Happy 26th Anniversary Uplift Organization, Inc.!

On November 1, 1990, Bill Ellis had a vision to reach out to the homeless on the streets of Kansas City that none of the other agencies were able to. He started with a couple of friends, a thermos of coffee and a dozen donuts, and 26 years later we are still going strong.

Our mission is: “We, who acknowledge God’s providence and fidelity to his people, especially those in poverty, do dedicate our efforts toward the support of those who are homeless. Our goal is to deliver to the homeless those basic human needs, care and compassion that is not usually received from other organizations.”

Uplift has four sprinter trucks that can be seen out on the streets every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday night. In the 26 years of operation Uplift has never missed a night out. We serve approximately 300 people each night with a hot meal, hygiene items and clothing. We never judge why a person is in need, we just give them respect and love to help them realize that every life is valuable.

We never enable anyone to stay on the street, we just try to keep them alive long enough for other agencies that are equipped to give them help with physical, mental, addiction and housing needs to reach out to them. Unfortunately, the need is great and the recourses are few.

I am humbled nightly by the gratitude that we receive from the people we serve, as well as the generosity of all our donors and volunteers that so freely give of their time and financial support.

God Bless you all and everyone you love!

Kathy Dean, President
Uplift Organization, Inc.