



Update: End of the Year—To Do List

Join Us – Reception for Mary Anderson

Join us for a **Retirement Reception** in honor of **Mary Anderson** after 21 years of professional service to our community through her work with Lafayette Urban Ministry. Reception details are as follows:

- Date: **TOMORROW**—Friday, December 18
- Times: 4—6 p.m.; Program at 5 p.m.
- Place: LUM Office—420 N 4th Street, Lafayette
- Light refreshments will be available

You may also honor her with a generous, year-end donation to the newly established **Mary Anderson Kickstart Fund**.



This will be a permanent account within the **LUM Good Samaritan Fund** that will allow up to \$100 more than our usual assistance grant for those who have especially difficult utility or housing needs. Make check payable to Lafayette Urban Ministry and write "Kickstart" on memo line — or give online at www.lumserve.org/donate

Please join TOMORROW to honor and congratulate Mary Anderson.

LUM Program Center—Rededicated

Last night at the monthly LUM Board of Directors meeting, the LUM Program Center & Emergency Shelter building was re-dedicated on the 20th anniversary of the opening of the building. During the re-dedication, they reflected on a number of milestones within the past 20 years including the following:



- Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, William L. Higi, offered remarks and gave a blessing at the ribbon cutting ceremony on November 30, 1995
- Mortgage Burning—in 1998, there was a ceremony to “burn the mortgage” celebrating the final payment
- The **LUM After School Program** started in 1999 at the center; The **LUM 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** started in 2011 at the center
- Additions & expansions—in 2009, Playground added, Youth Center moved to 1st floor
- Renaming—in 2011, the Program Center was renamed the LUM **Ray Ewry** Youth Center in honor of local Olympic champion

Twenty years have passed so quickly — but upon reflection, LUM has made significant progress during this time—and much of it is due to the opening of this building in 1995. If you wish to invest in the next 20 years of LUM programs in the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center & Emergency Shelter, please make your end of the year donation by clicking [HERE](#).

Community Foundation Grant Celebration

Earlier this year, The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette awarded a \$6,700 grant to the LUM **After School Program** for new computers for use in teaching math and English to our students throughout the school year as well as during the summer months. The grant was used to purchase 30 new Chromebooks and a charging cabinet that have been well used in the LUM youth education programs since.



LUM is grateful to have such a generous & effective foundation in our community — and for their continued support of LUM. If you would like to invest in the LUM youth education programs, click [HERE](#).

{Pictured at a grant ceremony this week at the Lafayette Country Club are from L to R: Joe Micon, LUM executive director; Marianne Rose, CFGL president & CEO; and Leslie Fernung, CFGL Grants & Scholarship Coordinator.}

Dine & Dash—Success & Donation to LUM

This past Tuesday, the talented Chefs at **Creasy Springs Health Campus** made lasagna dinner to go for anyone in the community during this busy holiday season. The dinners were both delicious and in demand. All of the proceeds from the event are being donated to Lafayette Urban Ministry. LUM is so very grateful for Creasy Springs continued concern for the families and children in our community—and for their support of LUM’s programs and services.



{Pictured at Dine & Dash from L to R are: Melanie Brown, CSHC community service representative; Joe Micon, LUM executive director; Sally Miller, CSHC executive director; and Chef Matt O, CSHC dining services assistant.}

Become a Tax Volunteer—Make a Difference

Make a difference in your community by becoming a LUM tax volunteer. Volunteers are needed from January-April 2016 for the **LUM Tax Assistance Program**.



No experience is necessary — and training is provided. You may even qualify for continuing education credits. There are a number of volunteer roles available — click [HERE](#) to see descriptions. For tax preparers, some accounting experience is desired.

In all tax volunteer roles, individuals who are bilingual, multi-lingual, and have international experience are helpful. As a LUM tax assistance volunteer, you’ll join a program that’s helped millions of people file tax returns at no charge for more than 40 years. Your help will make a difference—and have a significant positive impact.

LUM strengthens our community through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. VITA, a nationwide IRS program, secures greater financial stability and economic opportunity for working families — and directly impacts OUR community.

If you are interested or need more information please click [HERE](#), or please call or email Marilyn Zerbes (765-423-2691 | mzerbes@lumserve.org).

Make an End of Year Gift to LUM

Like the *Page* who served with the Good King Wenceslas in the famous poem written by John Mason Neale (1853) — LUM needs help against the “cold” along our journey of giving alms to the poor. Won’t you consider being our “miraculous heat” as the year comes to an end? Our journey together at LUM through the past year has been eventful and at times challenging. **During 2015 at LUM...**



- **197 at-risk youth** learned & grew in the **After School Program**, **5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** & **LUM Camp**
- **650 homeless individuals** were served by the **Emergency Shelter**
- **Tax Assistance Program** served 790, returning more than **\$1.3 million in refunds**
- **Good Samaritan Program** serves up to **12 families each day**; more than 2,000 families this year
- Last month **767 individuals** received emergency food assistance from the **St. John’s/ LUM Food Pantry**
- **Community Thanksgiving Celebration** served **900 individuals**, **ID Clinic** served more than **150 clients**, **Immigration Clinic** served **19 individuals**, and of course **Jubilee Christmas** over **1,800 children!**

By the end of 2015, Lafayette Urban Ministry will have touched and improved the lives of **more than 6,000 low-income households** living in Tippecanoe County. {To read the entire letter and poem, click [HERE](#).}

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