

## Update: Tis the Season to Give



### Volunteering with LUM

LUM could not provide its many programs and services without the hundreds of volunteers who generously contribute their time and talents. Most volunteers find their work to be interesting, fulfilling, and rewarding.

There are many different opportunities for volunteering, from working one-on-one with a child in the afternoon After School Program to helping run the 42-bed homeless shelter overnight. Also, there are opportunities to fit every schedule, from regular long-term commitments, to helping out one time with a special event or service such as the Thanksgiving Celebration, Jubilee Christmas or Income Tax Preparation.

Some volunteer positions require training while others require only a willing heart and a helping hand.

For more information on how you may get engaged, click [HERE](#).

### Jubilee Christmas Update

Did You Know?

This year's the LUM Jubilee Christmas program will...

- Serve more than **700 families**
- Provide toys, clothing & food to **1700 needy children**
- Provide more than **\$200,000** worth of gifts and food
- Include **25 Hosting Churches**
- Include 8 additional Church & Community Partners

Before the big Jubilee Christmas celebration on Saturday December 8 — there is a huge effort to register families. There has been an wonderful response by our community's eligible families to participate in this year Jubilee Christmas program. For over a week,



(L to R): Denise Rider, volunteer; Sandra Dunn-El, staff; Ron Smith, staff; & Sheila Morales, volunteer

LUM volunteers (Denise Rider & Sheila Morales) and LUM support staff have been working hard to input all of the data for this year's Jubilee Christmas. Families will received their registration confirmation and church assignment soon. From beginning to end, Jubilee Christmas is a true community event involving 1000's of volunteers and donors. LUM is grateful for everyone who makes Jubilee Christmas possible.

### LUM Bulk Mail Crew

The LUM Bulk Mail Crew steps up once a month to get out the latest LUM mailing. The Bulk Mail Crew folds, collates, stuffs, seals and sorts all of LUM's bulk mailings. The "Crew" gathered again late last week to prepare our Good Samaritan Fund letter. The Bulk Mail Crew volunteers save LUM over \$50,000 a year in labor costs. If you would like to be a part of the Bulk Mail Crew in the future, email [Sylvia Mohler](mailto:Sylvia.Mohler@lafayetteurbanministry.org) at [smohler@lafayetteurbanministry.org](mailto:smohler@lafayetteurbanministry.org).



### Good Samaritan Fund—Special & Unique



The Good Samaritan Fund is special. Not a single dollar of what you give is spent for overhead. In other words, everything you contribute goes directly to help a local family facing financial hardship. One local family shares their story of the impact of the Good Samaritan Fund on their family – a true LUM Mission Moment. Read about the Brown family in our latest LUM letter or by clicking [HERE](#).

LUM hopes you see the value of what is accomplished by LUM's Good Samaritan Fund; and hopes you will agree to share a generous gift so that its work can continue. By sharing a gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more, you will assure that neighbors will find both personal support and practical help when they reach out to the Lafayette Urban Ministry.

When things become difficult for families in our community, LUM's Good Samaritan Fund is there. Please consider making a contribution to the Good Samaritan Fund online by clicking [HERE](#). [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org)

### Hurricane Sandy – Resource Site

TechMission has launched a Hurricane Sandy Relief website to help people post needs and find volunteer opportunities: <http://www.HurricaneSandyVolunteer.org>. Individuals may use this site to post repair and work needs; church/organization needs; volunteer listings. The site will eventually be linked to AllForGood and Serve.gov TechMission is a Christian nonprofit organization based in Boston, which also runs one of the largest online volunteer



matching websites, [ChristianVolunteering.org](http://ChristianVolunteering.org). For more information, please email [info@christianvolunteering.org](mailto:info@christianvolunteering.org).

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