



Update: LUM Programs & Services

Following Mother Teresa's Example

Dear Friends,

Mother Teresa spent much of her later life afflicted with toes that were gnarled and deformed. But it wasn't a birth defect, accident or disease that caused them to be pressed and bent in all directions.

Whenever the Sisters of Charity in Calcutta would receive a shipment of used shoes for the poor, Mother Teresa would dig through the box and take the very worst pair for herself—



so that nobody else would be burdened by wearing them.

In doing so, Mother Teresa sacrificed her own well-being in order to show love and compassion for the poor.

Her service always involved sacrifice. Enriching the lives of others always came at the expense of her own comfort. Just like the widow who in Mark's Gospel contributed out of her own scarcity, Mother Teresa also taught us that **service, charity and faith in God are inextricably linked.**



It is in this same spirit that I am writing to ask you to consider a generous Lenten Season gift to the children and families served by the Lafayette Urban Ministry.

Your past support of the Lafayette Urban Ministry has been so important to those we serve here.

Together, we have strengthened families, nurtured children and made our community a better place for everyone.

Won't you continue to support LUM, by making a gift generous Lenten Season gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or more, today?

Mother Teresa once said that in order for a gift to be real it must have a cost and that cost must involve emptying of oneself on behalf of another.

I hope that you will join me in making a generous gift to the children and families served by the Lafayette Urban Ministry. I can think of nowhere else that your charitable dollars will have greater impact, or no better way to express our Lenten call to share sacrificially with those who are in need.

Gratefully,

Joe Micon
Executive Director
Lafayette Urban Ministry

Lafayette Urban Ministry is an organization of over 40 area churches serving as a social safety net for at-risk children and low-income working families.

Last year, LUM served 5,363 households and...

- Helped narrow the academic achievement gap separating low-income children from their peers. Through the **LUM After School Program, 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program** and educational enrichment activities at **LUM Camp**, our students excelled. LUM students became better readers, critical thinkers and were better prepared for school. More than 200 children were served.
- Helped ease the income inequality gap for families by providing **tax assistance, emergency financial assistance, food & nutrition aid**, and family support through **Jubilee Christmas** and the **Community Thanksgiving Celebration**. More than 5,000 households were served.
- Provided 691 homeless individuals a place to stay at the **Emergency Shelter & 69** at the **Winter Warming Station**. Helped each with the support & direction to secure a home of their own.
- Helped 157 individuals obtain legal ID cards through the **ID Clinic**.
- Helped 24 individuals through the **Immigration Clinic** to navigate the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service bureaucracy to retain legal status and to remain with their families.
- Communicated through the **LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families** with elected officials about issues & legislation affecting those we serve.

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