



Working Together

August 2017

Calling All Supporters! Each One, Feed One is August 11-13

Did you know that in 2017, MCUM's food pantry has served an average of 39% more people each month relative to just last year? That translates into nearly 150 more local families each month who are looking to MCUM to help make ends meet. And that makes this year's **Each One, Feed One** food drive more important than ever.

MCUM needs *you* to support your neighbors in need during the 11th-annual Each One Feed One community food drive from Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13. Each One, Feed One brings in thousands of pounds of food, as well as thousands of dollars to help refill MCUM's pantry following the busy summer months.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Store Greeters** – greet and pass out shopping lists to shoppers while collecting food and hygiene product donations.
- **Sorters** – sort donations as they arrive at MCUM and help to organize the pantry.

Sign up today at
mcum.org/EOFO2017,
or contact Steve Thomas at
(812) 339-3429 x24 or
sthomas@mcum.org

There are many ways to participate, but one of the most important contributions you can make is as a volunteer: MCUM needs more than 200 volunteers to help make this event a success!

Volunteer on your own, with your family, or as part of a group! Your efforts will help MCUM meet our goal of collecting 16,000 pounds of food in just three days.

Volunteer shifts typically last three hours, and volunteers should feel comfortable with light lifting and standing for periods of time. MCUM will provide water, and those working back-to-back shifts on Saturday will be treated to lunch.

Thank you for devoting your time to feed those who need your support; we can't wait to see you on August 11-13!

How can you make a difference?



In addition to volunteering, there are two other ways to support MCUM:

1) Food or hygiene/cleaning supply donations can be dropped off at MCUM or given to volunteers at the entrances to the following stores and locations:

- Bloomingfoods (both locations)
- Fresh Thyme
- Hometown IGA (Ellettsville)
- Kroger stores (all locations)
- Wal-Mart

2) Direct financial donations to help reach MCUM's **\$10,000** goal can be made at mcum.org/donate or by mailing a check to MCUM with "EOFO" in the memo line. Reaching this financial goal would allow MCUM to receive more than **50,000 lbs of food** through the Hoosier Hills Food Bank and other discount food suppliers.

Each One, Feed One is made possible by *you*, by the support of the stores listed above, and by that of the sponsors on page 2.

Thank you all for your support!

Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Soups (condensed or ready-to-eat)
- Macaroni & cheese
- Canned tomatoes
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit
- Canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiO's)

Cleaning Closet

- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaners
- Paper Towels
- Baby wipes
- Diapers, sizes 5 & 6 only
- Men's Deodorant
- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Mens' and Womens' underwear
- Kids' socks & underwear

Childcare

- Construction paper
- Blunt-tip kids scissors
- Glue
- Washable kids' paint
- Containers with lids (all sizes shoe box or larger)

Office

- Pens
- Glue sticks
- Copy paper
- Bar stool w/back
- Projector (for computers)

Traveling this summer?

Collect any unused, travel-size toiletries from hotels and donate them to MCUM to give out in our pantry!

Welcome aboard!

With MCUM's new Compass Early Learning Center - Downtown opening to families on August 9, it is our honor to welcome our new staff members who will provide exceptional service at both of our Compass locations!

Congratulations, and welcome to the MCUM family!

- Maddie Cain
- Shannon Crum
- Kayla Delaplane
- Danielle Gwaltney
- Heather Hearn
- BriAnn Lady
- Ashley Marion
- Sam Mehay
- Alex Morris
- Kati Oard
- Megan Ortman
- Maddie Phillips
- Sam Rossodivito
- Kierston Shively

Welcome also to new **Self-Sufficiency Center Coach** Gene Hoard! We are thrilled to have you at MCUM, helping families to become self-reliant!

Thank you to all of this year's Each One, Feed One Sponsors

Each One, Feed One is the largest of MCUM's annual food- and fund-raisers. Each year, a myriad of sponsors make this community-wide event possible.

We would like to recognize our 2017 sponsors, without whose support, Each One, Feed One could not succeed:

- American Legion, Post 18
 - Bill C. Brown Associates
 - Bloomfield State Bank
 - Bunger & Robertson
 - CFC Properties, Inc.
 - First Insurance Group
 - Heflin Industries
 - IU Credit Union
 - Innovative Financial Solutions
 - Ivy Tech Community College
 - Old National Bank
 - Olson & Co., CPAs
 - The Peoples State Bank
 - All of our participating congregations
 - And all of our participating stores:
- Thank you for your support!



Special Thanks to The Pourhouse Cafe!

MCUM would like to extend a special thank you to The Pourhouse Cafe (314 E Kirkwood Ave) for donating every tip from patrons throughout the month of July to MCUM's food pantry. Thank you for raising awareness for MCUM and for your commitment to supporting social justice in Bloomington and beyond!

'Move with MCUM' Preview:

MCUM's Executive Director debuts her dance moves

On **Saturday, September 9**, MCUM Executive Director Erin Predmore will take the stage at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater for the 11th annual "**Dancing with the Celebrities**," a charitable dance competition sponsored by Arthur Murray Dance Center.

Inspired by "Dancing with the Stars," 7 local non-profit leaders (including Erin) will each perform three routines on-stage alongside a professional dance partner provided by Arthur Murray. Judges score the routines while audiences "vote" with their wallets for their favorite performances and area non-profits (including MCUM).

After months of professional lessons and endless rehearsals, Erin will cut a rug for a cause--but not before debuting her moves at an *exclusive preview* for MCUM supporters!

On **Saturday, August 26**, from **7-8:30 p.m.**, MCUM supporters are invited to experience a sneak peek of Erin's moves at the Arthur Murray Dance Studio (1711 N. College Ave). "**Move with MCUM**" will showcase one of Erin's three dances in advance of the main event. Erin will then lead a **FREE** lesson of her own, teaching all in attendance the secrets of her routine and opening the floor for dancing!



Erin has been taking lessons from the Arthur Murray Dance Center since April; she's determined to help MCUM bring home the coveted "Mirror Ball" Trophy!

All ages are welcome, and snacks and drinks will be provided. A cash bar (beer and wine) will be available for those 21+, with 100% of all proceeds helping to fund MCUM's programs. This is a **FREE** event designed to bring MCUM's network of supporters together to cheer, laugh, and dance as one. It's also a great way to introduce friends and family to MCUM, as information about our programs will also be available at the event. Please join us for both of these exciting events and shake up the end of your summer!

Tickets for "**Dancing with the Celebrities**" are \$25 and available directly through MCUM; just call Steve at (812) 339-3429 x24. No tickets are needed for "**Move with MCUM**" - just bring yourself and your dancing shoes!

Thank You!

This month, we would like to express our appreciation for...

- St. Mark's United Methodist Church & the United Methodist Women's Group for once again hosting the "Fun, Food, & Fellowship Fashion Show and Tea" in support of MCUM. The annual event features homemade treats, tea, and a chic fashion show with styles provided by Chico's, Christopher Banks and The Opportunity House. This year's event raised nearly \$3,000 to support MCUM's childcare and Self-Sufficiency Center! Thank you to the event organizers and to all who attended and donated; what a tremendous show!
- Volunteer groups from the Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute (UIFI), retreats at Solsberry Hill, and from the Bloomington Target store for helping to paint, clean, arrange, and organize our classrooms Downtown all summer long; we could not have done it without you!
- All donors who sponsored families and support the summer swim program for our kiddos. Swim lessons began in July and will continue throughout August!
- The Opportunity House and all of its volunteers, who continue to tirelessly support MCUM all year-round!



Move with MCUM: Free, August 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Arthur Murray Dance Studio
Dancing with the Celebrities: \$25, September 9, 7:30 p.m. Buskirk Chumley Theater

Mark your calendars, invite your friends,
and don't miss these incredible events!





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Save a tree!

Sign up to receive our new eNewsletter.
Email kbroadfoot@mcum.org to make the switch!

Self Sufficiency Center

Monday, Thursday, & Friday

Appointment only: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Food pantry only: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Walk-ins: 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday:

Appointment only: 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Food pantry only: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Walk-ins: 12:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: CLOSED

Childcare

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Main Office

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Leadership Staff

Executive Director: Erin Predmore

Development Director: Katie Broadfoot

Office Manager: Shannon Hampton

Childcare Director: Traci Mehay

Education Coordinator: Tina Burress



Please recycle this newsletter or share it with a friend.

Opportunity House is Online!

Exciting news: The Opportunity House has just launched its own website! **OpHouseThrift.org** is a new online destination for all things Opportunity House, including information, photos, and volunteer applications. The website also links directly to the Opportunity House's Facebook account, where unbelievable sales and product photos are posted weekly.

Visit the website and "Like" Opportunity House on Facebook to stay up-to-date on all the summer sales! We appreciate your support!

Volunteer with Opportunity House

Are you looking for a new volunteer experience? Do you enjoy meeting new people, helping others, or getting lost in a world of organization? Join our volunteer team at the Opportunity House!

You can fill out an application our new website, OpHouseThrift.org/ Volunteer, or call us at (812) 336-2443 for more information.

The Opportunity House is a volunteer-run resale shop that raises funds to support MCUM's programs. We are open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Contact us by calling (812) 336-2443, e-mailing ophouse68@gmail.com, or following us on Facebook!