



## Update: Winter Has Arrived

### LUM Emergency Shelter—Wind Chill Impact



Lafayette Urban Ministry has a shelter protocol for severely cold and snowy weather. In collaboration with the City of Lafayette and Mental Health America, LUM will provide bus transportation from the MHA day shelter to the LUM emergency shelter on evenings with dangerous wind-chill temperatures. Due to severe weather conditions this week buses were available to transport guests to the LUM shelter in the evening and back to the day shelter in the early morning.

During the winter months if in the unlikely situation where the LUM shelter reaches capacity there are plans to guarantee that all homeless individuals will have safe place to sleep during the overnight hours. The overflow sites will be located within a three block walk of the LUM shelter at downtown churches or the LUM office (420 N 4th Street, Lafayette). So far everyone needing the shelter has been accommodated.



Special thanks to ALL of our LUM shelter volunteers especially our bus drivers. Pictured above are Clarinda Crawford and Ernie Haupt, two of this week's bus drivers.

If you wish to donate to the LUM Emergency Shelter, click [HERE](#).



### LUM Client Corner—Good Samaritan Fund



Meet **Gregory Gillard** from Lafayette. He is a client of the LUM Case Management, a guest of the LUM Emergency Shelter and a recipient of the LUM Good Samaritan Fund.

Gregory was unemployed and needed to find a job close to his aunt who has recently taken ill. He moved to Lafayette to look for work but needed the LUM Emergency Shelter—and he took full advantage of LUM Case Management.

Within a matter of a few weeks, he landed a job at downtown restaurant and signed a lease. During this transition into his new home and his new job, Gregory needed some emergency financial assistance from the LUM Good Samaritan Fund.

He simply needed “non-skid” shoes for work, some assistance with his security deposit and one or two pieces of modest furniture like a dresser.

Gregory appreciates LUM for giving him the support he needed to get a job and find a home — which gives him the stability and security to allow him to visit his family often, especially his aunt — just in time for the holidays.

If you wish to donate to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund, LUM Emergency Shelter and LUM Case Management program, click [HERE](#).

### LUM Shelter Volunteer Opportunities



#### New Year's Resolution—Volunteer

The LUM Emergency Homeless Shelter needs volunteers 365 nights a year. Currently there are openings for Weekend Coordinators and Overnight Shelter Volunteers.

- **Weekend Coordinators**  
Responsible for managing the LUM overnight shelter one or more Friday or Saturday nights a month from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.; sleep from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m. provided no emergencies occur. Weekend Coordinators supervise shelter guests and volunteers; and are fully trained prior to first shift.
- **Overnight Shelter Volunteers**  
Duties include assist coordinator in checking in guests & serving meals, stay on site all evening (8:15 p.m. to 7 a.m.), and take a shift on “awake” duty. Must be able to maintain confidentiality and interact with a variety of people.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and attend one Shelter Training Session which are offered twice a month. The next two [Training Sessions](#) are scheduled for Thursday, January 16 & Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center (525 N. 4th Street, Lafayette). No need to register. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the positions and for the 2015 Shelter Training schedule.

If you're interested or need more information, please call or email Joyce Fasani (765.423.2691 | [jfasani@lumserve.org](mailto:jfasani@lumserve.org)).

**Please share with others.**

### ASP Students Need Snacks ASAP

It's a new year and the children in the [LUM After School Program](#) need Snacks!

Please consider giving the gift of “snacks” ASAP to our students. Any type of breakfast bars are acceptable — the healthier the better. So—When you're out shopping, pick up an extra box (or two) of snacks for LUM.

To see the entire ASP Wish List, click [HERE](#):



Drop off snack donations at the LUM Office (420 N 4th Street, Lafayette), Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m. To make a monetary donation to the LUM After School Program — click [HERE](#).

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