



# Update: Shelter 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## LUM Shelter—Serving for 30 Years

Dear Friend,

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Lafayette Urban Ministry Emergency Shelter for the homeless. Started as a joint effort between St. Thomas Aquinas Center and LUM, the shelter's first location was on the second floor of the old Reifer Parsonage at Central Presbyterian Church. It operated with seven beds.



And since 1984, more than 10,000 different individuals have been our guests at the shelter a combined total of 200,000 times!

Some of those guests have lost their jobs and been evicted from their homes. Some are estranged from family because of mental illness or addiction. Others have been temporarily stranded in our community due to breakdowns or mishaps during travel.

*Each is valued in God's eyes. And at LUM, each is extended Christ's hospitality and compassion.*



Our primary focus is to help the homeless move off the street, out of our shelter and **into homes of their own.**

Your gift to the LUM emergency shelter program will celebrate 30 years of serving the homeless with dignity and compassion. It will keep our doors open in the here and now,



help our guests to become more self-sufficient—and it will assure that this important work continues into the future.

Please mail your check in or give online, click [HERE](#).

Gratefully,

 Joe Micon  
Executive Director  
Lafayette Urban Ministry

**P.S.—Help to celebrate 30 years of shelter ministry at LUM. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1,000 will allow LUM to help the homeless in our community move off the streets— out of our shelter— and into homes of their own. Please, may we hear from you today? To give online, click [HERE](#).**

### How your gift will help:

Today at the LUM Emergency Shelter,

- \$250 will operate the shelter for one day.
- \$100 cover the costs of the case management services for one day.
- \$50 will provide food, drink, and personal grooming items for the 280 overnight guests each week.
- A gift of \$1,000 will pay the shelter's heat, water and electric bills for one month.
- \$500 will cover the shelter's monthly maintenance, repair and fire protection costs.

Hope you will join others in supporting this important work with your dollars.



Read the entire LUM Emergency Shelter Letter from Joe Micon, click [HERE](#)

### Mission Moments

Here are some stories of the guests of the LUM shelter, which remind us of the LUM mission:

- Like the woman who was dumped by her abusive boyfriend into a snow bank in the LUM parking lot. LUM provided her a safe place that night and in the morning a bus ticket to return home to her parents.
- Or the homeless vet who stayed at the LUM shelter while he was being connected to VA health services and enrolled as a resident at the Indiana Veterans Home.
- Or the Purdue PhD graduate whose mental illness worsened after she lost her university-sponsored mental health care and prescription drug benefits. She stayed at the LUM shelter until our case managers were able to connect her with a new psychiatrist and therapist. She found a job and moved into an apartment.
- Or the 20 guests each week that receive job coaching at LUM. A full one-third of our homeless guests are employed, staying at the LUM shelter until their first paycheck arrives and they can move into a home of their own.

## Countdown to Hunger Hike 2014 Weekend

### Hunger Hike



**Hunger Hike**  
— Traditional 3K Walk  
**Sunday, September 21**  
Noon—Check In  
2 p.m.—Kick off  
Levee Plaza Lot,  
West Lafayette

**HH5K Run**  
**Saturday, September 20**  
8 a.m.—Check In  
9 a.m.—Race time  
Cumberland Park,  
West Lafayette

### Hike to Fight Hunger

- Donate Online
- Register, join or support a Team in the Hunger Hike 3K Walk
- Race in the HH5K Run
- Become a Sponsor

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- ◆ To **Donate to Hunger Hike** — Go to [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org)
- ◆ For **Hunger Hike 3K Walk Registration** — Go to [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org)
- ◆ For **Hunger Hike 5K Run Registration** — Go to [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org)

## Clowning Around at Hunger Hike 2014



Clowns are coming to Hunger Hike 2014.

The clowns from the “Laffy-ette” Chapter of the Smiles Unlimited Clown Ministry will be joining us at the Hunger Hike kick off on Sunday, September 21.

The Smiles Unlimited clowns will be “Painting Faces” and just clowning around—and it all starts at noon.

Another reason to get excited about [Hunger Hike!](#)

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