

MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Our Vision: Eliminate generational poverty in Monroe County.

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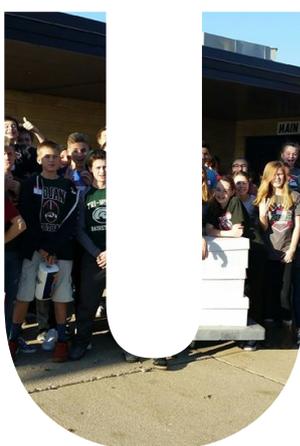
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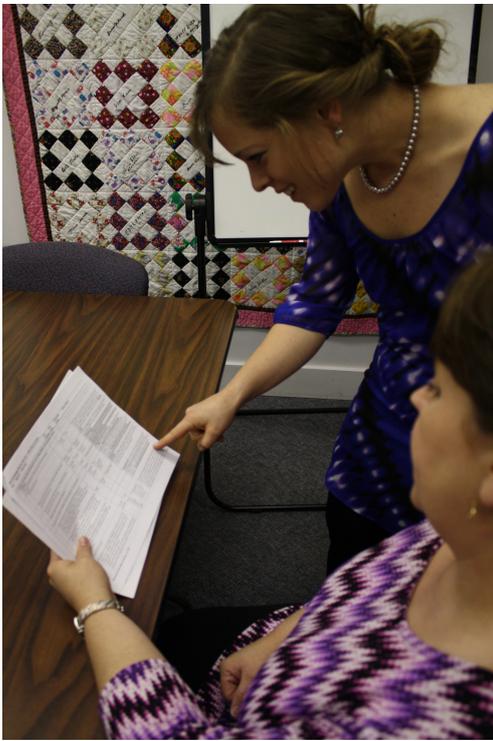
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Our Mission

Monroe County United Ministries creates lasting solutions to economic, educational and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration and innovation.





2018 Board & Staff Listing

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Kris Rundell/ Charity Aton

Site Director, Compass- North:

Jamie Buck

Why We're Here



1 in 4 Monroe County Residents live at or below the poverty level.



of Monroe County children live in poverty.

With an average income of \$39,880, but a self-sufficiency standard of \$58,535, a single-parent in Monroe County with two children is forced to choose between competing needs*:



\$1,638/
month



\$472/
month



\$475/
month



\$913/
month



\$499/
month

*<http://www.indianaselfsufficiencystandard.org>

Eliminating generational poverty...

Through its Compass Early Learning Center, MCUM provides affordable childcare for low-income, working families. Compass is the only licensed, high-quality center in Monroe County that targets low-income families and also provides a full time early childhood mental health therapist on staff as well as family access to basic needs and long-term stability coaching through its Self-Sufficiency Center.

MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center offers basic needs assistance in the form of food, cleaning and hygiene items, and clothing vouchers to Opportunity House as well as long-term financial stability through its new Your Path program. Your Path is targeted toward those who are ready for support in making improvements in one or more stressful areas of their lives pertaining to their household's ability to become and remain self-sufficient.



This is a picture of MCUM's location in 1939 when the Council of Church Women (now Church Women United) determined there was a need for services for the people, especially children, living in this neighborhood.

Please come and visit us to see what our neighborhood looks like now! We're located at 827 West 14th Court.

What we do

EST 1955

THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY CENTER

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE

Local families come to MCUM when times are tough. A sudden illness, job loss, or car accident can devastate low-income families, who may be struggling to make ends meet.



MCUM's Coaches help people access community and government resources while crafting long-term strategies for financial stability.

MCUM's client-choice food pantry feeds hundreds of families each month. It is run by volunteers and stocked with donations from the Bloomington community.



Eligible families may also receive rent or utilities assistance to prevent homelessness or power, gas, or water shut-off.

EST 1939

THE COMPASS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

QUALITY CHILDCARE WORKING FAMILIES CAN AFFORD



MCUM provides high-quality early education to as many as 160 children at once, from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

State-licensed and aligned with the standards of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Compass is recognized as one of the premier childcare providers in Monroe County.



Nearly 3/4 of our graduates leave MCUM prepared for Kindergarten, compared to just 1/3 of all entering Kindergarteners in Monroe County.

Best of all, Compass is made affordable for low-income families.

Our families pay an average of just \$60/week for care - about 1/5 the cost of comparable care on the open market.



Did you know?

Example

Example

Name: Robert Smith # 1234

Household Size: 3 + 0 Infants

Good For 3 visits. May visit up to one time each month.

Exp. Date 12/01/18

Example



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Example

MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center offers a client choice food pantry, where families in need of food receive a pantry access card (like the one pictured, left) to shop three times.

Families with an access card are invited to MCUM's shopping room where a volunteer works from a list of categories and families are able to choose items within that category they know their family will enjoy. This empowers families with choice and reduces food waste!



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2018 OUTCOMES REPORT

Here is what you helped us achieve in 2018:



76
avg. student
enrollment



15,165
households
seen



3261
hours
volunteered



4 out of 5 parents

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



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

\$16,508

helped keep people
in their homes



32,010
school lunches
served

\$20,614

given in Opportunity
House vouchers



The Year's Highlights

Opportunity House Celebrates 50 Years

"Opportunity House was founded by [the Council of Church Women] in 1968 to help low-income families with small children, but for five decades it has also been on the radar of Bloomingtonians looking for a fashionable bargain. The nonprofit resale shop, located in a rambling gray building at 907 W. 11th St., has several rooms stocked with donations of designer clothing, trendy accessories, vintage goods, jewelry, housewares, and books. Sales benefit [MCUM]." - Bloom Magazine 2018

Opportunity House is one of MCUM's oldest and most consistent community partners. The store accepts gently used clothing, shoes, and small housewares and sells them to shoppers, including MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center clients.

Bloom Magazine featured Opportunity House in its April publication with a photo shoot featuring an Op House volunteer and two MCUM staff members.



Mental Health Therapist Hired

Bloomington Health Foundation has partnered with MCUM to offer a three-year, \$181,500 grant to fully fund the salary and start up expenses of a licenced early childhood mental health therapist.

Megan Stahly serves clients at Compass North and Downtown. When asked to describe her first thirty days on the job, she chose two words: FUN and EDUCATIONAL. "Meeting the kids and teachers has been so fun," she says. And the educational piece comes from the fact that she is creating her role as she goes.

Megan works closely with Compass parents to help their children be successful. This includes helping them build social skills, healthy coping strategies, and anger management. As a social worker, she also connects families with local resources. She works with the whole family system and teachers within a community context, something she refers to as "the wraparound approach."



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

More than 150 individuals donated their time, talents, and energy to MCUM in 2018 and we could not have boasted such impressive annual outcomes without their help. THANK YOU!

This year, staff welcomed a new Volunteer Coordinator to the team: Maddie Spickard. Maddie is a student at the O'Neill School of Public & Environmental Affairs at Indiana University and will be with us for two years.

Jim, a.k.a., “Jim of all trades,” is always here to answer the call. Jim is MCUM's go-to volunteer car mechanic, volunteer repairman, volunteer builder, and weekly recycling guy. Jim is also a Be More Award Nominee through the Bloomington Volunteer Network for his selfless service to MCUM.

Lee Van Buskirk is responsible for keeping buildings and facilities in working condition so that MCUM is able to operate. Lee has done incredible work in all of the organization's buildings including drywall, installing floors, construction, and etc. The money that Lee saves MCUM on maintenance allows for more food for families in need and helps buy toys or supplies for children at the childcare center. Lee is also a Be More Award Nominee through the Bloomington Volunteer Network.



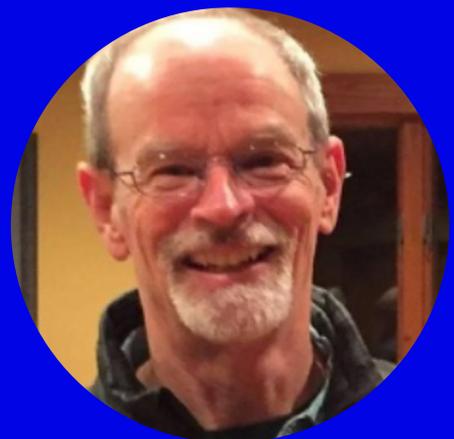
MADDIE SPICKARD

Volunteer Coordinator



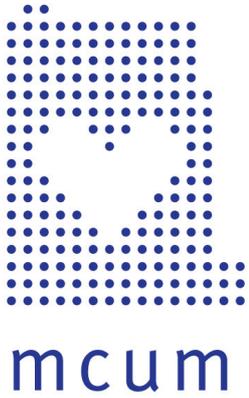
JIM BURTON

Be More Award Nominee



LEE VAN BUSKIRK

Be More Award Nominee



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**Thank you for supporting MCUM's vision of a
community free of poverty and injustice!**

