

The Newsletter of Monroe County United Ministries

Working Together

May 2018

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7-11

The first week of May is designated as the special time to honor those who lend their passion and skills to helping children - the real-life superheroes of this world - teachers. Why do we consider our teachers superheroes? They educate, innovate, encourage and support. Every day they touch the lives of the children and families enrolled at Compass and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

We think this quote from Amber Tearmann says it best:

“Teachers are in a unique position to accomplish what so few other occupations can: immortality. They live on forever in the stories shared between generations, the unforgettable memories, and the differences they made in their students’ lives.”

That is certainly true of our Compass teachers and staff. Running since 1939, our childcare program has produced hundreds of alumni who have gone on to lead full lives, in large part due to the great start they got from their excellent teachers.

Thank you MCUM teachers, past and present, for the difference you make!



Just Around the Corner: Each One, Feed One

Mark your calendars for MCUM’s annual “Each One, Feed One” community food drive! This year’s event will take place Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12.

Last year’s drive raised nearly 13,000 pounds of food and \$10,000 for the Self-Sufficiency Center. Volunteers contributed hours of their time to help collect, transport and sort food donations, as well as spread the word about MCUM’s mission. Such community support is critical to sustain MCUM’s Self-Sufficiency Center, as contributions typically decline during the summer months.

Stay tuned for details and information about volunteer opportunities.



Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Canned potatoes
- Mac n cheese
- Condensed soups
- Pasta sauce
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Baking mixes
- Crackers

Cleaning Closet

- All-purpose spray cleaner
- Laundry detergent
- Deodorant
- Soap

Summer is just around the corner... which means we expect a BIG increase in the number of visitors to our pantry. Why, you ask?

Almost 40% of Monroe County children receive free or reduced lunch (and often breakfast, too!) at school. With the school year coming to a close, their parents soon assume responsibility for these meals. Help us stock up by donating generously during the month of May!

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.

HUNGER GAMES UPDATE

We're still crunching the numbers, but we can say with complete gratitude that the Hunger Games has been a successful campaign! This year we had more food drive hosts than ever before and we'd like to thank the following groups for their efforts:

- Cub Scout Troop 123
- The Project School Brownies
- Daughters of Isabella
- Bloomington North High School
- First Christian Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- McDoel Baptist Church
- First United Church
- Good Neighbors Home Extension Club
- Bloomington High School South
- Opportunity House
- Bloomington Montessori School
- The Project School
- Fairview United Methodist Church
- Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
- Golden Living Center
- Bloomington Bar Association
- St. Paul United Methodist Church
- St. Thomas Lutheran Evangelical Church
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- First United Methodist Church
- University Baptist Church
- IU Dance Marathon
- BKD
- Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends
- Church Women United
- Woodhaven Christian Church

Thank You, Aleida!

We have had the pleasure of hosting an intern from Bloomington North High School during the 2017-2018 school year. A senior, Aleida Veldman has spent every morning (and every-other afternoon) with our development team, working on outreach and engaging the local schools in MCUM's mission. To say she's done an incredible job would be selling her short. In just one school year, Aleida helped secure 5 new partnerships who served as first-time food drive hosts.

Aleida will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall. We could not be more proud of her and wish her the best of luck in her studies!



First Quarter Outcomes Report

Here is what you helped us achieve in the first quarter of 2018:



180
students
enrolled



11,527
households
seen



688
hours
volunteered



4 out of 5 parents

said enrolling their child in MCUM's program improved their employment or educational opportunities



22,095
meals

have been provided through MCUM's client-choice food pantry, reducing food insecurity by more than 20%.

\$5,636

helped keep people
in their homes



3,108
school lunches
served

\$3,667

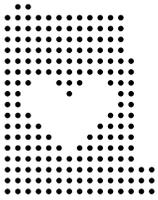
given in Opportunity
House vouchers

Want to be a part of our awesome mission?

Help us meet the need!

Between Compass Early Learning Center and the Self-Sufficiency Center, we are now serving about 230% more people than ever before. To help us keep up with the demand for our much-needed services, we rely on the generosity of folks like you.

Call Katie at 812-339-3429 ext. 18 to find out how you can get involved.



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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:

Executive Director: Erin Predmore

Director of Operations: Jen Smallwood

Assistant Director of Operations: Steve Thomas

Development Director: Katie Broadfoot

Office Manager: Shannon Hampton

Education Coordinator - North: Jamie Buck

Education Coordinator - Downtown: Kris Rundell

Now Recruiting: Justice League Members

The Justice League is MCUM's monthly giving society. These members fill out a one-time form for automatic withdrawals of funds (at an amount of their choosing) each month. During its inaugural year, the Justice League supported the equivalent of full sponsorship of all extra activities (swimming, meals, supplies, health scans, etc.) for one 3-5 year old classroom.

Members last year gave in amounts ranging from \$10-\$1,000 per month. **Together, these 8 pioneers for our new society gave about \$20,000.** Are you inspired by how the impact can really add up?!

Join this leadership group - please contact Shannon (shampton@mcum.org) to request paperwork.

Spring Luncheon Volunteers Needed

You read that right! Our big day is this week - Sunday (May 6). There are still some openings for event volunteers. Shifts range from 9:30-11 AM, 11:15 AM-2:30 PM, and 1:45-2:45 PM.

If you are available, please contact Katie (812-339-3429 ext. 18 or kbroadfoot@mcum.org) ASAP. If you volunteer for 2 or more shifts, you will receive complimentary lunch.

We cannot wait to see many of you there!



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