



Update: Good Samaritan Fund Client

Meet Freddie – Good Samaritan Fund Client



Meet **Freddie Smith**, a recent LUM client.

Freddie has nine children and 16 grandchildren who live in Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois. She lives in West Lafayette with two of her grandchildren (ages: 3 years and 6 months old). When Freddie agreed to help her son with his children she was working fulltime and managing her diabetes well. Unfortunately, after a series of unfortunate events she was in a financial crisis. Last winter, Freddie fell and broke her leg. After surgery and physical therapy her leg did not fully heal and her diabetes has been harder to manage. Since her job required her to be on her feet for most of the work day, she was not able to keep working.

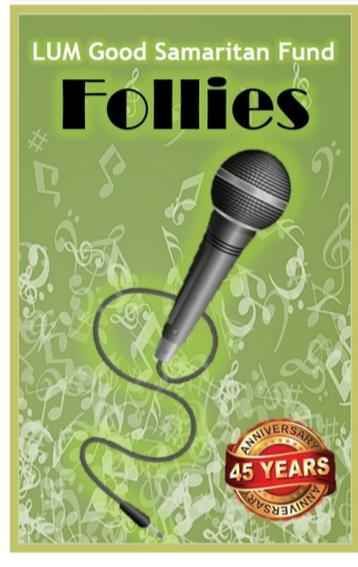
Freddie's income had been reduced substantially in a short period of time -- and she still was caring for her two grandchildren. She shared that "LUM saved me and my grandchildren from being hungry and losing our home." Not only did Freddie get emergency financial assistance from the LUM Good Samaritan Program but she also received referrals to the St. John's/LUM Food Pantry and Jubilee Christmas. She shared that the director of the LUM Good Samaritan Program, Rev. Clarinda Crawford, has been a blessing to her and her family — and she is thankful that such a wonderful and important program exists in her community. Freddie is optimistic that 2017 will be a better year for her family. Freddie's story is a perfect example of how quickly a family's situation can change and how suddenly they are temporarily in need of our help.

Attending the LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies on May 5 will directly support families like Freddie's.

Please attend LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies & support the LUM Good Samaritan Fund. If you are unable to attend and wish to make a donation directly to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund, click HERE.

Celebrate LUM's 45th – at LUM Follies 2017

| Friday, May 5 | 5:30 p.m. | St. Andrew United Methodist Church | \$45 per person |



Join us on *Cinco de Mayo* for the sixth annual LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies and help us celebrate the 45th anniversary of Lafayette Urban Ministry. The event is a lighthearted evening of fine dining, entertainment, fun & good company — filled with delightful surprises. There will be a lovely dinner with fabulous people; a Silent Auction filled with unique and priceless items; and local entertainment (also known as *Follies*) that will bring laughter, fun and sheer joy to the room.

The LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies 2017 will also be a grand 45th anniversary celebration. The best part though is that **100% of the proceeds from this event go to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund**, an emergency financial assistance program that supports local families.

Make your reservations (\$45 per person; \$360 per table) online HERE or by calling (765) 423-2691.

If you are not able to attend the "LUM Follies" but still wish to make a donation to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund — go to www.lumserve.org/donate.

More ways to get involved in the LUM Good Samaritan Fund Follies:

- * **Corporate Sponsors** — If you wish to be an event sponsor, please email us
- * **Silent Auction Donations** — If you, your company, organization or group wishes to donate items to our silent auction, please email us

(765-423-2691 | pmalavenda@lumserve.org | www.lumserve.org/follies)

New Guidelines Adopted by LUM

At last night's LUM board meeting, LUM's policy concerning the release of client information was amended to provide instruction to staff members and volunteers in the event they are presented with a subpoena for information or a warrant for the arrest of a LUM client by officers of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE). The action is in response to stepped-up activity by ICE agents nationwide at food pantries, homeless shelters, and other church sponsored human service programs.



The information gathered or received about a LUM client has always been held in the strictest confidence; but with the recent incidents reported as a result of the new US immigration protocol, it was necessary to include specific language relative to the release of information to the US Immigration & Customs Enforcement Agency.

The policy has been amended to include the following:

Special instructions to staff and volunteers in the event that officers from the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) request information about LUM clients:

- 1) All staff are reminded to adhere to this client confidentiality policy as well as confidentiality guidelines outlined in the National Association of Social Worker Code of Ethics
- 2) The Executive Director shall be informed immediately should an ICE agent present a subpoena for information or a warrant for arrest for any LUM client, volunteer or staff member
- 3) Any court issued warrant for arrest or subpoena for information about any LUM client, volunteer or staff member shall be referred to the executive director for compliance
- 4) Executive Director will consult with legal counsel before complying and report all such requests to LUM Board President

Meet Pastor Lisa Hood—First Baptist Church

This past Sunday, Joe Micon, LUM executive director, met the new pastor at First Baptist Church, Lafayette — the **Rev. Lisa Williams Hood**. Rev. Hood is from Harlem, Georgia, and was most recently at First Baptist Church in Forest City, North Carolina. Rev. Hood earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a master of divinity from George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University, Texas.



She has served in several local churches in Tennessee and North Carolina over the past 10 years, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. Rev. Hood is married to Matthew Hood, a native of Crawfordsville, Indiana, who works for Pinecastle Records, a bluegrass recording label. Lisa & Matt have one son, Oliver, who is two years old.

Join us in welcoming the Rev. Lisa Williams Hood and her family to the community.

St. John's/LUM Food Pantry Needs You

The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry needs volunteers Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:45 – 11:45 a.m.; and Saturdays from 12:45 – 3:15 p.m. for 2.5 to 14.5 hours per week.

Food Pantry volunteers distribute food to clients and may shop for food, unload food donations and shelved and sort food. Good customer service skills needed and the ability to lift boxes of food is desired. A weekly commitment is requested.

For more information, click HERE — or please call or email Donna Barker (765-742-4079x106 | foodpantry@stjohns-laf.org).



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