

# Working Together

August 2018

## Calling All Supporters! Each One, Feed One is August 10-12

Did you know that in 2018, MCUM's food pantry has served an average of 16% more people each month relative to just last year? That translates into nearly 3,000 more meals each month for local families 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 12th-annual Each One Feed One community food drive from Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12. 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.

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!

### 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](http://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!

### 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/EOFO](http://mcum.org/EOFO),  
**or contact Katie Broadfoot at**  
**(812) 339-3429 x18 or**  
[kbroadfoot@mcum.org](mailto:kbroadfoot@mcum.org)

Volunteer on your own, with your family, or as part of a group! Your efforts will help MCUM meet our goal of collecting 16-18,000 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 10-12!

## Current Needs

### Food Pantry

- Peanut butter (medium jars, please)
- Small cereal
- Canned beans
- Condensed soup
- Tomato products
- Canned chicken
- Canned and dried fruit

### Cleaning Closet

- Feminine products
- Toilet paper
- Baby wipes
- Spray cleaner (all-purpose)
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap

### Child Care

Please consider helping our Compass Center stock up the following Back-to-School supplies:

- Kid scissors
- Markers (thin and thick)
- Construction paper- all colors
- White paper
- Glue/Glue sticks
- Borax
- Vinegar
- Cornstarch
- Cooking oil
- Crayons
- Paint
- Watercolors
- Tracing paper
- Paintbrushes
- Googly eyes
- Yarn
- Measuring cups/spoons
- Wooden spoons

MCUM also gladly accepts *paper grocery sacks* for the food pantry. Paper bags hold more than plastic and stand up nicely. Please ask for paper when you shop and bring them to MCUM to reuse.

## Welcome aboard!

We have some new faces at MCUM! Please join us in welcoming our new staff members!

### Congratulations, and welcome to the MCUM family!



**Charity Aton** is our new Site Director at Compass Downtown. Charity has worked in childcare for 12 years. She's originally from Cloverdale and recently graduated from Indiana Wesleyan. Charity enjoys baseball, movies, parks, and traveling with her son.



**Kim Evans** is our new Marketing and Communications Coordinator. Kim brings 20 years experience as a graphic designer, writer, and marketing specialist. She's an IU graduate and native of Bloomington who loves to hike with her husband and daughter.

## 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 2018 sponsors, without whose support Each One, Feed One could not succeed:

- Bill C. Brown Associates
  - Bloomfield State Bank
  - Bunger & Robertson
  - CFC Properties, Inc.
  - First Insurance Group
  - German American Bank
  - Heflin Industries
  - IU Credit Union
  - Innovative Financial Solutions
  - Ivy Tech Community College
  - Old National Bank
  - 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. Last July, they helped us raise \$3162. Thank you for raising awareness for MCUM and for your commitment to supporting social justice in Bloomington and beyond!

## “It Takes a Village...”

This summer, our self-sufficiency staff has been making a concerted effort to further MCUM’s partnerships with other social service agencies in and around Bloomington.

Assistant Director of Operations Steve Thomas and Self-Sufficiency Coach Sandi Clothier are scheduling weekly field trips to learn more about our fellow social justice agencies in town and forge stronger and more effective relationships.

According to Steve, the reason is clear:

“Clients come to us seeking guidance, and we need to be resource experts. They are the experts on their own situations, but we have to be the experts on the resources available to them.”

MCUM’s Self-Sufficiency Center has always included referrals, but the quality of those referrals can greatly affect whether or not a client is likely to utilize them.

“Blindly walking in to an unfamiliar agency can be intimidating for anyone, but if we can connect people to other people and reduce our clients’ apprehension about a new experience, we can transform a fearful referral into a more personal one that our clients are more likely to use.”

In the last month, MCUM’s team has met with representatives from agencies like the Bloomington Township Trustee; the City of Bloomington’s Housing and Neighborhood Development Department; the MCCSC Adult Education Program; St. Vincent DePaul; and Thriving Connections, a program of the South Central Community Action Program.

The outcome of this effort is a Community Resources binder that will be used to better train our coaches and future coaches on the local resources and programs available to clients in our community. As it develops, this resource could even be shared with other agencies doing similar work to MCUM’s.

“This tool doesn’t have to be just for us,” Steve said. “It’s for others, too. We’re all in this together. We know we can’t bring people to self-sufficiency on our own; it takes a village.”

## Thank You!

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

- All donors who sponsored families and support the summer swim program for our kiddos. Swim lessons began in July and will continue throughout August!
- Valerie Merriam, a long-time volunteer in our food pantry, who is taking a much-deserved vacation after volunteering more than 72 hours so far this summer. Thank you, Valerie!
- Roger Gildersleeve, for picking up food from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank each week in Valerie’s absence.
- Everyone who has volunteered in our Food Pantry this summer. Summer is a challenging time to staff the pantry, so we appreciate your help. If you’re interested in volunteering, please email Steve Thomas at [sthomas@mcum.org](mailto:sthomas@mcum.org).
- The Opportunity House and all of its volunteers, who continue to tirelessly support MCUM year-round!

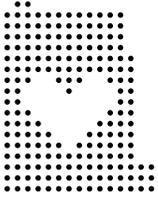
## Supporter Spotlight



**St. Mark’s United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women’s Group** recently hosted their annual “Fun, Food, & Fellowship Fashion Show and Tea” in support of MCUM.

The event featured homemade treats, tea, and a chic fashion show with styles provided by Chico’s, Christopher Banks and The Opportunity House.

**This year’s fashion show raised over \$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!



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### **Save a tree!**

Sign up to receive our new eNewsletter.  
Email [kevans@mcum.org](mailto:kevans@mcum.org) to make the switch!

### *Hours of Operation:*

#### **Self Sufficiency Center**

##### **Monday, Thursday & Friday**

Appointment only: 8:00-12:00

Food pantry only: 12:00-5:00

Walk-ins: 12:00-4:30

##### **Tuesday:**

Appointment only: 8:00-12:00

Food pantry only: 12:00-7:00

Walk-ins: 12:00-6:30

**Wednesday:** CLOSED

#### **Compass Early Learning Center**

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

### *Leadership Staff:*

Interim Executive Director: Katie Broadfoot  
Director of Operations: Jen Smallwood  
Asst. Director of Operations: Steve Thomas  
Development Director: Katie Broadfoot  
Office Manager: Shannon Hampton  
Site Director - North: Jamie Buck  
Site Director - Downtown: Charity Aton

## **Opportunity House**

Opportunity House, located at 907 W. 11th Street, 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, with donations accepted 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call us at (812) 336-2443 or follow us on Facebook!

Donations of gently used items are always welcome.

### *A Message from the Store Manager:*

The Opportunity House has all your late summer and back-to-school needs and wants, including swim suits, shorts, capris, knit tops, and more. Come in today and see the variety of unique items we have at very low prices.

Our loyal volunteers are always here to help you shop. We are so thankful for them, as well as our customers, and those who donate! As you know, our profits go to help MCUM with their preschool and other great programs they offer the community. Come see us soon - new items are added to the store daily!



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