

Update: Shelter Facts

LUM's Shelter for the Homeless

The Lafayette Urban Ministry's **Shelter for the Homeless** and accompanying **Case Management Services** help chronically homeless men and women move off the streets, into shelter, then on to a more permanent and stable residence.

LUM's Homeless Services – Did You Know...

- Last year 474 individuals stayed at the LUM shelter.
- The average homeless guest spent 20 nights at our shelter during the year.
- Two-hundred and three homeless individuals worked one-on-one with LUM case managers to leave our shelter for a home of their own.
- It cost \$86,874 to operate the LUM Shelter in 2011 (which averaged out to \$9.16 per guest, per night.) Included in this total are case management services, food, staffing, utilities, fire protection and shelter maintenance.
- The **Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority** (IHCDA) has just awarded LUM an Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$50,000. The funds are earmarked for shelter operations and salary for our Case Manager Cecelia Neihouser.
- The **City of Lafayette** and the **City of West Lafayette** Community Development Block Grant Programs also help fund the LUM shelter, \$14,507 and \$5,560 respectively.
- LUM's donors are an important part of the shelter funding pie, too; contributing \$16,807 in 2011.
- Nightly operations at the shelter are run by volunteers. It takes four trained volunteers to run the shelter – a total of 1,460 volunteers each year.
- A simple meal of soup, stew or chili is provided to the homeless at our shelter each night, donated by various churches, organizations and clubs in our community.
- **St. Elizabeth Health Care** provides LUM with clean sheets and blankets for our guests each night—for free!
- Guests of LUM's shelter who have just started a job or who are receiving disability assistance are required to pay LUM \$3 cash each night they stay at our shelter. The money is matched by LUM then held in escrow to help pay the guest's damage deposit and first month's rent for a new apartment.
- Guests at the LUM shelter are required to do simple chores like washing dishes and sweeping floors to help keep the facility clean.
- LUM's New Opportunity Fund is a \$50,000 merit-based fund raised through LUM's Campaign for the Future that helps LUM shelter guests leave our facility for a home of their own.

[More Details](#)

Thanks to LUM's Community Partners



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LUM Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

Might you or your group be interested in volunteering at the LUM shelter? Training dates are set for August 9th & 27th and September 13th & 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the LUM Shelter (525 N. 4th Street, Lafayette).

If you'd like to provide a meal for the homeless, call or email **LUM Shelter Director Joyce Fasani at (765) 423-2691** or jfasani@lafayetteurbanministry.org



LUM's Ray Ewry Youth Program Center, home of LUM's **Emergency Shelter** and **After School Program**.