

# Monroe County United Ministries



May 2021



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[Upcoming Food Drive](#)

Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe that it is already May. I think we have had enough April showers to bring May flowers!

The past month has been busy at [Compass Early Learning Center](#) and the [Self-Sufficiency Center](#). Compass has begun to grow a variety of plants in their raised garden beds that were funded by the Community Orchard. The Self-Sufficiency Center has had a continuous flow of online orders. Last month, they received **33** orders.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events. Miles for MCUM is right around the corner! 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 [here](#) to register for Miles for MCUM. You still have time!**

Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,  
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## Each One, Feed One is back!

MCUM will be hosting our annual

## Quick Links

[Donate](#)  
[Volunteer](#)  
[Visit Our Website](#)

## 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
- Dish Soap
- Diapers & Wipes

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## EACH ONE, FEED ONE FOOD DRIVE

**VOLUNTEER WITH US!**

Volunteer to host a drop-off site for food and cleaning/hygiene products.

**DATE:** June 12-13  
**LOCATION:** Your home, church, office, etc.

Visit [mcum.org/events](http://mcum.org/events) or email [msilvers@mcum.org](mailto:msilvers@mcum.org) to sign-up



Vision: Our vision is to eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.

Each One, Feed One food drive  
**June 12th-13th.**

MCUM volunteers will host drop-off sites across Monroe County where anyone can donate non-perishable food and cleaning and hygiene items, contact-free. Volunteers will either return the donations to MCUM or request pick-up.

You can find information regarding

volunteering and donating to the Each One, Feed One Food Drive at [mcum.org/events](http://mcum.org/events).

Last year, with the help of the community, we raised over **17,000 pounds and \$3,000** for our programs between the Each One, Feed One, and Each One, Feed Two Food Drives. We hope to have an even greater turnout this year.

Pre-pandemic, we distributed more than **7,000 pounds** of non-perishable items to individuals and families in Monroe County each month. As the pandemic continues, we expect the need for our services to continue to increase.

Online donations to MCUM can be made at <https://mcum.org/donate>.

Any questions can be directed to [Madison](mailto:Madison).

## Compass Reaccreditation Update



- 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



We would like to thank **St. Thomas Lutheran Church, University Baptist Church, and Congregation Beth Shalom** for hosting a VERY successful cleaning and hygiene drive for MCUM.

Together, they donated **900 pounds** of cleaning and hygiene items to the Self-Sufficiency Center!

We love to see people come together to support our organization!

**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller**

Compass Early Learning Center is in the process of earning reaccreditation from the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) (NAEYC). The process can take around two years for some institutions and much of the first year is spent preparing for NAEYC's final evaluation. Compass teachers are training hard and preparing classroom portfolios for what MCUM hopes will be a successful reaccreditation in Fall 2022.

NAEYC, a nonprofit representing early childhood educators, has 10 standards by which childcare centers are evaluated for accreditation. Compass is carefully preparing to meet these criteria as they prepare for final evaluations.

When asked about progress in meeting NAEYC standards, Compass Curriculum Director Stacy Jones said, "We have an amazing team of teachers and staff in general that are hitting all of our markers. We want to assure parents that we are providing the highest quality of care for their children possible. That is our ultimate goal." Jones went on to describe Compass' reaccreditation outlook as "very positive."

Achieving reaccreditation will not only bring a nationally recognized seal of quality to Compass services but will also allow Compass to qualify as a Level 4 childcare provider under Indiana's Paths to Quality Child Care Rating and Improvement System, the highest level achievable. Other than national accreditation, Compass already meets every requirement for Indiana's fourth level of Paths to Quality.

Click [here](#) for more information about NAEYC's accreditation standards.

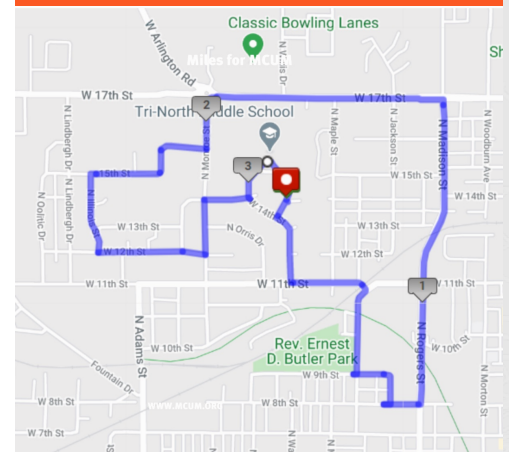
## Miles For MCUM May 15-22

MCUM will be hosting "Miles for MCUM," a virtual 5K run from May 15 - 22. Register [here](#) to find our recommended route and instructions for the event.

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

Join us in supporting self-sufficiency 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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