



## Update: Hunger Hike Raises \$101,282

### Hunger Hike 2015 Exceeds Fundraising Goal

At a celebration this past Monday, it was announced that **Hunger Hike 2015** not only raised a record amount but also exceeded the 2015 fundraising goal. For the first time in the 50 year history of Hunger Hike — the amount raised exceeded \$100,000. The total is \$100,282 in cash donations plus \$1,000 in donations of gift cards.

Special thanks to the Lafayette Life Foundation for our final 2015 donation of \$5,000 which took us over top.

A majority of the money comes from local churches and their fundraising efforts. The top church fundraisers this year were **St. Thomas Aquinas** (\$26,351), **Chapel of the Good Shepherd** (\$4,050), **St. Andrew United Methodist** (\$3,900) & **Bethany Presbyterian** (\$3,367). Hunger Hike was also blessed with donations from many local companies. The top event sponsor donations this year were **Walmart/Sam's Club Foundation** (\$6,000), **Lafayette Life Foundation** (\$5,000), **Alcoa Foundation** (\$4,300) & **Bison Financial Group** (\$2,000).

On hand for the celebration were two of the Hunger Hike honorary co-chairs — Coach Sharon Versyp, Purdue Women's Basketball and Coach David Kucik, Purdue Crew {pictured right, top}; representatives for the City of Lafayette, St. Tom's, Good Shepherd; as well as event sponsors: Steven Wien, Bison Financial Group & Kelli Luttrell, Alcoa {pictured right, middle}.

The celebration was capped off with the presentation of checks to representatives of the three sponsoring organizations — Rob Pahl, **St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti Ministry**, Katy Bunder, **Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.** & Susie Riley, **Lafayette Urban Ministry** {pictured right, bottom}. Hunger Hike 2015 raised a grand total of \$101,282 (\$1,000 in gift cards), with each organization receiving \$33,760.



The proceeds from Hunger Hike 2015 will have a tremendous & immediate positive impact on the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally. Thank you all again for making history this year at Hunger Hike.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Hunger Hike event weekend — September 15 & 16, 2016. More information may be found on the Hunger Hike website at [www.hungerhike.org](http://www.hungerhike.org). If you wish to become a Hunger Hike 2016 event sponsor, please call or email Joe Micon (765-423-2691 | [jmicon@lumserve.org](mailto:jmicon@lumserve.org)). If you wish to make an individual donation to Hunger Hike, click [HERE](#).

More photos from the recent Hunger Hike celebration may be found [HERE](#).

## LUM Shelter Volunteer Opportunities

The LUM Emergency Shelter needs volunteers 365 nights a year. Currently there are openings for **Overnight Shelter Volunteers**.

**Hours:** 8 p.m.—7 a.m. or 8 p.m.—midnight; every night.

**Duties:** Three volunteers and one staff member are scheduled nightly. Each volunteer will be assigned various duties including but not limited to Check-in Desk, Kitchen (serve food), Hall & Bath (distribute towels, soaps, shampoo, etc.), and assistance at the Winter Warming Station.



Lights are out for guests at 10:30 p.m. After lights out, the three volunteers divide up the duties. Wake-up for the guest is 6:00 a.m. sharp. A small breakfast is served and all guests leave by 7:00 a.m. Overnight Shelter Volunteers 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. Training sessions are offered every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the LUM Ray Ewry Youth Center (525 N 4th Street, Lafayette). No need to register.

For more information and the 2016 Shelter Training schedule, click [HERE](#) — or please call or email Gina Williams (765.423.2691 | [gwilliams@lumserve.org](mailto:gwilliams@lumserve.org)).

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## Turkey Trot 2015—Raises \$11,500 for LUM

Travis Butts, owner of **Tri-N-Run** (350 E State St., West Lafayette), recently presented Joe Micon, LUM executive director with a check for \$11,500 from the Turkey Trot 5K Run 2015. This is the second year in a row that the donation from the TNR Thanksgiving day 5K event has reached \$10,000.



Just after sunrise on Thanksgiving morning, hundreds of dedicated runners & walkers started their holiday off by joining in on the Annual Tri-N-Run Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk at the Lafayette Golf Course. Runners, walkers, babies in strollers & dogs enjoyed the mild temperatures and appreciated the opportunity to participate and help LUM too.

Thank you to the Tri-N-Run team, Midwest Rentals, all of the runners and sponsors for making this possible. For the **Results** of the TNR Turkey Trot 5K, click [HERE](#). To view **PHOTOS** from the 2015 TNR Turkey Trot 5K Run, click [HERE](#).

## Exchange Club Donates \$500 to LUM Camp

The **Exchange Club of Lafayette** recently donated \$500 to **LUM Camp 2016**. Representing their membership, President Marti Dyer presented the check to Joe Micon, LUM executive director, at their last business meeting {pictured left}. The Exchange Club of Lafayette asked that the gift be used to purchase books for LUM Camp 2016.



LUM Camp is a week-long overnight summer camping program for low-income children ages 8-10 years old. If you wish to invest in LUM Camp 2016, make an online donation [HERE](#).

## Become a Tax Volunteer—Make a Difference

Make a difference in your community by becoming a LUM tax volunteer. Volunteers are needed from mid-January through 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](mailto:mzerbes@lumserve.org)).

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