



# Update: Happy Birthday, Ray Ewry

## Happy 140 Birthday, Raymond "Ray" Ewry

October 14, 1873 – September 29, 1937



Today is Raymond "Ray" Clarence Ewry's 140th Birthday. Ewry was born in Lafayette, Indiana on October 14, 1873. Orphaned at the age of 5, Ewry had polio at age 7 and was expected never to walk. With intensive therapy, he not only walk but also became a student and athlete at Purdue and competed in the Olympics.

Ray Ewry accumulated his record total of 10 gold medals in four Olympiads without losing any of his competitions. No other Olympic athlete earned more gold medals than Ray Ewry until Michael Phelps earned his 11<sup>th</sup> in 2008. Ray Ewry is known by sports historians as the greatest jumper in Olympic history – a remarkable accomplishment for a kid who wasn't expected to walk. Ray Ewry died in New York City on September 29, 1937.

Ray Ewry was elected to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1983. In August of 2011, the Lafayette Urban Ministry Board of Directors named the new youth program center after Ray Ewry. In July 2012, the Greater Lafayette community honored Ray Ewry with a monument at Lafayette Jefferson High School. All of these are well-deserved honors to Ray Ewry, Olympic Hall of Famer and local hero.

Join LUM today in celebrating Ray Ewry's 140 Birthday and keeping his remarkable story alive.

- ◆ To learn more about the story of Ray Ewry, click [HERE](#).
- ◆ To see more photos of Ray Ewry, click [HERE](#).



### LUM Youth Program Center

In August of 2011, the Lafayette Urban Ministry Board of Directors opened the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Program Center. The LUM Ray Ewry Youth Program Center is home to the LUM [After School Program](#), LUM [5th Quarter Summer Learning Program](#), and LUM [Achieve! Stay in School Program](#).

The opening of this new facility enabled LUM to expands its programs to focus on "narrowing the academic achievement gap" within low income families in our community. Ray Ewry's grandson, Tom Carson, from Baltimore, Maryland, attended the dedication ceremony and shared with the attendees that his grandfather would have been proud to receive this honor. Carson asked, "Can you think of any better way to celebrate Ray Ewry's legacy than to provide young people with the tools, education and safe space they need to grow strong and succeed in life?"

The LUM Ray Ewry Youth Program Center is located at 525 N. 4th Street in downtown Lafayette in the same building as the LUM Emergency Shelter

### Annual Tribute to Ray Ewry

Annually Dick Leill (Central Presbyterian Church), a local admirer of Ray Ewry and LUM Executive Director Joe Micon remember Ray Ewry in a very special way.

They recently laid 10 yellow roses at Ray Ewry's place of interment at Spring Vale Cemetery in Lafayette to commemorate the ten-time Olympic gold medalist's 140 birthday.



### Charitable Donations from IRAs to LUM



The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended the qualified charitable distribution provision for 2012 and 2013. Several special transition rules were included in American Taxpayer Relief Act to enable taxpayers to have a donation made before February 1, 2013, treated as a 2012 qualified charitable distribution.

A qualified charitable distribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE

IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly for the IRA to a qualified charity.

An IRA owner can exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of a qualified charitable distribution made for a year, and a qualified charitable distribution can be used to satisfy any IRA required minimum distributions for the year. Also, the amount of a qualified charitable distribution excluded from gross income is not taken into account in determining any deduction for charitable contributions. (See Notice 2007-7. Section IX, for additional information on qualified charitable distributions.)

### Opportunities to Be a Part of the Celebration

**Community Thanksgiving Celebration needs....**

CASH Donations

FOOD Donations

Volunteers

**Thursday, November 28 | noon – 2 p.m. | Central Presbyterian Church**

[Cash Donations](#), [Food Donations](#), and [Volunteers](#) are needed for the Lafayette Urban Ministry Annual Community [Thanksgiving Celebration](#) on Thanksgiving Day at [Central Presbyterian Church](#) in Lafayette.

More than 800 people will be served, and you may be a part of this special program by making a [monetary donation](#), contributing food and supplies, and volunteering.

Donate and sign up today by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, click [HERE](#).

### LUM Jubilee Christmas update

**LUM Jubilee Christmas 2013 is Saturday, December 14th**



Parents of 1,800 local children will choose new toys and clothing to give as gifts on Christmas morning. Each family will also receive a ham and food certificate as well. It's a wonderful yet complex program needing hundreds of volunteers and donors.

The next Jubilee Christmas program coordinators meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 7 p.m. To donate to Jubilee Christmas, click [HERE](#).

### Donations are Doubled in November 2013

During the month of November, **Denver Mattress** has agreed to match all gifts to the Lafayette Urban Ministry shelter up to \$2,500. To participate in this match opportunity you must donate online through the Denver Mattress website. The donation site will be launched on November 1, 2013 at midnight at which time you may take advantage of this incredible opportunity to double your donation to the LUM. emergency shelter. For more information call or email [Joe Micon](#) (765-423-2691 | [jmicon@lumserve.org](mailto:jmicon@lumserve.org)).



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