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**Happy birthday to us!**

Mary Anderson  
 Executive Director

How do you feel about an approaching birthday? I think your response may have to do with your age! Young children seem to be

filled with anticipation and excitement, probably having to do with presents and cakes. Older teens and young adults view birthdays as important milestones: I'm sixteen and can drive, or 18 and can vote, or 21 and "legal." Women are supposed to view 30 and 40 with trepidation while men are seen as mature. And according to popular advertising, life after 50 is filled either with aches and pains or endless cruises and golf.

2007 is Lafayette Urban Ministry's 35th birthday! We are not longer young, not yet old, and might be seen as comfortably settled. This annual report will show you that we are very much a vibrant, growing, focused organization that continues to hold true to our mission statement each and every day of every year.

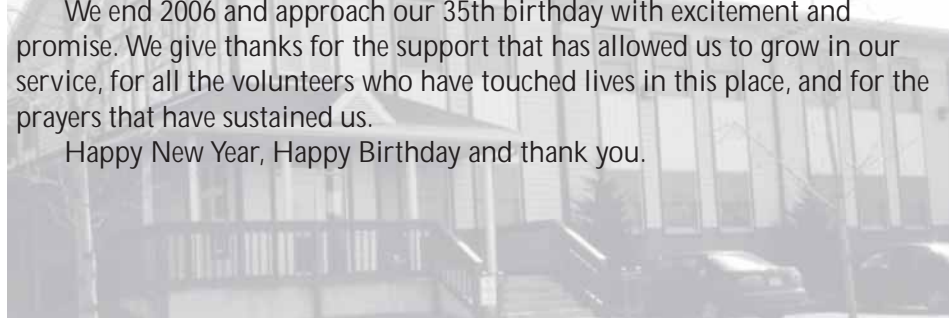
Please take time to read this annual report. Look at the wonderful things that happened at and through LUM in 2006. Consider the lives touched, the pride restored, the dignity preserved, the futures brightened. Think about the actions, large and small, that were taken every day to live out our Gospel call to serve the least among us. Remember the smiles of children, the hugs of grateful clients, and the quiet thank-you of shelter guests receiving a meal.

There were a few major accomplishments that deserve the spotlight:

- The tax preparation program returned over \$1,000,000 in tax refunds to clients—and to the Lafayette economy—in 2006. Volunteers filed free returns for 648 clients; debts were eliminated, houses and cars were purchased and tuition was paid. *Lives were changed.*
- The St John's/LUM food pantry served 6,832 households, an increase of almost 9% over last year. Food was purchased, food was donated, volunteers shopped and bagged and distributed. *The hungry were fed.*
- Two more young women "graduated" from the RESPECT program and more girls will be added to the group this year. These girls, from families with a history of teen pregnancy and other risk factors, signed a contract with LUM to attend twice monthly meetings, participate in various activities, and complete their high school education without becoming pregnant. LUM in turn promises a \$3,000 scholarship to assist them in continuing their education. Both of these young women are attending IV Tech—one in nursing and one in education. *Their lives were enhanced.*

We end 2006 and approach our 35th birthday with excitement and promise. We give thanks for the support that has allowed us to grow in our service, for all the volunteers who have touched lives in this place, and for the prayers that have sustained us.

Happy New Year, Happy Birthday and thank you.





**Mission Statement** Poverty is the greatest thief. More than depriving a neighbor of food or shelter or warmth, it steals away hope. While other thieves may take away the past, poverty steals the future and self-respect. The Lafayette Urban Ministry is in the business of restoring human dignity. Through voluntary efforts and contributions we give back the hope, the future, and the self-respect which all God's people need and deserve.

Ours is a Christian ministry that welcomes congregations and people of all faiths. We give witness to God's saving love and prophetic power by loving neighbors, seeking justice, empowering the least among us, and renewing the Church's social ministry.

### Member Churches

**Is your church a part of the Lafayette Urban Ministry? Membership is open to all whose faith leads to ministry among the poor.**

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| Bethany Presbyterian   | New Era Baptist                               |
| Bethel African Methodist Episcopal                                   | Our Saviour Lutheran                          |
| Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic                                     | Second Baptist                                |
| Central Presbyterian   | St. Alexis Orthodox Church                    |
| Christ United Methodist  | St. Andrew United Methodist                   |
| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints--Greater Lafayette Stake | St. Ann Roman Catholic                        |
| Congress Street United Methodist                                     | St. Boniface Roman Catholic                   |
| Dayton Memorial Presbyterian   | St. John's Episcopal                          |
| Elmwood Church of Christ   | St. Lawrence Roman Catholic                   |
| Elston Presbyterian  | St. Mary Cathedral                            |
| Faith Presbyterian   | St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic             |
| Federated Church   | Stidham United Methodist                      |
| First Baptist  | Stockwell United Methodist                    |
| First Christian  | Trinity United Methodist                      |
| First United Methodist   | Unitarian Universalist Church                 |
| Good Shepherd Episcopal Ministry                                     | Universal Deliverance Church of God in Christ |
| Grace United Methodist   | University Church                             |
| Holy Trinity Lutheran  | University Lutheran                           |
| Hope Chapel Presbyterian   | Word of Life Fellowship                       |
| Immanuel United Church of Christ                                     |   |
| Lafayette Church of the Brethren                                     | <b>At Large Members of the Board</b>          |
| Lafayette Friends Meeting  | Northwest Central Labor Council               |
| Lafayette Mennonite Fellowship                                       | Business Representative                       |
|  | Centennial Neighborhood Representative        |

*Through 2006, LUM worked hard to fulfill its mission—  
loving neighbors, seeking justice, empowering the least  
among us, and renewing the Church's social ministry*

*"Thank you for helping our family with your recent rental assistance. You are a blessing!"*  
 —A.S., Advocate Program client



Children in the Afterschool Program got to ride horses during a special field trip in 2006

*"I would like you to know how much I appreciated the help you gave me recently with my Vectren bill. Everyone was extremely nice, professional and helpful."*  
 —S.B., Advocate Program client



From the Food Pantry to meals at the emergency homeless shelter to summer camp (photo above), LUM helps to meet the food and nutrition needs of thousands of people in our community

# 2006 LUM programs and a over 4,360 children, fa

## The Emergency Homeless Shelter provided safety and warmth

Our Emergency Homeless Shelter provided emergency overnight shelter, meals, showers and a safe and caring environment for 505 different guests for a total of 14,818 bed nights in 2006. All this was made possible by the caring and dedication of hundreds of volunteers and church, community and family groups that provided meals for our guests throughout the year. With the mid-year announcement that Lincoln Center would no longer be able to serve as our emergency overflow shelter in 2007, LUM staff began to explore options for meeting the additional need. The shelter program is supervised by Joyce Boehm.

## The Afterschool Program provided high quality child care

Our Afterschool Program continues to be one of the community's highest quality educational enrichment programs. Thirty-six children from 25 families participated under the direction of Rita Tillett and Kathy Schroth, Program Directors in 2006, aided by more than 100 volunteers from Purdue and the community. Each school day the program provides transportation from LSC elementary schools, nutritious snacks, homework help, religious education, arts & crafts, recreation and field trips. A highlight of the year was a trip sponsored by University Church to Billy Reeves Stable in West Point.

## Emergency Assistance helped many families

Our Emergency Assistance Program saw 1,725 families and individuals last year for a total of 2,900 visits. The dedication of our 25 volunteer advocates, under the direction of Mary Anderson, helped assure that these families avoided utility disconnects or had service restored, obtained or maintained housing, filled necessary prescriptions for medications, and received assistance with employment-related expenses. The **Centralized Emergency Fund** supported the families coming to the Emergency Assistance program by disbursing \$115,772 in direct financial assistance. This program continues to provide the low-income community with a strong and viable social safety net. Every dollar contributed to the CEF goes directly to families in need.

<b>Lafayette Urban Ministry CENTRALIZED EMERGENCY FUND Jan. 1, 2006 to Dec. 31, 2006</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Gifts .....	\$ 78,248
Churches .....	20,753
ESG .....	4,970
FEMA .....	15,400
Interest .....	201
<b>Total Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$119,572</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Utilities .....	\$48,805
Housing .....	38,572
Food .....	9,225
Health Care .....	11,301
Employment .....	5,709
Transportation .....	2,160
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$115,772</b>

## Dignity-U-Wear served families' clothing needs

Dignity-U-Wear is a clothing distribution program that provides new clothing to children. LUM provided 19 families with 45 children the opportunity to select new clothing items during a spring distribution event. Reorganization at the Dignity-U-Wear warehouse limited our opportunities to distribute clothing to a single event in 2006.

## The St. John's/LUM Food Pantry served food needs

The LUM/St. John Food Pantry saw a record number of families needing emergency food this year. The pantry filled 7,437 requests for food, feeding a total of over 22,766 individuals. The pantry experienced an increase of over 100 families served this year. Over 60 dedicated volunteers staff the pantry, shop for and transport food, and clean and stock the facility.

# Activities touched the lives of families and individuals

## Jubilee Christmas provided holiday joy for many families

LUM's Jubilee Christmas, our community's largest Christian assistance program, helped parents from 661 local families become heroes to their children at Christmas time. 1,670 children benefited this year. Thirty-five LUM member churches joined together to host 24 Jubilee Christmas Toy Shops where parents selected new toys, clothing, and gift certificates for their children. Over \$125,000 worth of new toys and more than 1,000 volunteers combined to warm hearts and bring smiles to everyone involved. Under program director Joyce Boehm's leadership and the help of veteran churches, a new site was added this year at Unity Medical Center. It was wonderful to offer Jubilee Christmas to even more families.

## This year, LUM Summer Camp was "energizing"

Summer Camp at Hanging Rock Camp in West Lebanon in Warren County was an incredible experience for 88 children and 80 volunteer counselors and program staff. With the theme of "Camp Energy" the children learned about alternative fuels and energy conservation along with traditional camp activities like swimming, campfires, morning chapel and arts & crafts. Under the direction of Joe Micon and Rita Tillett, camp was an enriching and memorable time for each of the children.

## RESPECT helped teen girls make healthy decisions

Our RESPECT Program participants meet bi-weekly with Rita Tillett to help develop self-esteem and life skills. Six young women participated in this pregnancy-prevention program and two of them graduated and received LUM scholarships to pursue continuing education. RESPECT (Reducing Early Sex and Pregnancy through Educating Children & Teens) is an abstinence-based program that provides a safe forum for discussion of human sexuality, life choices, relationships and decision making.

## Campaign for Hoosier Families took the lead in advocacy work

The Campaign for Hoosier Families organizes over 100 churches, organizations and individuals in this faith-based initiative to advocate for working families and children across Indiana. Patti O'Callaghan communicates legislative issues, current research and networking opportunities to help strengthen families and benefit children. In 2005, our advocacy helped pass a state sales tax exemption for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds, resulting in \$2.4 million in addition to energy assistance to keep low income Hoosiers warm and safe.

## LUM's free tax assistance program topped \$1 million!

More than 20 certified volunteers filed 648 tax returns for 617 low and moderate income workers, resulting in over \$1 million in total tax refunds. Taxes were also prepared at two off-site locations this year. Special thanks to Bison Financial Group and Lafayette Savings Bank for providing expertise, volunteers, and free savings accounts to participating client families.

## But that's not all—LUM was busy in other ways, too

We continued our dedication to serve all who came to our doors, all who were touched by injustice, and all who were in need in our community, by:

- providing free baked goods distribution at two sites every week.
- providing information and referral to dozens of walk-ins and callers each day.
- communicating with the community six times a year through our SEED newsletter, reaching 3300 households with each mailing.
- staff and board members participating in many community projects and serving on various boards and committees.

*"Jubilee was such a blessing for our family. We've been through a rough time. The people warmed me with love and welcomed me like a member of their family."*

—Jubilee Client



Many donations and many volunteers helped Jubilee bring Christmas cheer to many families

*"Reading stories about people in need touched me very deeply. My husband and I have been there, so we know how humiliating it can be. But with the support of wonderful people, luck, and faith, we have survived. Thank you for all you do."*

—D.D.



A tax assistance volunteer peers over her laptop as she helps ensure that a working mom receives all her tax credits and refunds

*"With this tax refund, we'll be free from debt for the first time, and eligible for a Habitat for Humanity home."*

—R.L., Tax Assistance client

## 2006 LUM Special Events

*Throughout the year, LUM sponsored special events to increase awareness, raise funds, and involve and serve the community.*



Families and friends joined with civic, business and church groups in the Annual Hunger Hike

*"Our church women's group feels that our community is blessed by your ministry. We were glad to provide gifts to LUM. What an investment in God's grace!"*  
—S.K., Church Women's Group Secretary



The helping hands of many volunteers helped serve at the Community Thanksgiving Celebration

### **Hundreds of hikers raised almost \$62,000 in Hunger Hike 2006 presented by Bison Financial Group**

Hunger Hike 2006 presented by Bison Financial Group and coordinated by Patti O'Callaghan was a record-breaker! 500 hikers representing families, churches, schools and community groups and led by the Purdue Crew as Grand Marshals, along with many corporate sponsors, raised almost \$62,000. The dollars raised support LUM anti-hunger programs, Food Finders Food Bank, and the St. Thomas Aquinas hunger relief efforts in Haiti.

### **The Community Thanksgiving Celebration offered fellowship and food for the community**

Community Thanksgiving Celebration was held again at Central Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving Day. This year, over 800 people joined us for turkey and all the fixings. Over 150 volunteers from the community decorated, cooked, served and cleaned up. The support of individuals and businesses, and the direction of Joyce Boehm, made the 19th annual dinner a big success.

### **LUM staff provided outreach to the community**

Throughout the year, LUM staff were guest speakers with numerous church, civic, educational, and business groups. The directors of LUM programs are well-informed on social and economic issues and want to help raise awareness in the local community on critical issues such as poverty, hunger, homelessness, and social justice.

Received from a local church:

*"Thank you for your presentation to our church forum last Sunday on the problems of poverty in Lafayette and LUM's contributions to the solutions. Your remarkable account of the people seen in a single day certainly extended our concept of the plight of the poor. You made a number of new friends for LUM and reinforced the commitment of others of us who have long appreciated the service you perform for all of us in the community."*



—E.M., Church Forum Director

# Lafayette Urban Ministry FINANCIAL REPORT January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

## REVENUE

### UNRESTRICTED

Personal Gifts .....	160,271
Member Churches .....	57,596
Endowment .....	58,082
Church/Civic Groups .....	11,231
Judicatories .....	7,000
Corporations/Development .....	4,807
Interest .....	511
Miscellaneous .....	50
<b>Total Unrestricted .....</b>	<b>299,548</b>

### RESTRICTED

Homeless Shelter .....	89,101
Jubilee Christmas .....	53,828
Hunger Hike .....	61,312
LUM Camp .....	39,709
Afterschool Program .....	8,542
Community Thanksgiving .....	8,135
RESPECT .....	5,361
Grant/capital purchase .....	8,879
<b>Total Restricted .....</b>	<b>274,867</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE ..... \$574,415**

Opening Balance (1/1/06) .....	\$98,951
Total Revenue .....	\$574,415
Total Expenses .....	\$519,371

## EXPENSES

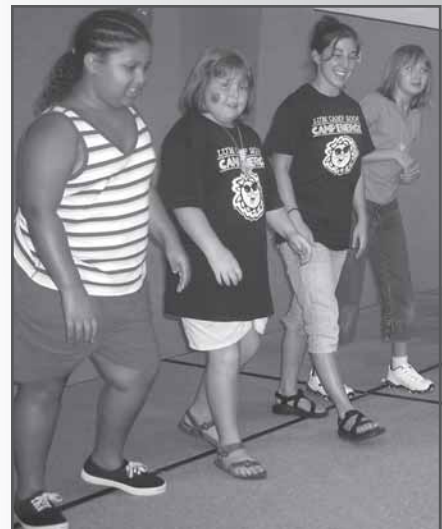
### PROGRAMS

Staff .....	153,798
Benefits .....	34,597
FICA .....	14,657
Homeless Shelter .....	78,683
Jubilee Christmas .....	53,828
Afterschool Program .....	35,531
LUM Camp .....	38,732
Hunger Hike .....	42,292
SEED Newsletter .....	7,650
Community Thanksgiving .....	7,254
Tax Assistance .....	3,587
Advocate Program .....	944
RESPECT .....	3,168
Social Justice Ministry .....	1,208
<b>Total Program Expenses ....</b>	<b>475,928</b>

### GENERAL SUPPORT

Insurance/Professional Services .....	7,764
Fundraising .....	8,737
Postage .....	3,131
Office Supplies .....	6,134
Utilities .....	3,672
Telephone/Internet .....	2,882
Repairs/Service Contracts .....	405
Staff Travel .....	1,594
Maintenance Supl/Contracts .....	673
Staff Development .....	361
Board Committees .....	237
Miscellaneous .....	78
Capital purchase .....	7,776
<b>Total Support Expenses .....</b>	<b>43,443</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES ..... \$519,371**



Campers and counselors put their best foot forward in the annual end-of-camp talent show at the 2006 LUM Camp

*"Camp was awesome! I liked creeking and hiking, and I learned about energy. It was great being out in nature and I made a lot of friends, too!"*

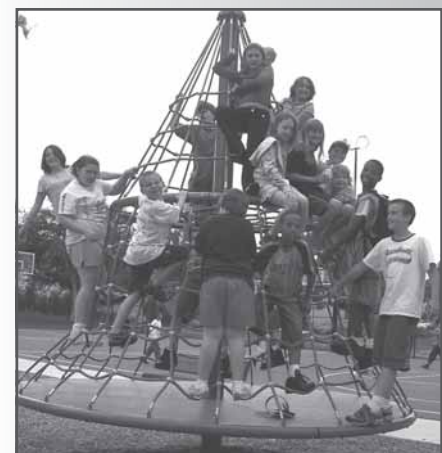
—2006 LUM "Camp Energy" camper

## Plan Your 2007 Giving

LUM's important work depends upon the support of over 3,500 individual friends and donors. Through general contributions or targeted gifts to specific programs, LUM's donors feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, nurture needy children, and advocate for a more just society. During 2007 the Lafayette Urban Ministry will ask for your support for:

- Annual Fund Campaign—March 1
- LUM Camp—May 15
- Centralized Emergency Fund—August 1, November 1
- Christmas Season Campaign—December 1

In addition to the above giving opportunities, LUM encourages your consideration of our Shelter, Jubilee Christmas, Afterschool, and Community Thanksgiving programs. Gifts can be made by sending a check directly to LUM through pre-authorized monthly withdrawals from your personal checking account or by Visa or Mastercard payments through the mail or online at [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org). **As you plan your 2007 charitable giving, please consider the important work of the Lafayette Urban Ministry. Thank you.**



Children in the Afterschool Program had fun while getting exercise at the playground



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### STAFF MEMBERS

Mary Anderson .....	Interim Executive Director
Joe Micon .....	Development Director
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*Touching the future by  
 helping children and  
 families today*

