

# Monroe County United Ministries



January 2021



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### Donations:

You can donate [online](#) any time - we now accept PayPal!

From 12 PM - 4 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday (or other times by appointment) MCUM is [accepting food, cleaning, and hygiene item donations](#).

When you arrive, please ring the door bell!

## Current Needs

### Cleaning Closet

- Paper Towels
- All-purpose cleaners/wipes
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Kleenex

### Food Pantry

- Canned Fruit
- Dried Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Helper Meals

## Valued Subscriber

Thank you. This past year has been one of confusion and stress for all of us but none more so than the low-income families of this community. Your support this past year has ensured we will be able to meet the needs of our community as we move into 2021. As the pandemic continues, there will be a continued rise in local residents seeking assistance, and because of your support, we will be able to meet this need head on.

At MCUM we continue to be inspired by your generosity. Thank you for making this a community of helpers.

Wishing a safe and happy start to your new year!

Sincerely,  
*Mary Jean*

Development Director  
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## End of Year Totals



We are please to announce that, we not only reached our year-end goal but surpassed it with flying colors! Throughout the campaign we received over \$164,000 in donations. THANK YOU!!!!

These donations have enabled MCUM to provide hundreds of individuals and families with

- Desserts

## Childcare

- Stainless Steel Pots & Pan
- Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Pompoms
- Cotton Balls
- Dry Ease Markers



Coats, socks, hats, and other winter items brought in by St. Marks for the kids and families at Compass



Community Ford Lincoln of Bloomington (with the help of Gerry La Padula), hosted a cleaning and hygiene drive, bringing in 254 pounds for clients.

basic needs assistance and childcare support during one of the most stressful years in modern history. Look at these numbers and see what your support provided:

- **99** children enrolled at Compass
- **2,348** individuals received Opportunity House Vouchers
- **5,713** families received cleaning and hygiene items
- **7,867** persons used our Food Pantry
- **29,568** meals and snacks served at Compass
- **70,884** meals provided to families

And on top off all that, we received **48,728 pounds** of food, cleaning, and hygiene products throughout 2020.

We are making a difference to individuals and families in Monroe County. All of this is possible thanks to you!

## Welcome to our new Board Members

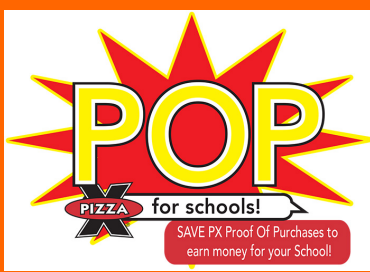
Please join us in Welcoming our four new Board Members:

**Susan Siena** moved to Bloomington in early 2003 and teaches at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. She represents Trinity Episcopal Church on the board and has enjoyed volunteering in the MCUM food pantry. Susan lives in downtown Bloomington with her husband, dog, and two teenage daughters. She will be serving on the Fundraising and Finance Committee.

**Julie Beasley** resides in Bloomington with her husband, Adam, and three sons, Brady, William and Beau. With 15 years of experience in human resources roles, Julie is excited to join the MCUM Board and serve on the Personnel Committee. Julie will also complete a Master of Public Affairs degree with a focus on Public Management with the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in May. Julie also serves on the Bloomington Sunrise Rotary Board.

**Rachael Scott** is a Compass Parent, offering MCUM a new perspective on the board. She attends Sherwood Oaks Christian Church and works for the county's probation depart. This year, Rachael will be serving on the Program Committee.

**April Stilwell** is a busy Mom of two middle schoolers, a small business owner, Administrative Assistant at a local elementary school, and currently in the Master of Social Work program at Indiana University! In her free time she loves to volunteer at the Opportunity House, which is what brought her to MCUM. She is on the fundraising committee and look forward to using her nonprofit background to support this wonderful organization.



We are pleased to announce  
Compass is now part of  
[Pizza X's POP for schools.](#)  
We are asking all MCUM fans  
to collect and save Pizza X  
Proof-Of-Purchase (POP)  
tabs from your pizza boxes  
and drop them off at MCUM.  
Each Proof-of-Purchase tab  
is worth 25 cents.

## **Board Members Leaving**

We would like to take a moment and thank the board members who have finished up their term at the end of 2020. MCUM is a better place because of their hard work.

**Steve Schechter** has served on the board since 2018. Steve was on the board development committee and helped begin the process of formalizing board recruitment and orientation. He also served as secretary and was a member of the executive committee during our Interim Executive Director period.

**Lisa Miller-Maidi** has served on the board since 2019. Lisa was our Opportunity House representative and she most recently served as the Chair of the Personnel Committee. Lisa was fundamental in facilitating MCUM's most recent salary survey, which resulted in increased wages for our front line staff members.