Valued Subscriber

Greetings! I hope this e-news finds you safe and staying healthy as we learn to adjust to this new 'normal'.

I am thrilled to inform you that since the last newsletter, in addition to expanding our Self-Sufficiency Center hours and services, we have also carefully, thoughtfully, and intentionally reopened the Compass Early Learning Center at partial capacity and with modified hours. To do so safely, we implemented new protocol to ensure the safety of all our staff, clients, children, and their families.

Looking to make a donation this year? Resulting from the CARES Act, taxpayers can now take a deduction for up to $300 in charitable contributions ($600 for married couples), even if you don't itemize on your 2020 tax form. If you have the means to support MCUM during this time, donate today. Please contact me if you have any questions of this great opportunity to support MCUM.

As always, thank you for your generous support of those who need it most in our community.

Sincerely,

Katie

Monroe County United Ministries

P.S. Did you miss our cute video to the community? Fret not - you can view it now, by clicking here.

Volunteer of the Month:
Susan Siena
In May 2019, Susan started serving at MCUM as a summer food pantry volunteer and continues to help during holiday breaks throughout the academic year. She hopes to be back sometime soon, once the world returns back to normal. We asked Susan to tell us why she volunteers at MCUM:

"I started volunteering as a way to give back to the community, and I’ve found that I really enjoy the work. It is rewarding to see people of so many different faith traditions coming together to make a difference, and it is also rewarding to get a chance to meet some of the clients as they select their groceries. I even enjoy sorting food into its correct location!"

Thank you Susan! We are so appreciative of all our volunteers.

Join Us for Miles for MCUM: A Virtual Fundraiser

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**Donation Drop Off:**

- MCUM has developed a [MCUM Relief Fund](#) to help our families out financially during this trying time. You can donate to this relief fund online at [www.mcum.org/donate](http://www.mcum.org/donate)
- MCUM is still accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene items! We will have staff members on site Monday-Friday from 12-4pm to assist in collecting donations.

**When you arrive, please call:**
- 812-339-3429 at extension 14, 16, or 18.

*These numbers are also posted on our front door for your convenience.*

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time! We are very appreciative for the continued support.

**Local Resources:**
Bloomington Food Resource List (comprehensive guide to local food pantries, restaurants helping with food insecurity, community initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and more!)

Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Resource Guide

Save the Date: June 27-28

Each One, Feed One Food Drive

This will be a modified version of the drive we all know and love - so stay tuned and be ready to donate food, cleaning products, and hygiene items during this important weekend.

More information coming soon!