



Update: LUM Legislative Advocacy Concerning a Fair Wage

by Joe Micon, LUM executive director

At LUM, we think work is a good thing and try not to place unintended barriers in the way of our homeless shelter guests' employment. But did you know that a full one-third of our guests are employed. Whether it's our shelter, our tax assistance program, our After School Program, Thanksgiving dinner or summer camp, LUM has become a ministry that serves primarily those who work because what they are paid isn't nearly enough to meet their basic needs.



Now that the numbers of jobs in our community and beyond are on the climb, it seems as if, as a community, we must begin the more difficult discussions of how to pay our employees a wage that allows them to live, learn and grow to their fullest God-given potential.

Read the entire article, click [HERE](#).

New C4HF Feature

This week the LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families (C4HF) is launching a new feature entitled, **Move that Bill Forward**. Each week, Move that Bill Forward will offer a *Fact* or *Myth* focused on legislation followed by C4HF. These facts will assist you in working with C4HF and assist you in calling or writing legislators to express support or opposition for a particular Bill or policy. There are few things more powerful than an educated citizen — and Move that Bill Forward is a simple means to share the facts — and just the facts.

Move That Bill Forward

Myth: Immigrants bring crime to US communities



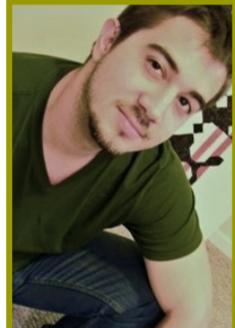
Facts: Immigrants come seeking economic opportunity, and crime jeopardizes that opportunity. The past two decades have shown significant increases in immigrant populations, yet crime rates

have dropped significantly during the same period. Immigrants are less likely to commit crimes than native-born residents and the gap between these two populations increased from 1980-2000. Under the Secure Communities program, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials can detain and deport individuals who have committed crimes. While intended to enhance the safety of communities, police leaders have expressed concern that these programs may have the opposite effect by increasing immigrants' fear of law enforcement officials and making them less likely to report crimes when they are victims or witnesses.

Source: *10 Immigrant Myths. Catholic Legal Immigration Network. 2012.*

Learn more about how you can advocate for immigration reform, click [HERE](#).

Purdue Alumnus Designs New C4HF Logo



LUM would like to thank Eric Engle for sharing his talent and donating his time to the Campaign for Hoosier Families. Eric designed a new logo for the Campaign for Hoosier Families that will be implemented immediately (see C4HF Logo above).

Campaign for Hoosier Families is an alliance of individuals and organizations that engages local, state, and Federal officials on behalf of low income families and children. As they say in the business world LUM wanted to improve the C4HF brand – and went searching for a new logo that would be exclusive to this program.

C4HF turned to Purdue Professor Petrônio Bedito (art and design) for help. Petrônio put C4HF in contact with Eric Engle – at the time a Purdue senior. What was most impressive is that Eric volunteered for the project even though graduation was quickly approaching, and he was in the middle of finishing projects, taking exams, and sending out resumes.

Eric is from Indianapolis and graduated from Purdue in May 2014 with a dual degree in visual communications design and art history. He is looking for a position with a small firm as a web/graphic designer where he can continue to grow and expand his skills. Eric shared that he jumped at this opportunity to use his skills to better the world around him; that the logo was inspired by the idea that a symbol, such as a house, can mean different things. In the logo the house not only serves as a way to visually communicate C4HF mission of helping low-income families, but also is an arrow pointing to a new horizon – symbolizing a new day and new, better world.

“I want people to see the logo and know that they can help and with their help together they can make a difference,” stated Eric.

LUM is grateful to Eric for not only giving C4HF a new look but for also creating a symbol that reflects the C4HF's mission – *to help low income families and children and our hope for a safe and secure community in which everyone flourishes.*



Hunger Hike 2014—Registration Now Open

Hunger Hike



Registration is now open for **Hunger Hike 2014: HH5K Run** on Saturday, September 20 and the traditional **Hunger Hike 3K Walk** on Sunday, September 21.

Ways to Participate:

- **Donate NOW** to Hunger Hike 2014, click [here](#)
- Become a **Hunger Hike 3K Walk** participant, click [here](#)
- Become a **HH5K Run** participant, click [here](#)
- Create a personal **Online Fundraising Page**, click [here](#)
- Join or start a **Hunger Hike team**, click [here](#)

Go to HungerHike.org TODAY — and Fight Hunger!

Charity Golf Outing Benefits LUM

TOMORROW (Saturday, June 14th) at 9:30 a.m. is the “**K of C Open**” — the annual Charity Golf Outing sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 456 at WLGCC. The 2014 K of C Open benefits Lafayette Urban Ministry. Please consider supporting this event.



To register, call or email Brian Wessel (765.490.7299 | brianwessel@comcast.net).

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