

The Newsletter of Monroe County United Ministries

Working Together

January 2019

Corporate Sponsorship Makes a BIG Difference

2018 marked the tenth year Oliver Winery has partnered with us to support families in need during the holidays. Each year, they solicit donations from their staff to help adopt Compass families and fulfill their holiday wish lists. Their donations committee then MATCHES the money that staff raise.

This year, Oliver Winery staff contributed \$750, and with the company match, that brought the total to \$1500! With this, they purchased two food baskets, provided gifts for two families and provided 300+ pounds of supplies.

Oliver Winery is just one example of how a corporate sponsor can share their generosity with the community.

Now that the holidays are over, we have NEW sponsorship opportunities for local businesses to consider in the following areas:

- 1. Food Pantry Sponsorships:** Co-sponsor or sponsor the food pantry for one month (\$500-1,000). This allows us to make supplemental purchases to restock the pantry based on that month's donations/demand.
- 2. Compass ELC Sponsorships:** Sponsor a classroom or Compass student for 1-12 months in 2019 (\$978 and up). This closes the gap between fee scale payment and true cost of care for children considered "low-income" in that room, as well as teaching staff, training, and development, classroom supplies, and field trips.

Do you know of a local business who might be interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for either of these MCUM programs in 2019? Learn more about the options and benefits here: www.mcum.org/sponsor



End-of-Year Campaign Update



Wow! We are overwhelmed with gratitude for our generous donors who had already lifted us to 87% of our campaign's goal before the break for the holidays. We will be collecting and counting incoming checks through mid-January and will report back in February with our grand total. Thank you to all who participated in our end-of-year campaign – your support is just remarkable!



For the tenth year in a row, Oliver Winery held a corporate match program then purchased, wrapped, and delivered holiday donations to MCUM.

Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Canned tomatoes
- Baking mixes
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Condensed soups
- Carrots
- Canned chicken
- Cereal (sm/med boxes)

Cleaning Closet

- Laundry soap
- Dish soap
- All-purpose cleaners
- Shampoo
- Men's deodorant
- Size 5-6 diapers

Child Care

Please consider helping our Compass Center stock up the following supplies:

- Paper doilies
- Animal or scenery calendars (out dated)
- Yarn
- Sponges
- Cotton balls
- Ribbon
- Velcro
- Tissue paper
- Glue
- Stickers

Did You Know?

MCUM accepts Ensure and other nutritional drinks for our food pantry. Many of our clients face health programs that make it difficult to maintain weight or eat solid food. If you or someone you know has and no longer uses these products, please consider donating them to MCUM.

Meet Kay Goodman

MCUM's new Self-Sufficiency Coach



Proud and excited – these are two words Kay Goodman chooses to describe her first two weeks on the job as MCUM's new Self-Sufficiency Coach. Kay comes to us after serving for four years as a Family Advocate for Head Start families at SCAAP. Kay has walked in similar shoes as the clients she now serves at MCUM. As a single mother, she sought support from Thriving Connections, where she says the network of support she received helped her cross the finish line and earn her college diploma in Human Services. And she

has been giving back ever since. In her new job here at MCUM, Kay is most looking forward to working with families in our new *Your Path* program and discovering the goals and aspirations they have. "I love people and listening to them," Kay says, "It's all about relationships, and I know how important it is to provide a safe space for them to open up." Her favorite moment so far occurred when she was speaking with a client in her office. "We were talking about her new life as an empty-nester, and we just clicked. She was able to open up to me and explore some new directions. This is why I'm here." She also added that everyone she has met at MCUM is "so nice and helpful." Kay's excitement for the job is infectious, and we're proud and excited too! Please join us in welcoming Kay to our team.

Thank you, Community Foundation!



Pictured L to R: Marcus Whited, Jennie Vaughan, Katie Broadfoot, Steve Thomas, Kay Goodman, and Bryan Hane.

GREAT NEWS! MCUM has been awarded a \$30,000 Community Impact Grant from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County to pilot our Self-Sufficiency Center's *Your Path* program! The grant will fund coaches, professional development, and program materials to aid clients experiencing poverty who are working towards self-sufficiency. We are excited to launch the program in January and start our clients on their paths to self-sufficiency.

Holiday Wishes Come True



Another holiday season is in the books at MCUM, and thanks to your support, our programs went off without a hitch! This year, we think you all set a record for being the jolliest, busiest, and most selfless holiday stewards of good deeds. Here is what YOU added to the holiday season for so many people in Monroe County:

- 54 Compass Early Learning Center families were matched with gift sponsors for Christmas
- 10 schools, businesses, clubs, & families hosted food drives that kept our pantry stocked during our busiest season
- All the classrooms at Compass-Downtown were adopted by donors, who re-stocked their art supplies, provided caffeine for the teachers (a necessity!), and provided a gift card for the lead teachers to purchase most-needed items for their classrooms
- More than 85 families received food baskets, which provided a special holiday meal – complete with a ham or turkey!



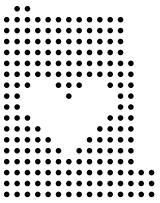
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Save a tree!

Sign up to receive our new eNewsletter.
Email 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

Self-Sufficiency Center Program Director:

Steve Thomas

Development Director: Katie Broadfoot

Office Manager: Shannon Hampton

Site Director - North: Jamie Buck

Site Director - Downtown: Charity Aton

Why Re-Gift When You Can Re-Give?

The gift-giving holidays often go one of two ways: You either get that something special you've always wanted... or you find yourself the new owner of something that you don't. Either way, Opportunity House can help!

If you received a beautiful new something, bring your older, gently-used one to Op House! Or donate your unwanted gifts so they can become that something special someone *else* has always wanted. Who knows? You might even find what you were looking for all along! No matter what you give or buy, your donation directly supports MCUM and our programs: Support MCUM by supporting Op House!

Volunteer in the New Year

Haven't made a New Year's Resolution yet? How about spending more time volunteering in your community? Come meet new people, help others, and get lost in a world of organization: Join our volunteer team!

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!



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