

## Update: LUM Legislative Advocacy

### LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families

The LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families (C4HF) is an alliance of faith-based organizations that engages local, state, and Federal officials on behalf of low income families and children.

Since it was founded in 1975, LUM has not only provided direct services to low income families and children but has dedicated part of its resources to ensuring that the working poor and marginalized are treated justly and that the public assistance programs lead to real economic stability.

The members at the LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families are also on journey to achieve justice for the poor and want to partner with you. You're invited to join the Campaign for Hoosier Families by taking up your pens and firing up your keyboards.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about C4HF, please email or call Susan Brouillette ([sbrouillette@lumserve.org](mailto:sbrouillette@lumserve.org) | 765.423.2691)



#### Are You Ready?

- Do you feel a *tug on your heart* to do more to help low income children & families; & sense that you are being called to remove barriers that keep people from realizing their full potential?
- Do you believe we share a collective responsibility to lift people out of poverty & to give them the tools to live more satisfying & productive lives?
- Do you get offended when those who have *the least* are used as scapegoats for government reforms & budget cuts?
- Are you prepared to “do justice” and to “be mercy,” but don’t know how to get started?
- Are you currently part of an advocacy network and wishing to build alliances?

In order to leverage additional resources and clout, C4HF partners with other organizations including: the [Indiana Coalition for Human Services](#), the [Indiana Catholic Conference](#), the Homelessness Prevention Network, [Vision 2020](#), [Tippecanoe Child Abuse Prevention Council](#), [Heartford House](#), and [CASA for Kids Fund](#). Some of the Bills we follow relate to Medicaid, Earned Income Tax Credit, Temporary Aid for Needy Families, Food and Nutrition Programs, Housing Assistance, and Immigration Reform.

While advocacy takes many forms, with the C4HF it primarily involves calling or writing legislators to express support or opposition for particular Bill or policy. In addition to Bill tracking, the Campaign for Hoosier Families website lists contact information for legislators, provides summaries and background information for Bills that we are tracking, and offers helpful hints regarding effective communication and coalition building strategies, notes changes in the status of Bills, and sends out alerts when grassroots participation is needed. If you are interested in helping low income families and children, we invite you to amplify your voice by joining ours in the Campaign for Hoosier Families. Once we have your contact information, we will email issue briefs, Bill tracking information, legislative alerts and suggested language for communicating with lawmakers.

Be a partner in the Campaign for Hoosier Families—

Be a voice for children and families in poverty—Stand up with C4HF for those in need

### Connect with C4HF—Take the First Step

Work with other concerned citizens on issues that are critical to the health and well-being of Hoosier families, issues such as—

- Energy assistance
- State funding for emergency shelters
- Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC)
- Predatory lending
- Funding for food and nutrition programs
- Health care

Three ways to connect to the LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families (C4HF):

- View the C4HF brochure, which includes a membership form for you, click [HERE](#)
- Sign up for C4HF Legislative Alerts, click [HERE](#)
- Send an E-mail to C4HF, click [HERE](#)

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### LUM C4HF Joins IPATH



**IPATH**  
INDIANA PROTECTION FOR  
ABUSED AND TRAFFICKED HUMANS  
Task Force

Last week Lafayette Urban Ministry joined IPATH (Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans) task force. IPATH was formed to end human trafficking in the State and in the process ensure that victims are treated

compassionately and have access to appropriate services. IPATH is comprised of law enforcement specialists, social service providers, health providers, legal service providers, awareness and education organizations, as well as passionate community members. LUM was invited to join IPATH in conjunction with the Immigrant Assistance Program that is expected to be launched in the next year.

By bringing together local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, IPATH has been able to create inter-agency working relationships, build strong cases, analyze and utilize best practices in the field increase specialized training for agents and officers, prosecute traffickers and protect victims of human trafficking. In addition IPATH has partnered with the Julian Center and Exodus Refugee Immigration, to leverage grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide comprehensive case management and services to persons who have been trafficked.

For more information regarding IPATH go to [Learn more about Law Enforcement efforts](#).

### LUM C4HF – Invited to Join the Immigrant Welcome Center Advisory Board



LUM has been invited to become an active member of the Advisory Board of the Immigrant Welcome Center.

The Immigrant Welcome Center of Indianapolis is a resource for the growing community of immigrant newcomers to Indiana.

The Immigrant Welcome Center relies on its relationships in the community with agencies like LUM for advice and guidance in addressing the needs of immigrant newcomers as they establish their new lives in Indiana. Through Natural Helpers and community partners, the Immigrant Welcome Center connects newcomers to the resources, services, and opportunities they need to fully participate in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the community.

Susan Brouillette will represent LUM on the Immigrant Welcome Center Advisory Board

### Immediate Openings — HOT Volunteer Needs

- Overnight Shelter Volunteers
- After School Program Volunteers
- Food Pantry Data Entry Volunteers
- LUM Camp Volunteer Counselors

Click [HERE](#) to read more details about all of these incredible opportunities to serve LUM & your community.

Email [lum@lumserve.org](mailto:lum@lumserve.org) if you are interested in any of the positions. Please SHARE with others.

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