



The Newsletter of Monroe County United Ministries

Working Together

April 2019

Hunger Games Reach Halfway Mark

As the first half of MCUM's *Hunger Games* concludes, our supporters are heating up! Food drives are now ongoing in schools, congregations, and with other groups, from businesses to student organizations. It's shaping up to be our biggest *Hunger Games* event ever!

The *Hunger Games* continues through **April 30**, and so far, we've collected **\$10,895.97**, plus **9,500 lbs of food** for MCUM's pantry! That's **43%** and **38%** of our **\$25,000 and 25,000 lb goals**, respectively.

We're encouraged by the amazing community-wide effort we've seen. And the best part is, **we're just getting warmed up**: If you haven't yet participated in the *Hunger Games*, now is your chance to join your friends and neighbors as we close in on our shared goals:

- If you'd like to donate **non-perishable food**, please bring it to MCUM at 827 W 14th Ct, 47404, Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. It's not too late to host a food drive within your social network, office, or club! Just contact Katie at kbroadfoot@mcum.org or visit mcum.org/hungergames to get materials and get started!
- Donating **money** is even easier. Simply use the pre-addressed envelope included with this newsletter to mail in your contribution or visit mcum.org/donate. \$20 buys up to 100 lbs of food for local families!

The *Hunger Games* are bringing everyone together in the battle against hunger: **Join the fight today!**

We'd like to thank our Hunger Games donors so far:

Campus Children's Center

Meri Reinhold

St. Thomas Lutheran

Frances Klinger

St. Marks

Jeff and Kathleen Broadfoot

First United

Nancy and William Rice

First Presbyterian

Andy Hill

Fairview United Methodist

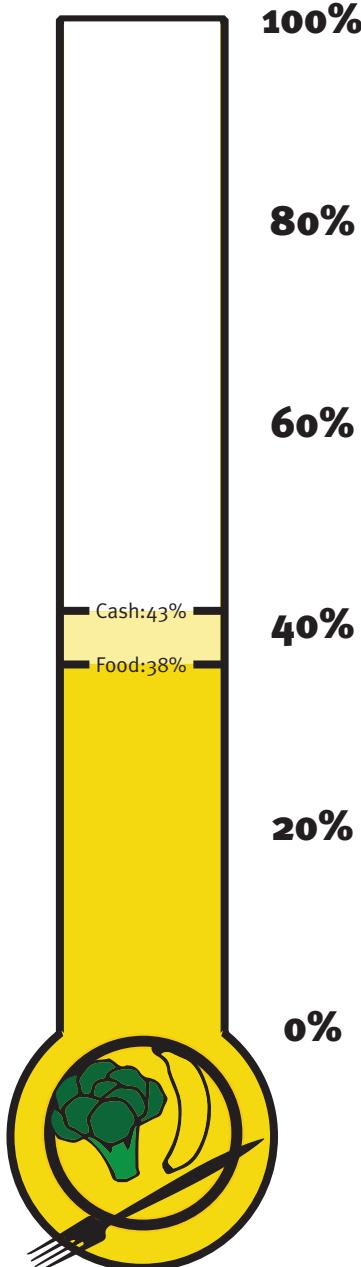
Ken Sparks

Daughters of Isabella

James and Jacqueline Dougherty

Trinity Church

**Our goal: 25,000 lbs and
\$25,000 to aid local families**



Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Green beans
- Corn
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce
- Mac and cheese
- Canned tomatoes

Cleaning Closet

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Body wash
- All purpose cleaner
- Garbage bags

Child Care

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

- Atlas of the world (large for the classroom wall)
- Maps of various places
- Baby doll furniture
- Packing tape
- Random office supplies (brass fasteners and rings to hold books together, masking tape, contact paper, folders, notebooks)
- Children's books about special needs/different abilities
- A typewriter (does not have to work) for our classroom
- A laminator to replace our broken one
- Potting soil
- Small clay pots
- Children gardening tools
- Kites
- Sponges
- Craft clay
- A volunteer to come in and teach dance, kid's yoga, or anything exciting like that to our preschoolers

WELCOME TO MCUM!



Meet Sherene Ing

Our new Self-Sufficiency Center Program Director

We have a new face at MCUM! Please join us in welcoming our new Self Sufficiency Center Director, Sherene Ing!

A graduate of Brigham Young University and the Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Sherene brings a wealth of education, experience, and expertise to her new role.

Sherene describes her experience at MCUM so far as "Great. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming. The programs are so well-run, and the people here really do care."

Her favorite moment at MCUM so far has been serving clients in the food pantry and seeing the excitement on their faces. "In that moment of exchange," she says, "you can see the gratitude."

Sherene is looking forward to getting to know our clients and working more with the community.

Originally from northern Arizona (she grew up on a Navajo reservation), Sherene has also lived in Boston, MA. She's called Bloomington her home for the past seven years along with her husband and two daughters (ages 8 and 11). She enjoys playing basketball, spending time outdoors, and making Navajo frybread with her daughters.

Congratulations, Sherene, and welcome to the MCUM family!

Thank You, Corporate Sponsors! (Part 2)

Please join us in thanking Cook Medical for becoming one of our 2019 corporate sponsors!

MCUM's sponsors help support our annual special events, such as our Spring Luncheon, Each One, Feed One food drive, and more.

Cook joins our other sponsors: Hilliard Lyons, Heflin Industries, and Ivy Tech. Thank you all for your incredible support!

Our search for 2019 special event sponsors is underway. If your business or club wants to join in, please contact Katie Broadfoot at kbroadfoot@mcum.org.



Spring Luncheon News



Are you ready to Spring Into Action?



Feeling creative? Build-a-Basket!

We've had a great response to our '**Build-a-Basket**' initiative this spring, but several themed baskets remain unclaimed! If you're feeling creative, please consider assembling your own gift package for the luncheon's Silent Auction! Your basket can retail for as little as \$25. You'll enjoy putting it together, but you'll really enjoy watching your peers compete for it in the auction!

As of this newsletter's publication date, available basket themes include:

- Gourmet Coffee
- Dog Lovers
- Death by Chocolate
- Crazy Camping
- Tailgating
- Spa Day
- Gardening
- Baking
- Baby Shower
- Cooking for Kids
- Golfing



Learn more or sign up to build your basket at mcum.org/springluncheon, or by contacting **Katie** at **(812) 339-3429 x 18** or kbroadfoot@mcum.org.

Thank You!

This month, we want to extend a special thank you to the following supporters who went the extra mile this month:

- **Lauren Bryant** for working an extra pantry shift during Spring Break
- **Meri Reinhold** for answering the call of need for a reacher-grabber tool for the pantry
- **The Raymond Foundation** for their continued support of Compass Early Learning Center

**Don't Wait!
Early Bird Prices
End April 1!**



Buy your luncheon tickets now and take advantage of our best deal!

Prices will increase after **April 1**, so get yours today!

To purchase tickets, visit mcum.org/springluncheon or mail a check to MCUM (827 W 14th Ct., Bloomington, IN 47404) with "Luncheon Tickets" in the memo line.

Questions? Call Katie at **812-339-3429 x 18**.



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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:

Sherene Ing

Development Director: Katie Broadfoot

Office Manager: Shannon Hampton

Site Director - North: Jamie Buck

Site Director - Downtown: Charity Aton

Spring Styles Coming Soon to Op House!

With winter in its final throes, warm weather is here, at last! That means amazing spring and summer wear is coming soon to the Op House sales floor! Throughout April, Opportunity House volunteers will be storing all winter gear to make room for shorts, skirts, t-shirts, polo shirts, sun dresses, and much more. And don't forget household decorations! Liven up your space with spring-themed pieces, in stock now!

Did your spring cleaning uncover your own buried treasures? Donate your gently used items to the Opportunity House! We gladly accept all donations, and proceeds support MCUM programs; we accept donations 6 days per week. See our hours below, or visit ophousethrift.org.

Volunteer Positions Available Now!

Looking for a reason to get out of the house this spring? Opportunity House welcomes new volunteers with open arms, and we would love to see YOU this season! The snow has melted, the sun is shining, and there's no better time to start volunteering in your community!

For more information about becoming a volunteer, call us at (812) 336-2443 or sign up at OpHouseThrift.org/Volunteer.

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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