UNITED CRESCENT HILL MINISTRIES



OCTOBER 2026 NEWS BLAST

Cheers to You!

Don't worry. It's a Mocktail.

Because of your generosity, UCHM broke all previous records, earning $52,924 during Give for Good this September!

This means increased funding to our programs for children. It means a greater ability to keep the United Market – our food pantry– stocked for the 200-plus families who visit each week. It means improved programs for our over-60 visitors, and it means more people receiving more help. What could be better?



Volunteers Needed

- We need someone to check-in pantry visitors 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Would you like to help stock the pantry one day each week?
- Call 502-893-0346 to offer help.

Do you have a skill our board needs?

Our working board needs more members to fulfill all the needs of our organization. Of particular interest now are people with expertise in human resources and law.

Call 502-893-0346 for more information.

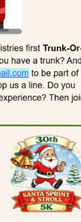


School supplies available

The school supply drive was so successful, we still have items to distribute. Call 502-893-0346 to arrange your visit to pick up notebooks and more.

Upcoming events

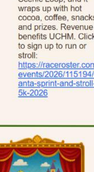
Sept. 26, 4-8 p.m., **2026 Fall Festival & Fish Fry.** St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Crescent Hill Baptist Church are hosting their fall festival to benefit UCHM. Come for the fish, kids meals, hot dogs, beer, beverages, and stick around for the music, games, cornhole and more. The festival takes place on Frankfort Avenue between Birchwood and Kennedy avenues.

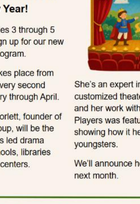




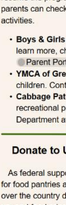
Avoid the season flu scourge by attending a **Flu Clinic Oct. 8 from noon to 4 p.m.** at UCHM, 150 S. State Street. The clinic, sponsored by Walgreens, will administer flu shots.

UCHM's monthly **Mahjong Night is 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 14**. For a $5 donation or a gift of canned soup for the United Market shelves, you can join the fun. Light refreshments served.





Trick-Or-Treat at United Crescent Hill Ministries first **Trunk-Or-Treat Night, 5-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23.** Do you have a trunk? And candy? Then email us at uchmlouisville@gmail.com to be part of the fun. Would you like to donate candy? Drop us a line. Do you have little ones who need a safe Halloween experience? Then join us Oct. 23. All are welcome.



Make a connection with kids this Christmas

Every year, with your help, we give children who live in the 40206 zip code Christmas gifts.

We'd like you to be part of the giving. A gift of $150 dollars buys a gift card for a child and another for food for his or her family.

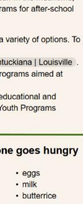
To donate, click on Give, then click on "donate," then select "Christmas Connection" in the drop-down box.

Keep Dec. 11 open for our Christmas Party

UCHM hosts its annual Christmas party from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 11.

The whole family is welcome to meet Santa – and get a photo, eat pizza, decorate cookies and create Christmas crafts.





The 30th Annual Santa Sprint & Stroll is coming to town!

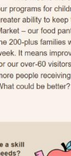
Join the elves, Santas, Mini Mouses and Gingerbread Men for the best run and stroll of the season! We're celebrating 30 years with our 5K Sprint & Stroll through Cherokee Park Dec 19. The race begins at 9 a.m. at Hogan's Fountain on the Scenic Loop, and it wraps up with hot cocoa, coffee, snacks and prizes. Revenue benefits UCHM. Click to sign up to run or stroll: https://raceroster.com/events/2026/115194/santa-sprint-and-stroll-5k-2026

New Youth Theater Program Launches in New Year!

Children in grades 3 through 5 are invited to sign up for our new youth theater program.

The program takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. every second Tuesday, January through April.

Mera Kathryn Corlett, founder of the Circle In Group, will be the director. She has led drama programs in schools, libraries and community centers.



She's an expert in creating customized theater curriculum, and her work with the Blue Apple Players was featured in a study showing how it helped youngsters.

We'll announce how to enroll next month.

After-school options while our program is on hiatus

UCHM is redesigning its after-school offerings this year, with plans to resume the program in the 2027-2028 school year. In the meantime, parents can check into several community programs for after-school activities.

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana** offer a variety of options. To learn more, check out the Parent Portal | Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana | Louisville .
- **YMCA of Greater Louisville** has several programs aimed at children. Contact the Y at (502) 587-9622.
- **Cabbage Patch Settlement House** offers educational and recreational programs. You can contact its Youth Programs Department at (502) 753-4455.

Donate to United Market, so no one goes hungry

As federal support for food pantries all over the country dries up, and food prices skyrocket under the pressure of rising fuel costs, your donations to our four-day-per-week food pantry are more important than ever.

We find ourselves with more visitors than ever, and a greater need for your support.

One word to the wise: Sometimes folks clean out their own pantries and bring us what they no longer want – and we love that! But please check the sell-by or the use-by dates on your donations. Although those dates are not law, and some goods can be used past their sell-by dates, we can't offer our clients items that are four or five years old. So just double-check. We'd appreciate it.

Some things we always need;

- toilet paper
- diapers of all sizes
- canned soup and meals with pop-tops.
- eggs
- milk
- butterrice
- canned and frozen meat
- cooking oil
- sugar
- flour
- cereal
- peanut butter
- spices
- coffee
- pasta of all kinds
- pasta sauce
- tomatoes
- onions
- garlic
- shampoo and conditioner
- cornbread mix

Emergency help requests at all-time high

More than 760 people have asked United Crescent Hill Ministries for emergency assistance with rent and utility bills so far this year.

This is a 54% increase over last year. Last year at this time, we'd had 506 requests. Clearly, many are teetering on the brink of homelessness. Falling behind on these critical items is often the first and last step to home instability.

To help us meet this need, please visit Give , click on "Donate Online," and select "Emergency Assistance" in the drop-down box. Please consider becoming a monthly donor.

You can also mail a check to UCHM, 150 S. State Street, Louisville, KY, 40206.