

MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES

WORKING TOGETHER

January 2021: The 'Thanks!' Episode

Incoming Board Members

Susan Siena- She represents Trinity Episcopal Church on the board and has enjoyed volunteering in the MCUM food pantry. She will be serving on the Fundraising and Finance Committee.

Julie Beasley- Julie is excited to join the MCUM Board and serve on the Personnel Committee.

Rachael Scott- A Compass Parent, offering MCUM a new perspective on the board. She represents Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Rachael will be serving on the Program Committee.

April Stillwell- She is representing the Opportunity House, which is what brought her to MCUM. She is on the fundraising committee.

Outgoing Board Members

Steve Schetcher- Served on the board since 2018. Steve was on the board development committee and served as secretary. He was also a member of the executive committee during our Interim Executive Director period.

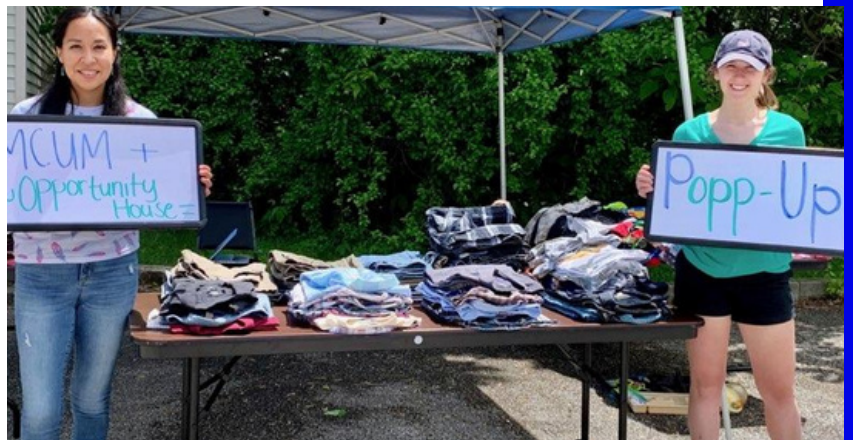
Lisa Miller-Maidi- Served on the board since 2019. Lisa was our Opportunity House representative and she most recently served as the chair of the Personnel Committee.

A STRANGE YEAR, BY THE NUMBERS

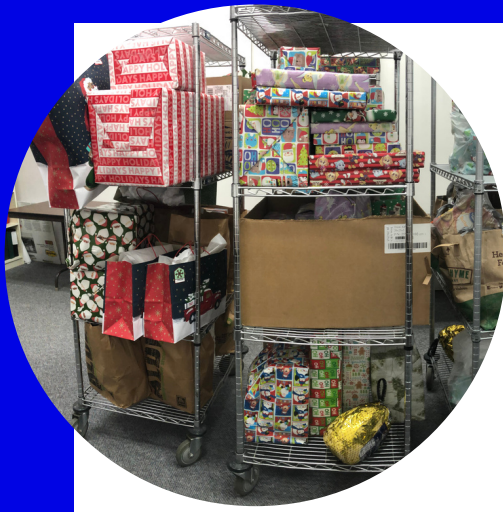
- 99 children enrolled at Compass Early Learning Center
- 2,348 individuals received Opportunity House Vouchers
- 5,713 families received cleaning and hygiene items
- 7,867 persons used our Food Pantry
- 29,568 meals and snacks served at Compass Early Learning Center
- 70,884 meals provided to families
- 48,728 pounds of food, cleaning, and hygiene products donated

This past year has been one of confusion and difficulty for all of us but none more so than the low-income families of this community. Your support ensures 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.

Your role in providing services to this community is essential. Thank you!



Pictured above, Sherene & Emily on the opening day of Popp-Up, a conglomeration of MCUM & Opp House we ran over the summer months.



Holiday Activities Thank You

Hosting holiday food drives, sponsoring families for Christmas, donating Holiday Food Baskets, supplying the items for Santa Bags, and more! It takes a lot of effort to make sure our holiday activities are successful. Thank you to all those who ensured a cheerful holiday season for our clients.

Food Baskets

- Unitarian Universalist Church
- American Legion Post #18
- Angie Dixon
- Oliver Winery
- Members Choice
- Susan White
- Cook Medical
- HFI
- Littlepage/Shreve family
- Hill Family
- Olson & Company
- Lloyd family
- Roger & Neva Gildersleeve
- Highlanders Extension Club
- Liny Smits & Mike Paidle

Food Drives

- Crane
- Community Ford
- First Insurance group
- First Christian Church
- Kiwanis & Chase Bank
- St. Charles Catholic School
- First United
- Tri-North Yes Club
- BSA Troop 100 & Jackson Creek Middle School
- BSA Troop 100 & St. Marks

Gift Sponsors

- Member Choice Federal Credit Union
- Kathleen McNeely/Delay family
- Oliver Winery
- Wren Humphrey
- Frank Southern Ice Arena
- Coglean Orthodontics
- Dixon family
- Long Family Eye Care
- Wells family
- Office of the Registrar, IU Bloomington
- IU Office of Vice President Research
- White family
- HFI
- Hill family
- Bunger & Robertson
- Stevenson Webb
- Berggoetz family
- Boy Scouts Troop 121
- Hane family
- Broadfoot family
- Lubienski family
- Littlepage\ Shreve family
- Mehay family
- Bloomington Valley Nursery
- Schubert family

Santa Bag Sponsors

- Clint & Jessica Merkel
- First Christian Church
- Woodhaven Christian Church
- Wren Humphrey
- Dee Morris



Faith Community Thanks

We are very thankful for the support that our organization receives from the local faith community; Their generosity does not waver. They've always gone above and beyond to contribute in any way possible, especially in such trying times.

- Bloomington Monthly Meeting of Friends
- Church Women United
- Crossroads UMC
- First Christian Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Church
- First UMC
- Mt. Gilead Christian Church
- New Prospect Baptist Church
- Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
- St. Mark's UMC
- St. Paul UMC
- St. Thomas Lutheran Evangelical Church
- Stoneybrook Community Church of God
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church
- United Presbyterian Church
- Woodhaven Christian Church



Thanks to a group from St Thomas Lutheran Church, we unloaded several tons of mulch on our playgrounds.

*"It's amazing
what we can
accomplish
when we're in it
together."*

A shoutout to our Volunteers

While we had to modify or cancel altogether most of our volunteer roles, we still had plenty of help last year. More than 50 individuals hosted food drives in their neighborhoods for Each One, Feed One. Volunteers from Helping Hands deliver groceries to clients twice weekly. Generous individuals deliver our Panera Bread donations to us on Tuesdays. Pictured, right, is Steve Mehay, who did a lot of yard work and landscaping for us this summer. Thank you ALL. We miss you!



PROJECT PARTNERS



INDIANA SOLAR

We competed for and were awarded funding through this regional initiative. Installed a new Solar System at Compass Early Learning Center, which will help us save about \$3,000 annually.

BOY SCOUTS

We had the honor of serving as the host for two Eagle Scout projects in 2020. One scout converted our gym space into a larger shopping area for clients and secured a large refrigerator. The other raised awareness and funding toward the purchase of 24-hour emergency outdoor pantries.

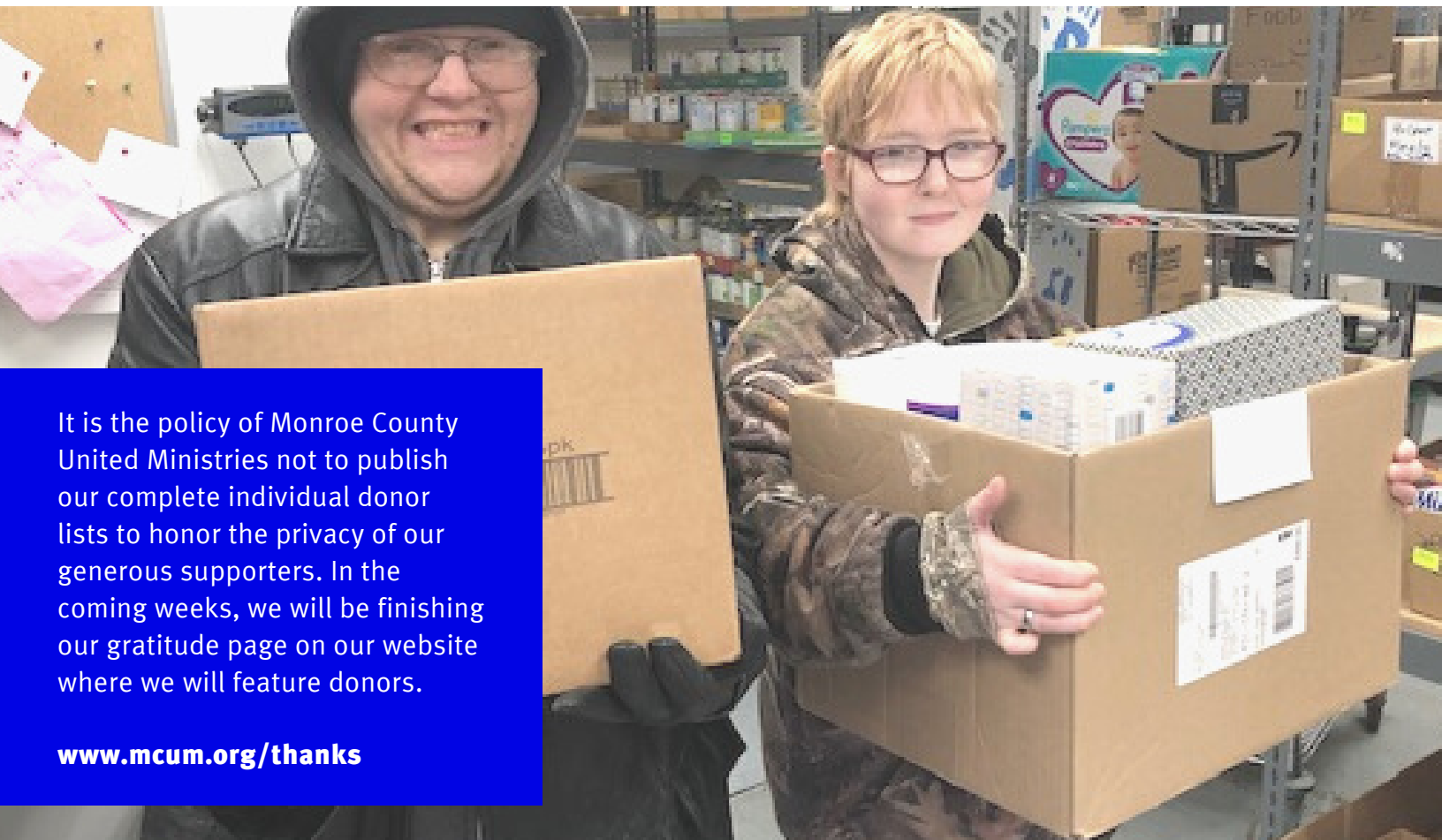


LOCAL GROUPS



There are SO many groups who supported important projects this year. Some of them include: Duke Energy, United Way of Monroe County, Early Learning Indiana, the Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County, Community Cars, May's Greenhouse, Kiwanis, city & county government, Chase Bank, Baird, 50+ Men Who Care, and more!

INDIVIDUAL DONORS



It is the policy of Monroe County United Ministries not to publish our complete individual donor lists to honor the privacy of our generous supporters. In the coming weeks, we will be finishing our gratitude page on our website where we will feature donors.

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WE'RE FINALLY MAKING THE SWITCH TO E-NEWSLETTERS!

EMAIL MSILVERS@MCUM.ORG OR SIGN UP: WWW.MCUM.ORG/NEWSLETTER

Current Hours of Operation*

Self Sufficiency Center

Monday & Tuesday: 12:00-4:00

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday & Friday: 12:00-4:00

Compass Early Learning Center

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Administration

Weekdays: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*check our Facebook page (@mcumorg) for most up-to-date closings & information

Coming Right Up...

- Annual Report release (early March)
- MCUM Hunger Games (March-April)
- Miles for MCUM (early May)

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*our website features a phone and email directory for our staff members to make it easier for you to get in touch with us, particularly since many staff are working remotely.



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