

Update: LUM Awarded \$26K Grant

The Community Foundation Supports Shelter

"It is a wonderful feeling to help those who are trying to help themselves. The LUM Emergency Shelter is such an integral part of our community that a grant to the shelter has a direct impact – helping the members of our community who have some very basic and immediate needs - and who need it the most. The new mattresses and water heater will allow individuals to get a good night's sleep, wash off the old day, and wake up with a new attitude and self-respect to get on a path for a brighter future."

Rick Olson (Kettelhut Construction Inc.)
Board of Directors member/Grant Committee Chair
The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette

The CFGL Grant Awards Ceremony

LUM is thrilled to be the recipient of a Tier 1 Discretionary Grant from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. LUM has been awarded \$26,642.65 to purchase much needed items for the Emergency Shelter.

LUM will use this grant money to replace all 45 mattresses at the shelter including vinyl mattress and pillow covers. The current mattresses are over 18 years old but have been kept in good shape over the years because they are covered and inspected and cleaned regularly. Part of the grant money will be used to replace the water heater at the shelter as well which has not been functioning properly for the past few months.

LUM Board members, Deb Parent and Joan Low attended the Grant Awards Ceremony at which The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette awarded \$102,493 in grants to five charitable organizations.



Pictured L to R: Greg Kapp, president & CEO, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette; Joan Low, LUM board VP; Cheryl Ubelhor, CFGL program director; Deb Parent, LUM board member; and Rick Olson, CFGL board member

Among these was LUM member church, First United Methodist Church. The grant criteria states that the recipients' projects must address at least one of the six priority community needs adopted by The Foundation's Board of Directors: Education – Children/Youth – Health – Diversity – Physical Environment – Arts & Culture. This round of grants focused on Health and the Arts.

The mattresses will be manufactured by Holder Mattress – a family owned company in Lafayette. According to Holder Mattress representatives, LUM's order of 45 mattresses will create new jobs in Lafayette. LUM appreciates The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. The Foundation's financial support over the years has had a positive impact on the programs and services of LUM and more importantly the families in our community.



"LUM is so very grateful for the new mattresses and water heater for our many homeless shelter guests. We are even more grateful to live in a community with a foundation so in tune with local needs and so able to respond in such significant ways. The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette is making a HUGE difference!"

– Joe Micon, LUM executive director

Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation



Yesterday the volunteers for the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry were appreciated at a breakfast reception. Each volunteer was recognized for their dedication and hard work. In attendance to show their appreciation were Ron Smith, LUM program director; Lynn Johal, interim pantry director; and the Reverend Dr. Bradley Pace, rector at Saint John's Episcopal Church. Remarks were offered by Ron Smith and Rex Fuller, recent recipient of a regional award for his service to the community. Ron Smith offered remarks on behalf of LUM, read from the Bible passage: Matthew 25, and shared with the group, "It takes an army of volunteers to get a sack of groceries passed over the counter into the waiting hands of the pantry clients. Fund raising, food drives, shopping, hauling, sorting, stocking, counter help, data entry, recycling, and even banana box returning. To all of the volunteers here this morning – I say, "Thank you!"

Lynn Johal ended the meeting with a few announcements and a brainstorming session. Volunteers are a vital part of LUM especially at the food pantry. This reception was one simple way of valuing our volunteers and getting their feedback. The breakfast also gave the volunteers an opportunity for fellowship with each other. In addition to a lovely continental breakfast, Lynn Johal distributed to all of the volunteers a homemade bookmark with Matthew 25:35-40 Bible passage and a note of gratitude.



For information on how you may support the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry, click [HERE](#) or email Ron Smith at rsmith@lumserve.org. To view more reception photos, click [HERE](#).



For the current HOT needs list of the **St. John's/LUM Food Pantry**, check out our Pinterest board. Click [HERE](#) or on the Pinterest logo to the left. Follow LUM on Pinterest (www.pinterest.com/LUMserve).



Volunteer Opportunities

Immediate Openings — HOT Volunteer Needs

- Overnight Shelter Volunteers
- After School Program Volunteers
- Food Pantry Data Entry Volunteers
- LUM Camp Volunteer Counselors

Click [HERE](#) to read more details about all of these incredible opportunities to serve LUM & your community. Email lum@lumserve.org if you are interested in any of the positions. Please SHARE with others.



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