

### Why is my gift important?

Stewpot is your community's interfaith ministry to the homeless and those in need. It was started by local people of faith such as yourself in response to the most basic needs of the inner-city of Jackson such as food, shelter, clothing and after-school care to at-risk, inner-city children. Since Stewpot is a local, non-profit agency, it can only provide services from the funding you supply.

### How can I participate?

Pray for the success of the campaign. Tell others about this important moment in Stewpot Community Services' ministry. Make your own personal gift and encourage others to do the same.

### Does my gift have to be a cash gift?

No! Often, the most beneficial philanthropic gifts are gifts of stock or other appreciated assets like real estate. Contact Stewpot at 601.353.2759 for more information.

### Can I make a multi-year pledge to the Faith Meeting Needs Campaign 2010?

Yes. You can spread your gift over a three-year period.

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**STEWSPOT**

**Community Services**

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is Stewpot Community Services?

Founded in 1981 by several Jackson congregations, Stewpot has grown from a simple soup kitchen in an abandoned gas station to encompass a group of shelters, counseling services, food and clothing services, community development projects and children's programs.

#### From what sources does Stewpot derive financial support?

Stewpot receives support from a diverse array of funding sources that includes more than 200 congregations, individuals, foundations and businesses. Gifts are made in response to solicitations and participation in successful annual events such as *Red Beans and Rice* and *Taste of Mississippi*.

#### What percentage of its income does Stewpot use for administrative costs?

Only 17% of Stewpot income is used for administrative costs. In other words, 83 cents of every dollar is used to provide services to men, women and children.

#### Where is Stewpot located?

Stewpot provides its services from different sites located near downtown Jackson. The Central Urban Ministry Center is located at 1100 West Capitol Street in what was formerly Central Presbyterian Church.

#### Who does Stewpot Community Services serve?

Stewpot serves more than 700 men, women and children each day. People come to Stewpot to meet a variety of basic needs such as hunger, shelter, clothing, computer access, and a free and safe afterschool program.

#### What are the Stewpot programs?

Food Pantry

Daily Lunch Program

Meals on Wheels

After-School Program

Virginia's Playhouse

Opportunity Center Day Shelter

Counseling

Billy Brumfield Homeless Shelter for Men

Matt's House Emergency Shelter for Women

Sims House Transitional Shelter for Women Summer Camp

Flower's Shelter for Women and Children

Clothing Closet

Legal Clinic

Community Health Clinic (Operated by St. Dominic Health Services)



### **How strong is Stewpot operationally?**

Your gift is a sound investment in helping Stewpot better meet the needs of the neediest in our community. Since its founding, Stewpot has operated on a lean budget. Stewpot's leadership believes that a combination of faith in God, sound management, and strengthened relationships with donors will ensure Stewpot's continued existence and growth.

### **What is the Faith Meeting Needs Campaign 2010?**

This capital campaign is the largest fundraising initiative ever undertaken by Stewpot Community Services. While the growth in services makes it possible to provide more meaningful assistance, it has become increasingly challenging to make those services easily accessible. This campaign is being launched to improve both Stewpot's effectiveness and reach.

### **What is the campaign goal?**

The campaign goal is \$4 million. It is hoped that two initiatives will comprise this goal: (1) A local initiative to raise a minimum of \$2 million, and (2) A national foundation initiative to garner grants to match local contributions.

### **What will this campaign accomplish?**

The *Faith Meeting Needs Campaign 2010* will fund needed capital improvements for a number of Stewpot programs with a focus on two important changes: (1) Making all areas of the Central Urban Ministry Center accessible to people who are wheelchair bound or who have physical disabilities that prevent them from using stairs, and (2) Reclaiming the sacred sanctuary space and, as a result, fully utilizing the Central Urban Ministry Center.

### **Specific improvements include:**

#### **Central Urban Ministry Center – \$3,020,000**

- Transforming the large, unused spaces in the sanctuary area into a new kitchen and spacious dining room where lunch will be served daily and community meetings can be held for large groups. The current balcony space will be transformed into much needed storage space.
- Relocating the chapel and food pantry program next to the new dining room
- Creating an inviting courtyard between the two buildings that make up the Central Urban Ministry Center
- Moving after-school programs, some of which are currently off campus, into their own space at the Central Urban Ministry Center
- Making space to eventually set up a daycare program in the current clothing closet

#### **Shelter and Feeding Areas – \$15,000**

- Installing ultraviolet lights in air controllers to prevent the spread of airborne diseases such as tuberculosis

#### **Opportunity Center Day Shelter – \$100,000**

- Installing bathroom and shower facilities

#### **Billy Brumfield Homeless Shelter for Men – \$45,000**

- Renovating bathrooms
- Creating office and storage space

#### **Vehicle Purchases – \$160,000**

- Two vans for children's programs
- Two vans for shelter programs

#### **Flowers Emergency Shelter for Women and Children – \$75,000**

- Retire mortgage

#### **Maintenance Endowment & Organizational Capacity Building – \$585,000**

- A newly created grant-writing position will focus on securing additional operations funding from new and current sources.
- A maintenance endowment will help ensure that newly installed systems can be properly maintained to prolong their life span and use.

### **Does it make architectural sense to repurpose the existing building?**

This space will be repurposed to once again provide nourishment – not only for the soul but for the body, too! Architects have assured Stewpot that reclaiming and transforming this significant asset will be cost effective and will create a community area to honor and celebrate those who come to Stewpot. Additionally, more storage space will be gained in the current sanctuary balcony. Re-using the sanctuary in a new, sustainable way is good stewardship for Stewpot and the environment. New mechanical and electrical systems, along with a new roof, will be required.

### **Will Stewpot be able to afford the operations cost associated with a larger facility?**

Cost studies have been performed to project the operating costs of a larger facility and overall, as one might expect, some operating costs will increase because a larger space will be used, and must be heated and cooled. However, there is no doubt that the new machinery will be more efficient and cost less to operate than the current systems in place. After completing its research, Stewpot expects to be able to meet these operational costs with the addition of a grant writer and increased support from the community.