



GEORGETOWN MINISTRY CENTER

*Before we ring in 2015,
take a minute with us to remember 2014*

January

Saving Lives During the Polar Vortex

The Polar Vortex hit in January, and we continued to do street outreach to urge people to seek shelter indoors. Even still, two of our guests were [found unresponsive](#) in Georgetown and were close to death from exposure. Thankfully, our other guests who found them quickly called 911 and saved their lives.

February

Our response: Hypothermia Outreach Team

Because of the harsh winter and near deaths, we partnered with Georgetown University to create a volunteer [Hypothermia Outreach Team](#) to do street outreach on the coldest winter nights.



March

GMC Testifies at Congress

Gunther testified at a [congressional hearing](#) that examined the shortage of psychiatric beds, speaking eloquently about the relationship between mental health and homelessness. You can watch his testimony [here](#).

April

Success Stories Abound!

In April, we were able to find an out-of-the-box housing solution for one of our shelter residents. Additionally, two of our guests finally agreed to go into treatment for their addictions. We also saved the life of someone else by calling an ambulance while he was having a heart attack.

May

GMC Shows Their Natitude

Staff and guests took a field trip to support the [Washington Nationals](#), DC's baseball team. It was a night of chili dogs, peanuts, and fun! Everyone showed their "natitude!"



June

Awesome Guests Visit GMC

We had some awesome visitors in June! Employees from [Fannie Mae](#) came, made sandwiches, and did street outreach with Gunther.

A few days later, two members of [Adam Ezra Group](#), a band based out of Boston that is passionate about ending homelessness, came and played some songs in our center.

July

GMC Featured on USA Today

Over the summer, Gunther met with a reporter and photographer from [USA Today](#) to talk about homelessness and do street outreach. Gunther was featured front and center in the article!



August

Changes in our Clothing Closet

In August, we relocated our [clothing closet](#) to a smaller space and thus had to limit the kinds of clothing donations we can accept. Socks, underwear, and other essentials are now [what's needed most!](#)

September

The Body You Want

In September, [The Body You Want Fitness Solutions](#) in Georgetown offered donation-based fitness classes every Sunday to support Georgetown Ministry Center! The "fee" to join the class was a pack of socks or underwear for our guests.



October

Spirit and 5k

October is our month of special events. At this year's [Spirit of Georgetown](#), we honored Jocelyn Dyer for her years of support.

Three days later, 300 runners came out to participate in the first annual [Georgetown 5k Race Against Homelessness!](#)

November

So much to be thankful for

The Ritz-Carlton Georgetown catered a dinner for GMC a few days before Thanksgiving, an event we always look forward to. On Thanksgiving Day, Program Coordinator Beau and his family [prepared an AMAZING meal](#) from scratch for all of our guests!



December

GMC mentioned in the Washington Post!

GMC's winter shelter was highlighted in a [Washington Post article](#) describing the efforts of DC's faith community to bring more funding and resources toward ending homelessness. Some of our past and present shelter residents are quoted in the article, so take a minute to read it.

*Thank you so much for being a part of our community.
We cannot wait to see what 2015 has in store!*

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