

Update: Mission Moment—Meet John Hill

The Story of John Hill



Porter County Court House, Valparaiso, Indiana

Unable to work, John Hill found himself unemployed, homeless and without a car. Two years ago, John applied for disability benefits. This process is quite complex and requires various visits to state and federal offices throughout Indiana. John's hearing date was finally set but scheduled in Valparaiso.

As a guest of the [LUM shelter](#), John meets regularly with a case manager. John's case manager is also the director of the [LUM shelter](#), Joyce Fasani. After hearing of his dilemma, Joyce called on her colleague Mary Anderson, the director of the [Good Samaritan Fund](#). Approving John for funding was the easy part. Joyce and Mary soon realized that getting John to Valparaiso for his hearing would be very difficult. John would need to take a late bus to Chicago, stay overnight in

the bus station, take a very early bus to Valparaiso, get a ride to the court house, get a place to stay overnight in Valparaiso and then all of the same travel back home.

Mary and Joyce stepped up, worked out all of the details and developed a schedule for John. Joyce then relayed this information to John including the schedule of his bus travel, his time table, and the contacts of those giving him rides, meals, and lodging in Valparaiso. Joyce and Mary went above and beyond to make this possible for John.

The philosophy of the Lafayette Urban Ministry is to serve clients like John very well – and this is a great example of how much LUM was needed in this situation. Joyce and Mary's experience, persistence and eagerness to collaborate were what made this story a success.

Joyce and Mary commented that John could have easily given up and said to himself "this is not worth it." But he didn't. Mary and Joyce are very proud of John for his perseverance in this situation and over the past two years. Joyce and Mary are happy to report that John won his disability claim and will receive his benefits in December.

For the full *Story of John Hill*, click [HERE](#).

LUM Thanksgiving Shopping List

- [Cash Donations](#)
- Aluminum Foil
- Aluminum Roasting Pans
- Butter
- Canned Yams
- Cans of Corn
- Cans of Green Beans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Decaf coffee
- Dinner Rolls
- Dish towels
- Green Bean Casserole
- Ice
- Ice Tea Mix
- Pie - Apple pie
- Pie - Cherry pie
- Pie - Dutch apple pie
- Pie - Peach pie
- Pie - Pecan pie
- Stuffing
- Trash Bags
- Turkey Gravy packets



When you're out grocery shopping, remember to pick up something extra for the LUM Thanksgiving Celebration.

If you wish to donate Food items or Supplies, please sign up online by clicking [HERE](#).

Please make a Cash Donation online [HERE](#).

LUM Thanksgiving Celebration

Cash Donations and Food are needed for the Lafayette Urban Ministry—Annual Community [Thanksgiving Celebration](#) on Thanksgiving Day at [Central Presbyterian Church](#). LUM anticipates serving more than 800 people. You may contribute food or supplies by clicking [HERE](#). You may donate online by clicking [HERE](#).

For more information, please call or email [Heather Hansen](#) at (765) 423-2691 or hhansen@lafayetteurbanministry.org



Thank You



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](#). Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to double your donation to the LUM shelter — but only until November 30th.

For more information call or email [Joe Micon](#) (765-423-2691; jmicon@lafayetteurbanministry.org).

Inter-Religious Network: Thanksgiving Service



The Inter-Religious Network of Greater Lafayette will be hosting a **Community Thanksgiving Service** on Monday, November 19 at 7 p.m. at [Our Saviour Lutheran Church](#) (300 Fowler Avenue, West Lafayette).

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving in the traditions of song and word of various faiths. A special monetary offering and non-perishable items will be collected for [Food Finders of Lafayette, Inc.](#)

You may also follow the Inter-Religious Network and their diverse programming by clicking [HERE](#). If you have questions or need more information, please email Rev. Clarinda Crawford at crawford@cosumc.org.

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