Investing in Quality Care Matters

MCUM’s Childcare Program has recently been re-accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and continues to maintain its Level 4 status through the Paths to Quality voluntary assessment program.

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Did you know MCUM’s fee scale removes a major barrier to parents’ employment by enabling them to send their children to our licensed, accredited program all day, all year?

*An additional 48 children are enrolled through the CCDF voucher program.
Current Needs

Food Pantry
The Each One Feed One food drive brought in 13,800 lbs of food! We still need 2,200 lbs, especially of:
- Cereal
- Proteins (tuna, chicken, beef stew, etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Rice
- Dry beans
- Spaghetti sauce

Cleaning Closet
- Shampoo
- General cleaner spray
- Mens & women’s underwear

Childcare
- Plastic bins with lids any size
- 24 piece puzzles
- Barbies
- Felt any color
- Lamination 3ml.
- Construction paper any color
- Artificial flowers

MCUM 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.

Free Family-Friendly FUN with MCUM
September 25 | 3-6 pm | RSVP: kbroadfoot@mcum.org

You’re Invited to MCUM’s Community Open House AND BBQ
Celebrating our new Food Pantry & Playgroup
Sunday September 25
3-6 PM
827 W. 14th Ct., Bloomington, IN 47404
RSVP to Katie at kbroadfoot@mcum.org
FREE interactive tours, food, and fun!

Each One, Feed One a Success
Over a ten-day time period, the community came together to add 13,800 pounds of food and hygiene items to our pantry and cleaning closet. Thank you! We are especially proud considering the torrential downpour we experienced during our collection times. Our community also raised more than $12,500 for our new self-sufficiency center (emergency services). We’d like to thank the volunteers who so generously helped make this year’s food drive so successful:

- John & Wendy VanderZee
- Flo Davis
- The Kiwanis Club
- Carol Darling
- Daryl & Kathleen Bogness
- Carol Peterman
- Rae Ann Tibbs
- John & Mary Jo Sgro
- Jo Weddle
- Lucy Young
- Dan Kirwin
- Steve Ingle
- Doug & Dawna Petersen
- Diane Gregory
- Naomi Orsay
- Amal Altoma
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- Steve Ingle
- Doug & Dawna Petersen
- Diane Gregory
- Naomi Orsay
- Amal Altoma
- Pat Martin
- Mary Ellen Brown
- Pam Christenberry
- Rush Chesmore
- Steve & Traci Mehay
- Phil Stradling
- Lorena Miller
- Cherri DuPree
- Amy Lanham
- & family
- Lauren Zarazee
- Addy & Laura Kao
- Kathy McDonald
- Janet Schell
- Gail Seegert
- Carolyn & Libby Anderson
- Melissa Spas
- Andrew, Miles,
- Amelia, & Walt
- Predmore
- Nathan Broadfoot
- Mike & Tina Burress
- Evelyn Pender
- Shannon Hampton
- Marcie & Anna Ropp
- Norm & Jeanne
- Overly
- Bill & Phyllis Perkins
- Marcie Francis
- Phyllis &
- Debbie Eads
- Sally Baird
- Linda Easten
- Jenn Webeck
- & family
- St. Thomas Youth
- Barb Clark
- Vicky Polansky
- Cheryl Munson
- Scott Goodall
- Natasha Magers
- Brittney Denton
- Lori Garraghty
- Leslie Green
- Sandi Clothier
- Joan Cauliton
- Joel Schneider & family
- Amy Young
- Byron Bangert
- Jane Harnett
- Judy Bush
- Tom & Vicki King
- Abbas Smiley

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The Buzz about Quality, Accredited Early Childhood Education

You already know MCUM’s childcare program is the only one of its kind in Monroe County: the only one to be licensed, accredited, & of the highest possible quality to focus on low-income families. But, what does that mean and how much does it really matter - especially for those without children? Let’s break it down:

Accreditation.
MCUM is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). To receive and maintain accreditation, MCUM meets the following 10 criteria (in a nutshell!):

- 1. Relationships: promotes positive relationships to encourage each child’s sense of worth & belonging
- 2. Curriculum: implements a curriculum that promotes social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive learning & development
- 3. Teaching: program uses developmentally-appropriate teaching methods
- 4. Assessment of Progress: measures children’s learning & development to inform program approaches
- 5. Health: promotes nutrition & health for children and staff
- 6. Teachers: employs staff with necessary qualifications
- 7. Families: establishes & maintains relationships with each family
- 8. Community: uses community relationships & resources to support achievement of program goals
- 10. Leadership: program effectively implements policies that support stable staff & strong personnel, fiscal, and program management.

Quality
MCUM is a Level 4 (highest possible) program through the Paths to Quality voluntary assessment program. Level 4 indicates MCUM meets basic health & safety standards (1); offers a consistent daily schedule, planned activities for children, and information for families (2); implement a curriculum that promotes school-readiness (3); and, have achieved national accreditation (4).

How do accreditation & quality impact our community?

As of this July, Monroe County’s unemployment rate was 5.1%. Children who attend high quality, programs like MCUM’s:

- are more likely to finish high school & more likely to earn a higher degree.
- are more likely to be consistently-employed as adults.

Which means...
+ job access - supportive services
+ consumer buying power

Quality and accreditation also influence civic participation. Compared to their peers who do not attend high-quality, accredited programs, children:

- experience lower delinquency & incarceration rates (up to 43% less!)
- have more preparation to be effective, loving parents of the next generation
- participate more in society as adults
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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, including:

A Message from the Store Manager:

Opportunity House is getting ready to stock its shelves for the fall season - light coats, Halloween costumes, cornucopias, and more!

Please follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date about our weekly sales.

And... don’t forget to tell your friends about us!