

The Seed

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LUM's Impact — So Far This Year — 2018



It's hard to believe that it's October already! Just two months ago, the LUM staff was deeply engaged in summer programs — and now in a blink of an eye it's time to get ready for **Jubilee Christmas, Port of Hope, the Community Thanksgiving Celebration** and the **Turkey Trot 5K Run!**

You'd be impressed with the impact that LUM has had on

the families, children and individuals in our community. So far this year, **3,593** different low-income households have been served by Lafayette Urban Ministry. LUM has nurtured and educated children, sheltered families, fed the hungry, helped the homeless become self-sufficient, supported the legal immigrant, given *HOPE & HELP* to the faceless and voiceless. All of this is due to the faithful work carried on every day and night by LUM.

Thanks to your special friendship and generous support, LUM continues to make our community a better place for all of its citizens. Please remember LUM through the final three months of 2018 by participating in one of our upcoming events, volunteering, or by giving a generous financial gift!

From Joe Micon, LUM executive director

Here is a better snapshot of LUM's impact to date:

- 858 - **Good Samaritan Program** visits for housing, utility and health-care requests
- \$70,834 - Amount of **Good Samaritan Fund** assistance disbursed
- 4,613 Visits to the **St. John's/LUM Food Pantry**
- 73 **Immigration Clinic** cases
- 155 **ID Clinic** cases
- 7,708 Overnight stays at the **Emergency Shelter**
- 485 Overnight stays at the **Winter Warming Station**
- 509 - Number of homeless individuals served
- 21 Homeless individuals provided housing through the **LUM New Opportunity Fund**
- 496 Households provided free **Tax Assistance**
- 215 Children served at **LUM Camp (85), After School Program (80), and 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program (50)**
- **Jubilee Christmas:** {TBD} Families and {TBD} children served (In 2017: 704 families & 1,941 children were served)
- **Community Thanksgiving Celebration:** {TBD} meals served (In 2017: 900 meals were served)

God bless you for all you do that allows LUM to make a difference with the families in our community.

LUM Roof Project — Going Solar & Saving

Lafayette Urban Ministry has begun a project to bring solar energy to the office building at 420 N 4th Street, downtown Lafayette. Thanks to a \$34,900 grant from **The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette**, LUM is able to begin the first phase of LUM Solar Energy Project — replacing the current roof with a new steel roof. Other monies have already been secured from the LUM Campaign for the Future Fund (\$20,000) and two anonymous donors (\$2,500). **Thank you, Community Foundation!**

Once the steel roof installation is completed, a solar energy system (35.710 kW) will be installed. In addition to the environmental benefits of going solar, the savings will potentially be \$6,618 per year. This total includes the saving from the reduction in energy needed as well as revenue from trading Solar Renewable Energy Credits. This money will be re-invested in LUM programs & services in support of local families.

More updates will follow as this project progresses. The entire project should be completed by January 1, 2019. If you would be interested in making a **capital gift** to the **LUM Solar Energy Project**, please email Joe Micon (jmicon@lumserve.org).

{Pictured L to R: Joe Micon, LUM executive director with Marianne Rose, president & CEO, and Leslie Fernung, grants & scholarship coordinator, from The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.}



Hunger Hike 2018 – Picture Perfect Weekend



Hunger Hike participants gathered on Sunday, September 16 to raise awareness and raise funds for food programs locally, regionally & globally — through the work of Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. & St. Thomas Aquinas Center’s Haiti Ministry.

The weather was perfect — and the “hike” along the Wabash River was pleasant and picturesque. The Kick-off event was highlighted by an inspiring keynote from **Race**

Johnson, Purdue Football alumnus as well as remarks from **Dave Kucik**, Purdue Crew & Rowing coach; **Nadine Morgan**, Purdue Women’s Basketball coach; Lafayette Mayor **Tony Roswarski**; West Lafayette City Council President **Peter Bunder**; and Tippecanoe County Council President **Tom Murtaugh**.

It began with the crowd participating in **Zumba** with Miss Brooke & Kasie from **Studio b Dance & Fitness**. The US National Anthem was then sung by **Jay Alan**, Harrison High School senior and YouTube sensation. There was also live music, face-painting, balloon animals, and massages.

Purdue Pete, Purdue Cheerleaders, Purdue Crew Team and Purdue Women’s Basketball Team led the hikers up the Wabash Heritage Trail along the Wabash River. Hunger Hike concluded with a Celebration Picnic with hot dogs, chips & bottled water for all participants.

Hunger Hike for the 26th straight year was successful in bringing much needed attention & funds to the battle against malnutrition, food insecurity & hunger.



Has Hunger Hike Reached the Goal? Not Yet!

The Hunger Hike 2018 goal has not been met yet. Our goal to raise at least \$115,000 is so very close. Each year 15% of the donations are made in the two months AFTER Hunger Hike. Working together this goal can be achieved.

To learn how you still can support Hunger Hike and help us reach our goal, go to hungerhike.org.

Meet the LUM Fall Teaching Team



Kristi Hogue is the new LUM Youth Programs director responsible for the After School Program and 5th Quarter Summer Learning Program. She has 23 years experience working with children and has been the director of the Right Steps Child Development Center for the past 18 years. Kristi grew up in Logansport and currently lives in Lafayette with her husband and their three children. She has a BS in Child Development & Family Studies from Purdue University.

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Kristi is excited about her new role with Lafayette Urban Ministry because there are so many programs at LUM that assist children, families and individuals that benefit the community. She shared, "I hope to impact children and families through the care and education of the children enrolled." She is committed to "helping others as well as assisting and watching children grow."

LUM is also thrilled to introduce the rest of the After School Program team. Pictured (L to R) are Kristi Hogue, director; **Mady Kirts**, intern; **Kaitlyn Hettinger**, teacher's aide; **Evie Griffin**, intern; and **Derrick Williams-Bacon**, teacher's aide.

What a talented and caring team! They are assisted each afternoon by volunteers. Please **consider volunteering** with the After School Program - **LUM needs you**.

Port of Hope

Join us at the



A benefit for the *LUM Immigration Clinic*

\$40 per person
Thursday, **November 8** | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
at **Lafayette Brewing Co.**

Hors d'oeuvre | Cash Bar | Dancing
Live Band | Marketplace

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to lumserve.org/port-of-hope

The Holidays at LUM – Serving Families

Before you get too busy preparing for the holidays with your family and friends, please add these important LUM programs to your calendar. These programs are designed to ensure that families less fortunate than ours will have joyful, bright and warm holidays too. Please consider making a donation and volunteering at these LUM holiday events.

Thanksgiving Dinner



The 32nd annual Lafayette Urban Ministry **Community Thanksgiving Celebration** is planning a holiday meal and event for over 800 guests. The FREE meal includes a traditional Thanksgiving feast with turkey, dressing/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and a variety of pies & desserts.

Volunteers and donations of food & supplies are needed. To sign up, go to lumserve.org/thanksgiving.

Event details are as follows:

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Day** — Thursday, November 22
- ◆ Noon to 2 p.m.
- ◆ Central Presbyterian Church, 7th Street, Lafayette

Your gift of **\$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more**, will help to defray the **\$9,000 expense** for the meal.



Jubilee Christmas

The 39th annual LUM **Jubilee Christmas** will host over 800 local families impacting over 1,900 children. The program strengthens low-income families by supporting the important roles of moms and dads — and making the parents the heroes at Christmas.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys, clothing (newborn to 12-year-olds), and quilts/family blankets are also welcome. The Jubilee Christmas Donation Center will be open Monday, November 26 through Tuesday, December 4, weekdays from 1 - 5 p.m. (420 N 4th Street, Lafayette).

Lots of **volunteers** are also needed. To make a donation and to sign up to volunteer, go to lumserve.org/jubilee.



Jubilee Christmas details are as follows:

- ◆ **Saturday, December 8**
- ◆ 30 different sites — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can help by donating a **cash gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more** to the LUM **Jubilee Christmas** program. You also may wish to consider giving your gift in honor of a friend or family member in lieu of a holiday gift. LUM will send a Holiday Card sharing that a donation has been made by you to Jubilee Christmas in their name.

Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk



On Thanksgiving morning, hundreds of local runners & walkers participate in the **Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk**. It's open to runners of all ages and abilities; and walkers, dogs, strollers, wagons, and turkey hats are welcome. The 5K convenes at Walmart (West Lafayette) and follows the Cattail Trail Loop, a scenic route through the Celery Bog Nature Area. Advanced registration is encouraged but **walk-ups are welcome!** All proceeds directly support the programs and services offered by **Lafayette Urban Ministry**. It's a great way to help those in need while celebrating "thanksgiving."

To register go to turkeytrot5krun.org



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Return Service Requested

Fall - Family, Foliage, Football & Future Planning

The autumn season is here and with it comes cooler nights, colorful trees, pumpkins, football and having fun outdoors with friends and family. But it is also a season for preparing. In addition to preparing for the winter months — also spend some time preparing for the future.

This fall, spend some time creating a personal legacy by continuing your support of the mission of **Lafayette Urban Ministry** beyond your own lifetime. During our lifetimes, we support our neighbors with our gifts to LUM, but by creating a legacy through Planned Giving your support of our ministry will continue for all perpetuity.

It's a win-win Estate Planning strategy for you and LUM. In addition to the altruistic benefits, your charitable gift to Lafayette Urban Ministry

brings tax relief — and also allows you to make a larger gift to LUM than you could make from your income alone. Whether you use **cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork, partnership b, personal property, life insurance** or a **retirement plan**, the benefits of Estate Planned Gifts can make this type of donation attractive to you as well as LUM. We also hope you will remember Lafayette Urban Ministry in your will.

First, meet with your professional advisor to learn how informed estate planning can increase the overall value of your estate with a gift of tax-burdened assets (like IRAs, 401(k), or savings bonds) to LUM.

Whatever you decide — enjoy this season with your family and friends — and think for a moment about the



mission of Lafayette Urban Ministry and the families we serve.

When you are ready to begin the conversation, please **email** or **call Joe Micon**, LUM executive director, who is eager to meet with you (jmicon@lumserve.org | 765-423-2691). To give to LUM online, go to **lumserve.org/donate**.

Join LUM online

