

Monroe County United Ministries, Inc.

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2009 Annual Report



Message from the Director

As we know from news broadcasts, unemployment reports and talk around town, 2009 was a difficult year for many people. Monroe County United Ministries continued to see increases in demand from people unable to meet their basic needs and continued to see high demand for affordable childcare.

At the same time, MCUM's 70th year in the community saw many blessings. Volunteers who come out for special events (the Each One, Feed One Community Food Drive; United Way's Day of Action; or the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service) or who maintain an ongoing work schedule are essential to our programs. We continue to see numerous individuals who are generous with their time and talents.

Financial support is obviously also crucial to our success. At a time when many people are struggling, others are rising to the challenge of helping MCUM meet this increased need. Despite the economic decline, financial support from the community held steady.

Special opportunities also abounded in 2009. A grant purchased new carpet for our offices. A partnership with WFIU and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County helped us to educate more people about local needs, while raising funds for our programs. The American Legion Post #18 made special holiday food basket donations. We began offering Spanish lessons in our preschool classrooms thanks to a variety of partners. The community response to MCUM's needs and the needs of the people we serve continues to be an inspiration.



Monroe County United Ministries is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. We provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for the poor and community service opportunities.

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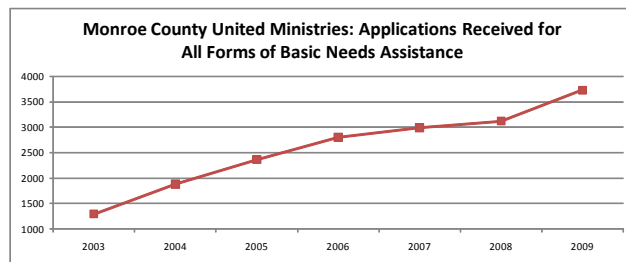
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2009 Programs and Services

Emergency Services

The year brought continued increases in demand for basic needs assistance. Our two caseworkers received 3,731 requests for assistance from 1,231 households. This program saw an increase in the number of requests for assistance from new households and an increase in the number of requests per household during the year.



The Emergency Services program distributed enough food to make 52,632 meals during 2009, a 16% increase over 2008. In addition, we distributed 11,954 items from our “cleaning closet” of cleaning supplies, hygiene items, diapers, new underclothes, and household basics. Our partnership with Opportunity House allowed those in need to receive vouchers for 1,807 items of clothing and essential household items.

Our caseworkers prevented eviction and utility shut-off for 127 households by providing financial assistance. This assistance helped these families stay in their homes, avoiding the additional stresses and financial pressures that come from homelessness.

This program is dependent on the generosity of the community in numerous ways. Donations to Opportunity House, financial support to cover staffing costs, and donations of items for redistribution are all essential to the program. The Emergency Food Pantry brought in 96,324 pounds of food and closet items during 2009, the majority of which was donated by individuals. Faith congregations collected 39% of this total.

Childcare Program

This program continues to provide high-quality, full-time care for children ages 2-6 and summer care for children ages 6-12. During 2009, we cared for 194 children, including 37 summer campers. Care for preschoolers includes a structured curriculum aimed at preparing children for success in school, while Summer Camp provides a variety of enrichment activities that keep children active and learning until school starts in the fall.

The Childcare Program’s accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) was renewed. In addition, MCUM’s Five-Star certification from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management was renewed, indicating that our program uses best environmental management practices to protect the health of enrolled children.

Some special grants brought new elements into the Childcare Program in 2009. Funding from the Trinity Episcopal Church started Spanish lessons for our preschoolers, an initiative that has continued with the help of Indiana University students. A grant from Indiana’s Department of Environmental Management purchased playground equipment made of recycled materials. The PayBack Foundation funded the purchase of new playground equipment and provided dance instruction for MCUM’s 2009 Summer Camp.

In addition to these special projects, this program continues to benefit from strong community support. From community volunteers painting the childcare center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the donations that we receive to subsidize the enrollment of low-income children, our community recognizes the importance of quality, affordable childcare for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Community Connections

Opportunity House & Church Women United:

Opportunity House, a resale shop on West 11th Street, continues to provide essential support to MCUM programs. In 2009, 180 households (representing 439 adults and children) received vouchers for clothing and other essential items from Opp House. In addition, funds raised from the resale of donated items support MCUM's programming. We truly appreciate the work of the numerous volunteers whose dedication makes this community institution a success.

Both MCUM and Opportunity House were started by the group now known as Church Women United. This ecumenical volunteer group formed in 1904, opened the Bloomington Day Nursery (MCUM's first incarnation) in 1940 and continues to support MCUM's programs today.

Walks:

The annual CROP Walk raises funds for agencies addressing hunger locally and around the world. The Homeward Bound Walk is a fundraiser for Monroe County agencies addressing the issues of homelessness. Both of these walks are important fundraisers that also help to educate citizens about the issues facing our community.

Partners:

MCUM values its relationships with other community institutions. Funding, client referrals, programming and special services are provided by a wide variety of partners, including:

Bloomington Hospital, City of Bloomington, Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, faith communities, Indiana University, Ivy Tech Community College - Bloomington, Monroe County Community School Corporation, Monroe County Government, Monroe County Religious Leaders, Opportunity House, South Central Community Action Program, township trustees, and WorkOne.

Student Assistance:

Student volunteers play an important role in our programs. With help from an Advocate for Community Engagement (ACE), MCUM is able to make broad connections to Indiana University students and classes.

In 2009, IU service learning students provided the teachers with assistance in playground supervision, monitored learning center activities, played an essential role in the food pantry, assisted with the monthly newsletter and provided office support. Represented departments included Psychology; Spanish; Education; Social Work; Sociology; Nursing; and Recreation, Park and Tourism Studies.

Students representing Ivy Tech's Early Childhood Program also assisted the Childcare Program by accomplishing tasks ranging from creating menus for the kitchen to planning a health and safety fair.

An undergraduate student from the IU School of Social Work served his practicum hours with MCUM's Emergency Services program, helping our caseworkers serve the ever-growing number of households seeking basic needs assistance.

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs' Service Corps Program connects MCUM with graduate students who work with us for two-year terms. These students help with everything from organizing food drives to educating supporters about important issues facing our community.

Matchstick Initiative:

The fourth year of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County's Matchstick Matching Initiative brought additional money to MCUM's endowment. Thanks to a match of \$1 for every \$3 donated, donors were able to make their donations go farther and help to ensure that MCUM's programs are available to serve the community for as long as they are needed.

Financial Report

Balance Sheet as of 12/31/09 (audited):

Assets	
Cash/Checking Accounts	\$519,693.61
Savings	\$668,513.56
Accounts Receivable	\$31,054.13
Prepaid Expense	\$3,127.40
Total Current Assets	\$1,222,388.70
Land/Land Investments	\$1,706,206.38
Equipment and Vehicles	\$339,871.16
Accumulated Depreciation	(\$983,229.25)
Community Foundation	\$188,954.98
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,251,803.27
Total Assets	\$2,474,191.97
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$12,340.25
Personnel Expenses Payable	\$38,624.63
Ins. & Vol. Cont. Payable	\$364.73
Accrued Vacations	\$8,208.01
Total Liabilities	\$59,537.62
Equity	
Temp. Restricted Net Asset	\$53,089.76
Perm. Restricted Net Asset	\$209,145.96
Residual Equity	\$2,060,063.66
Net Income	\$92,354.97
Total Equity	\$2,414,654.35
Total Liability & Residual Equity	\$2,474,191.97

Income and Expense Report (audited):

Revenue for year ending December 31, 2009

Contributions:	
Churches and Judicatories	\$68,780.80
Individual and Special	\$66,465.38
Service Organizations	\$5,898.82
Opportunity House	\$76,020.00
Corporate/Business	\$41,929.11
In-kind Gifts	\$2,436.51
MCUM Fund Distributions	\$7,218.00
Endowment Revenue	\$100.00
Special Event Revenue	\$30,520.88
All Government Funding	\$429,457.62
Childcare Fees	\$180,177.28
United Way	\$46,423.37
Other Grants	\$59,706.11
Other Revenue	\$31,567.11
Gain or loss on investments	\$94,803.14
Gain on sale of assets	(\$811.03)
Total Revenue:	\$1,140,693.10

Expenses for year ending December 31, 2009

Childcare	\$700,083.54
Summer Camp	\$44,480.15
Emergency Services	\$142,675.93
Development	\$85,039.50
Administrative	\$76,059.01
Total Expenses	\$1,048,338.13

Net Income Pre Depreciation \$92,354.97

Depreciaton \$53,158.30

Total Net Income: \$39,196.67

homeward bound walkers

volunteers box tops for education
grants art supplies

financial support

labels for education

donors

youth volunteers newsletter readers

community partners

Support from the Faith Community

Monroe County United Ministries began in 1939 as an initiative of the Bloomington Council of Church Women (now called Church Women United). These women saw a need for childcare services in the area of Bloomington referred to at the time as “Pigeon Hill.” The Bloomington Day Nursery, the first daycare in Bloomington, opened in the fall of 1940.

MCUM provides an ongoing opportunity for unity and collaboration among local faith communities and provides a venue for limited funds from each congregation to be pooled together to have a broader impact. Monroe County’s faith communities continue to recognize the importance of MCUM’s programs by providing financial, food, volunteer and other types of support to ensure their continuation.

Examples of support from the faith community are numerous. In 2009, a grant from the Trinity Outreach Commission purchased multicultural classroom equipment and funded Spanish lessons

in the Childcare Program. St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church collected 4,378 pounds of food for the Emergency Food Pantry. First United Church donated more than \$12,000 in support of MCUM’s programs. The Unitarian Universalist Church donated numerous holiday food baskets. Numerous volunteers from supporting congregations donated their valuable time throughout the year. These are just a few examples of the strong support MCUM is honored to receive from these institutions.

Listed below are the faith communities that provided financial or food support in 2009. Congregations marked with an asterisk (*) were part of the group that helped to form United Ministries in 1939. Congregations marked with a plus (+) were member congregations in 2009, meaning they provided unrestricted financial support, the most valuable form of support we can receive, and are eligible to nominate a representative to the Board of Directors.

<p>childcare homelessness prevention accredited childcare hygiene products</p>	<p>employment emergency</p>	<p>food</p>
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- Arlington United Methodist Church
- Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends+
- Church Women United
- Church World Service/CROP Walk
- Congregation Beth Shalom
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- First Baptist Church, Ellettsville
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