

# Update: the Story of Angela

## Mission Moment

One of the goals of this newsletter is to share a personal stories featuring clients, volunteers, or staff members at least twice a month. The point of these stories is to remind us all of the important Mission of the Lafayette Urban Ministry. For this reason, they will be called, "Mission Moments." Often times we work so hard day to day that being reminded of our mission through the families we are honored to serve is quite important. Please enjoy this first installment of what should be an inspiring series of stories, and if you have an idea for a Mission Moment feature, please let us know.

## Angela's Story

This morning Mary Anderson, LUM's Director of Assistance, met with one of the 12 people who were here for assistance from the Good Samaritan Program at LUM – we will call her Angela. Angela's story is like so many who need LUM's Emergency Assistance. Angela has a fulltime job with a national retail chain store and after fifteen years of dedicated service is making \$12 an hour. Angela is a single mom with four children ranging in age from 2 to 19. She is a wonderful mom who wants the best for all of her children.



Up until 2 years ago, Angela was making ends meet but barely. Each pay raise she received was a mixed blessing because due to her subsidized housing, the more she made, the more her rent

would rise. Then two years ago Angela's youngest son was born with a disability. This changed her life and financial situation instantly. Angela's son needs frequent visits to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, regular medical treatments, therapy and medication. Angela's trips with her son to Indianapolis meant she worked fewer hours and was no longer able to earn a sustainable wage.

Like many single moms in our community Angela is working very hard both at home and at her job – but still needs some help. That's why she came to the Lafayette Urban Ministry. Angela knows one thing for sure – that the Lafayette urban Ministry is here for her. LUM's Good Samaritan Fund offers more than money. Volunteers listen with a professional ear; they offer Angela and her children encouragement and hope, and most importantly, they offer concrete help to difficult situations.

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## LUM Mission Statement

*Poverty is the greatest thief. More than depriving a neighbor of food or shelter or warmth, it steals away hope. While other thieves may take away the past, poverty steals the future and self-respect.*

*The Lafayette Urban Ministry is in the business of restoring human dignity. Through voluntary efforts and contributions we give back the hope, the future, the self-respect, which all God's people need and deserve.*

*Ours is a Christian ministry that welcomes congregations and people of all faiths. We give witness to God's saving love and prophetic power by loving neighbors, seeking justice, empowering the least among us, and renewing the Church's social ministry.*

## Hunger Hike 2012

Date: Sunday, September 16  
Time: 12:30 p.m.  
Place: Riehle Plaza, Lafayette

### There are lots of ways to participate in Hunger Hike:

- Collect donations—Bring the money with you on the day of the Hike ([Registration Form](#))
- Create your own Personal Fundraising Page [here](#)
- Make a Donation to a Hiker or [Give online](#)
- Shop at businesses that support Hunger Hike
- Organize a group of friends, family, or co-workers and participate as a group

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