a gift today, please scan the QR code below.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at <u>smitchell@umdurham.org</u>. Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and continued commitment to those we serve.

With sincere gratitude,

Sheldon Mitchell Executive Director

