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.

Directions and Map

From downtown Bloomington:
Take Walnut to 11th Street,
turn left. Drive past Upland
and go under the train tracks.
Turn right on Blair. Turn right
on Dyer. Turn right on 14th Ct.
and go to building on the right.



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Emergency Services Program

Are you in need of Emergency Assistance? Do you need food, clothing, rent, or utility assistance?

We Can Help.

Subsidized childcare and volunteer opportunities are also available.

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What Services Do We Provide?

MCUM offers three major types of Emergency Assistance:

<u>FOOD</u> — We provide three days



worth of food, based on the number of household members. Food is given once in 30 days.

CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD

SUPPLIES — We provide vouchers for items which are redeemable at Opportunity House, a local thrift store who works with MCUM. Clothing/household supplies are given once in 90 days.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RENT

<u>& UTILITIES</u> — We offer up to a onemonth 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. MCUM's caseworkers see most clients on a walk-in basis from 8:00 am - 11:30 am and 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Services one can receive on a walk-in basis are:

- Food (once in 30 days)
- Clothing/Household Item Voucher (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. Clients seeking financial assistance for rent or utilities must make an appointment with the caseworker.

These requirements **must** be met to receive financial assistance:

- Must have applied to the appropriate township trustee for the same expense and received a decision within the past 30 days
 (Remember, you have rights!)
- 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 (check stubs) and bills
- 4. Our assistance must guarantee housing or utilities for 30 days.

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