



Who We Are

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) is a nurturing organization serving Monroe County 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, and community service opportunities.

A Brief History

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) opened in 1940 as a day care for low-income families. Over the years MCUM has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community. Our goal is to reduce the impact of poverty in our community. We accomplish this goal through our programs and by networking with other organizations in an effort to find the best solutions for our clients.



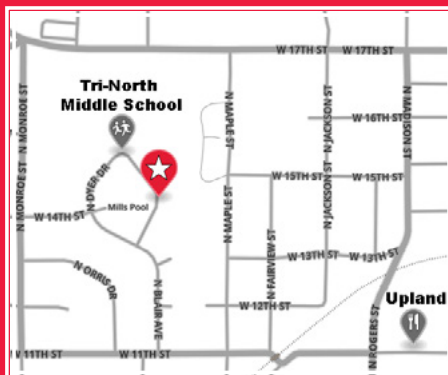
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Getting Here

MCUM is located next to Tri-North Middle School and Mills Pool off the Bloomington Transit "2" Bus Route. The emergency services program is in the white building on the right.



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Emergency Services



Are you in need of emergency assistance?

Do you need food, clothing, rent, or utility assistance?

We Can Help.

What We Provide

MCUM offers three major types of Emergency Assistance:

Food

We provide three to four days' worth of food, based on the number of household members.

Clothing & Household Items

We provide vouchers for items that are redeemable at Opportunity House, a local thrift store who works with MCUM, located at 907 West 11th Street.

Financial Assistance

We offer up to a one-month portion of a rent or utility payment after the client has seen the township trustee for the same expense and received a response. Financial assistance may only be given once in a 12-month period.



Walk-In Services

MCUM's caseworkers see most clients on a walk-in basis from:

8:00 - 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:15 p.m.
Monday through Friday

All services aim to resolve a short-term crisis, with the following limits:

Food

Once in 30 days

Clothing & Household Item Vouchers

Once in 90 days

Bus Tickets

Once in 90 days, for verifiable appointments only

Referrals to St. Vincent de Paul for furniture

Once in 90 days

Hygiene Supplies

Twice in a 12-month period, 90 days apart

Cleaning Supplies

Twice in a 12-month period, 90 days apart

Coats, hats, gloves, underwear, socks

Once in 90 days

**Clients are expected to participate in the solutions to their emergency situations and demonstrate progress if returning for additional services.*

Requirements for Financial Assistance

Clients seeking financial assistance for rent or utilities must make an appointment with a caseworker. These requirements must be met to receive financial assistance:

1. Must have applied to the appropriate township trustee for the same expense and received a decision within the past 30 days
2. Must have reasonable assurance that our assistance will change the situation and you will not be in the same, or similar, situation next month
3. Must be able to demonstrate need with income verification (paycheck stubs) and bills
4. Our assistance must guarantee housing or utilities for 30 days