



## Who We Are

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) creates lasting solutions to economic, educational and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration and innovation. We provide high-quality early childhood education for low-income families and basic needs assistance for those in financial crisis.

## 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.



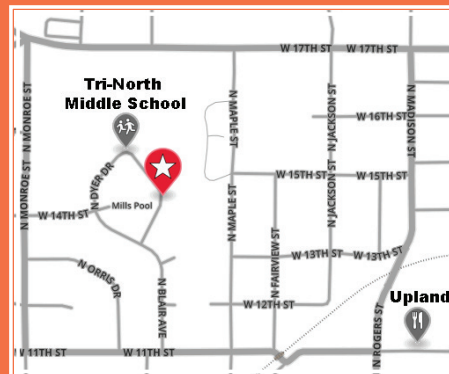
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## Getting Here

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



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# Self Sufficiency Center



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

**Our coaches can help.**

## What We Provide

MCUM's Self Sufficiency Center is here to help you work toward financial stability. Here are the services we can provide in addition to the Game Plan you will create with your coach:

### Food Pantry

Our food pantry will be open for shoppers every afternoon. Your coach will give you a shopping card that will allow up to three visits over a six month period. With a shopping card, you will be able to select food items for your household.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Please refer to our Financial Assistance brochure for complete details.



### Bus Tickets

We can provide tickets once every 90 days, for basic needs transportation.

### Referrals

If needed, we can help connect you with our great network of local service agencies.

### Hygiene & Cleaning Supplies

MCUM stocks a closet of hygiene items and cleaning supplies, which cannot be purchased using SNAP benefits (food stamps).

## Our Hours

**Appointments**    **8 AM - 12 PM**  
(Self Sufficiency & Financial)    **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Call 812-3393429 x15 to schedule an appointment.  
Or, schedule online at [www.mcum.org/programs/ssc](http://www.mcum.org/programs/ssc)

**Food Pantry**    **12-5 PM**  
(with access card)    **Monday, Thursday, Friday**  
                                 **12-7 PM**  
                                 **Tuesday**

**Walk-Ins**    **12-5 PM**  
                         **Monday, Thursday, Friday**  
                         **12-6 PM**  
                         **Tuesday**

Our facility closes at the hours listed above; If you're joining us for the Food Pantry or Walk-In hours, please be sure to arrive with sufficient time for shopping and/or coaching to be completed by the time MCUM closes.

## What is the Self Sufficiency Center?

At MCUM, we recognize no two household's journeys toward self sufficiency are identical. Our coaches want you to have choices along the way.

As a first-time visitor, you will meet with a coach to determine your household's needs and potential actions to meet those needs, including ways MCUM can help (food, hygiene items, etc.) as well as ways for you to participate in your own solutions. Together, you will construct a Game Plan for moving forward - with referrals, MCUM services, follow-up support from your coach, and your own step-by-step actions -- all detailed in one document.

Subsequent visits can include appointments or walk-ins to meet with your coach to work on any issue that affects your self sufficiency, including financial literacy, support on applications for other social services, housing issues, or education. During any of your time with a coach, MCUM can make referrals to other services, including our Food Pantry, Opportunity House, financial assistance, or our hygiene/cleaning closet.

We hope this program will empower you to take control of your future and support your needs and personal preferences.

Valuing dignity, autonomy, and efficient use of resources, the Self Sufficiency Center reflects the values and culture of the staff and supporters of MCUM.