Monroe County United Ministries





April 2021



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Upcoming Food Drive

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you soaking up the sunshine on these warm April days.

The past month has been busy at <u>Compass Early</u>
<u>Learning Center</u> and the <u>Self-Sufficiency Center</u>.

Compass hit enrollment capacity last month and began a self-study through the National Association for the

a self-study through the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Self-Sufficiency Center had a successful first-ever Spring Cleaning Challenge with 50 participants. They're currently redeeming their completion prizes.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events! Coming right up: Miles for MCUM! This self-paced, self-guided 5k event will take place the week of May 15-22. The registration fee directly supports our programs during an otherwise slow time of year.

Click <u>here</u> to register for Miles for MCUM.

Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
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What Can I Do with My RMD?

Advice from Financial Expert Joel Schneider

This is the time of year

Quick Links

<u>Donate</u> <u>Volunteer</u> Visit Our Website

Donations:

You can donate <u>online</u> 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
- Dish Soap
- Diapers & Wipes



Joel Schneider is a financial advisor at Edward Jones and MCUM's Chair Elect. Joel has a lifelong passion for community service and giving back to families in need.

most people begin to think about their money due to the tax deadline. Individuals that are either 70.5 years old or 72 years old (if born on or after July 1, 1949) have an additional action item to consider. If you have put money into a pre-tax retirement account for your current and future needs, congratulations!

The government is also thankful as they get a piece of that action via

taxes by forcing individuals to take a **required minimum distribution (RMD)** every year until the account is exhausted. If you do not take the RMD, then that individual faces a significant tax penalty of 50% of the RMD.

What happens if you do not want the money (especially since it will force a tax liability on you)? You have several choices. The good news is there is one way to satisfy the RMD and NOT pay taxes on it. Are you interested?

That option is the **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)**. You can give up to \$100k to your favorite charity (like MCUM) which can satisfy a partial amount of the RMD or the full amount and no taxes on it. This is not too good to be true, but you need to follow the correct directions. If you are interested, please seek professional advice from a tax professional and/or financial services professional as they can provide the information and help needed. Please consider providing a gift to MCUM and paying it forward. Not only do you receive the gift of helping Monroe County, but you also help yourself on taxes.

UPDATE: Spring into Action

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Kleenex

Food Pantry

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

Childcare

- Grocery Bags
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Batteries





Have you seen our new yard signs across the community? MCUM is looking for more yard hosts for our signs, so please email Madison if you would give us the honor of putting a sign in your yard.



MCUM will be hosting "Miles for MCUM," a virtual 5K run from May 15 - 22. Register here to find our



Thank you for Springing into Action!

MCUM began the "**Spring into Action**" campaign, a community-wide challenge against poverty last month. Our goal is to raise **\$40,000** to support our programs and to gather an additional **1,000 pounds of cleaning and hygiene items** to restock our cleaning and hygiene closet.

With a little more than two weeks remaining in our campaign, we have full faith in our supporters to put us over the top and exceed our goal. We still need 534 pounds of cleaning & hygiene items and \$11,000 to reach our goal.

Please click <u>here</u> to make a financial contribution before May 1.

Access to good cleaning and hygiene can be the reason someone loses their job or even the reason a child is bullied at school. Increasing access to hygiene products and cleaning supplies for families in poverty can be surprisingly difficult, since those items cannot be purchased using SNAP benefits (commonly known as food stamps). MCUM is one of only two local social service agencies in Monroe County to distribute full-sized cleaning & hygiene items, so please give generously.

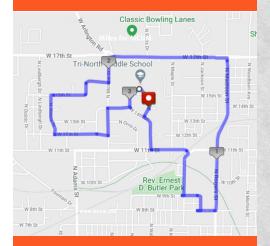
We at MCUM cannot thank you enough for Springing into Action to improve lives in Monroe County. Let's keep up the good work!

recommended route and instructions for the event.

Participants will receive 50% off any one item at the Chocolate Moose!

Join us in supporting selfsufficiency for Monroe County Families.

Our Official Route*:



*official route starts and ends at MCUM (827 West 14th Court), but you are welcome to choose your own route!

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