

Update: the Story of David's I.D.

Mission Moment

One of the goals of this newsletter is to, from time to time, share a personal story featuring a LUM client, volunteer, or board member. 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](#).

David's Story

When [Mary Anderson](#) met with a client in the [LUM I.D. Clinic](#) last week, she could not have predicted that a week later she would be facilitating a reunion between the client and his estranged mother. We will call this client, David.



Like many in our community who are taking that first step in a long journey to get back on track, David hit a road block – he needed an official ID. David was recently released from prison after being incarcerated for more than eight years. He was released without an ID, without a job, and without a home. David has made

several poor choices in the past which led to his imprisonment as well as destroying his relationship with his mother.

Today David is focused on becoming self-sufficient. Unfortunately David soon realized that you simply cannot do much without an official ID. His dilemma is that he needs a birth certificate to get an ID; and needs an ID to get his own birth certificate. This process is complex and has become more so post-9/11. Although he is not able to get his own birth certificate, his mother may file the application for him. This is what led Mary Anderson and David to have a conversation about re-connecting with his mother who lives right here in town. It appeared to be the only option for David so he mustered the courage to call her.

David's mother quickly agreed to help David get his birth certificate by filling out the application, enclosing her ID information, and having it sent to her home address. David is doing everything he can to keep his life moving forward. This vital service at LUM is helping David and others like him to move one step closer to being successful. And hopefully David and his mom have now begun to reestablish a positive relationship as well.

LUM – I.D. Clinic

LUM's ID Clinic Program is one of many new initiatives at LUM funded through our recently completed Campaign for the Future. Last year, the Lafayette Urban Ministry ID Clinic gave assistance to 114 individuals. These individuals received help in getting a birth certificate, social security card, and/or non-driver state ID — cutting through the red tape associated with reestablishing their legal identities.

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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.

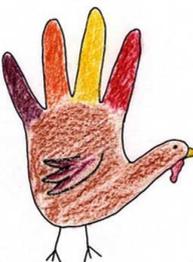
Ours is a Christian ministry that welcomes congregations and people of all faiths. We give witness to God's saving love and prophetic power by loving neighbors, seeking justice, empowering the least among us, and renewing the Church's social ministry.

Why an ID Clinic?

Having an ID is one of the keys to success. In Indiana, one needs an ID to do the following:

- Get a Job
- Cash a Check
- Open a Bank Account
- Get an Apartment
- Apply for College
- Travel on a Plane
- Receive Public Benefits/ Services
- Get a Library Card
- Get a Gym Membership
- Enter Government Buildings for Meetings and Appointments
- Vote

Thanksgiving 2012



The LUM Thanksgiving Dinner is November 22. Food, supplies, and monetary donations are needed.

Volunteers are also needed to set up, serve, greet, and clean up. This annual community celebration is open to everyone. Click [HERE](#) to sign up and get more information.

[More Details](#)



Hunger Hike 2012—Hikers hiking along the [Wabash Heritage Trail](#) on Sunday, September 16, 2012. You still may support [Hunger Hike](#)—click the "[donate](#)" button below. To view more Hunger Hike photos, click the picture above or click [HERE](#).

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