

Behind the numbers

Mary Anderson, Interim Executive Director



Annual Reports are strange animals. We need to get this information to you to tell you of our programs, our growth, and our successes. But by the time we put all this together in the cold days of January, last summer's LUM Camp is a distant memory,

we are into a new tax season, and the master data base is filling up with new numbers. It's hard for me to look backwards; I'm a person who is already looking forward to spring even while it's still snowing.

But the numbers in this annual report tell an important story. They show how well-used this facility is: advocate clients in the morning, children in the afternoon, shelter guests at night. They show how dedicated the staff is: multiple responsibilities, extra hours, true compassion and caring. The numbers show how close to "maxed-out" our programs are: if the advocate program operated at full capacity every day, we could theoretically fill 3,120 slots; we saw 2,841. Full capacity for the ASP is based on the number of seats available in our vans. Full capacity for the tax program depends on the number of desks and laptops available.

Most importantly, the numbers in this report are real people. The CEF spending numbers include "Sharon," her husband and four children; her husband has been unable to work and his disability application has been pending for over a year, her work hours have been cut, and the family needed help with utilities and medications. The Food Pantry numbers are mothers and fathers who cannot put enough food on the table to satisfy their children's hunger. The number of tax returns filed represent working families who can now afford more stable housing, return to school, purchase reliable transportation for work, or pay off huge winter utility bills.

So please take the time to read this report carefully. It is a good snapshot of where we have been in the past year.

But please join me, as well, in looking forward to the new year. This will be a year of excitement and change at LUM. Most of you are aware of the staffing changes that will occur this spring. Joe Micon will return to full-time duties as Executive Director in May, and I will continue my responsibilities with the Advocate program and take on some additional duties related to our program-expansion campaign. While I have greatly enjoyed the four years as "interim director," I'm looking forward to more time working directly with clients and working for the future of LUM. I won't miss budgets, or insurance issues, or building concerns—and I will still have the many great connections with this organization, our volunteers, donors, and clients. The best of all worlds!

2008 will see LUM continuing to develop and grow programs that strengthen families and children, and move adults into greater self-sufficiency. We will move from preparing taxes to preparing for camp. From camp, it will be the rapid rush of Hunger Hike, Community Thanksgiving and Jubilee Christmas. RESPECT, After School, the Advocate Program and the Emergency Homeless Shelter will continue to address the needs of each special population. The names, faces and needs of the clients may change, but LUM's responses to those needs will be consistent.

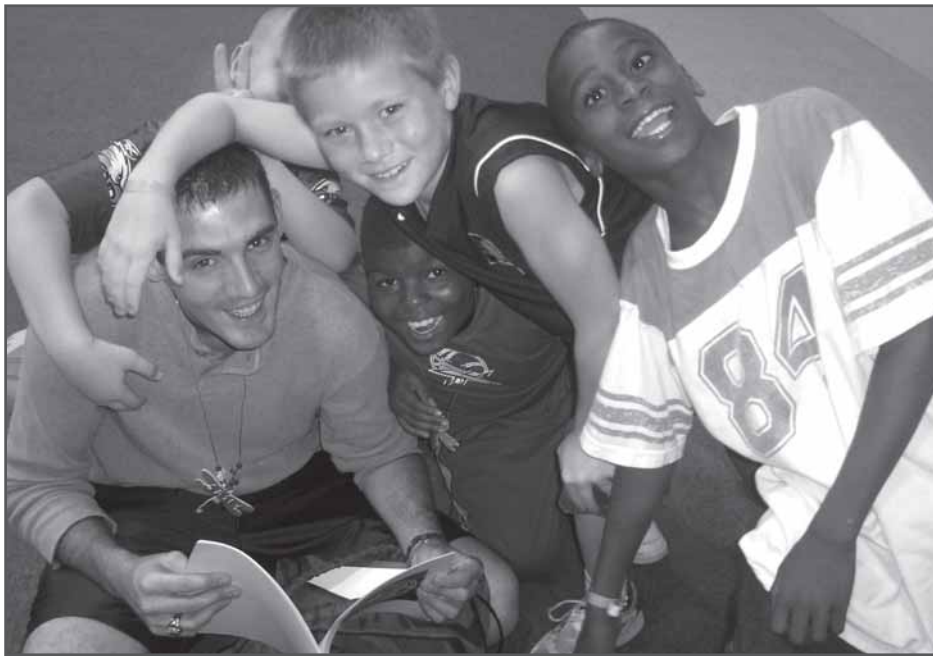
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Mission Statement Poverty is the greatest thief. More than depriving a neighbor of food or shelter or warmth, it steals away hope. While other thieves may take away the past, poverty steals the future and self-respect. The Lafayette Urban Ministry 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.

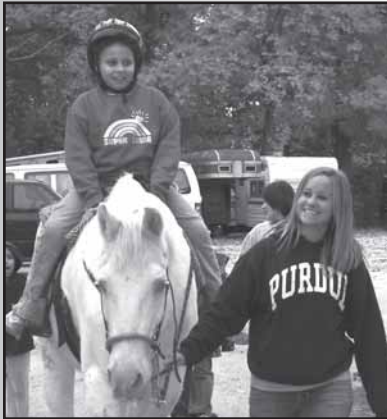
Bethany Presbyterian	New Era Baptist
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal	Our Saviour Lutheran
Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic	Second Baptist
Central Presbyterian	St. Alexis Orthodox Church
Christ United Methodist	St. Andrew United Methodist
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints--Greater Lafayette 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	
Lafayette Friends Meeting	
Lafayette Mennonite Fellowship	

At Large Members of the Board

Northwest Central Labor Council
 Business Representative
 Centennial Neighborhood Representative

*Through 2007, 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 pay our water bill. Water is a necessary thing. You have helped us, and so many other people."
 —D.A., Advocate Program client



Children in the Afterschool Program rode horses during a special field trip in 2007

"Thank you for the assistance for my family. Without your help I would have had a difficult time providing necessities for my family's survival."
 —S.A., Advocate Program client

**Lafayette Urban Ministry
 CENTRALIZED EMERGENCY FUND
 Jan. 1, 2007 to Dec. 31, 2007**

Revenue

Gifts	\$ 76,816
Churches	13,139
ESG	5,000
FEMA	16,000
Transfer fr Tot. Program	11,000
Interest	196
Total Revenue	\$122,151

Expense

Utilities	\$44,403
Housing	40,985
Food	6,037
Health Care	8,956
Employment	7,135
Transportation	2,066
Total Expenses	\$109,582

2007 LUM programs and activities touched the lives of over 4,474 children, families and individuals

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 549 different guests for a total of 16,494 bed nights in 2007. 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. The shelter experienced 166 nights of overflow. The shelter program is supervised by Joyce Boehm.

The Afterschool Program provided high quality child care

LUM's Afterschool Program continues to be one of the community's highest quality educational enrichment programs. Thirty children from 22 families participated in 2007 under the direction of Cindy Haley, current Program Director, and Kathy Schroth, former Director. More than 100 volunteers from Purdue and the community helped. Each school day the program provides transportation from LSC elementary schools, nutritious snacks, homework help, religious education, arts and crafts, recreation and field trips. Highlights of the year included a visit to the Jewell Family Farm, horseback riding at the Billy Reeves Stable, and sledding at Murdock Park. In addition to all the wonderful volunteers and donors to our "LUM Store," the children and staff would like to thank Central Presbyterian Church for allowing the children to use their gym each Friday when the weather doesn't permit outside play.

Emergency Assistance helped many families

The Emergency Assistance program saw 1,708 families in 2007, for a total of 2,841 visits. These individuals and families were facing evictions, utility disconnects and emergency prescription needs, as well as the need for employment-related identification, clothing or equipment. 83% of our participants come only one or two times last year—a positive sign that our assistance helped them through their emergency and they returned to self-sufficiency. Clients are seen every morning by one of the 20 dedicated volunteers who serve the program along with Mary Anderson, Program Director. Clients are seen at other times if needed to accommodate work schedules.

Centralized Emergency Fund (see report at left)

The Centralized Emergency Fund is an account completely separate from other LUM funding—each dollar donated to CEF goes directly to a client in urgent need. In 2007, 1602 families were assisted through CEF for a total disbursement of \$109,582, an average of just over \$64 per family per year. The dollars from CEF, combined with referrals to other community services, provide a strong safety net for Tippecanoe County's low-income population.

Dignity-U-Wear distributed new clothing to families

The Lafayette Urban Ministry was again pleased to partner with Dignity-U-Wear Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida, to provide new clothing free of charge to 93 children from 35 LUM client households. Special thanks go to the seven volunteers who made the November distribution such a success!

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 7,345 requests for food, feeding a total of over 23,143 individuals. The pantry distributes over 2200 pounds of food each week! Over 60 dedicated volunteers staff the pantry, shop for and transport food, and clean and stock the facility. Patti O'Callaghan is the LUM staff representative to the food pantry.

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Jubilee Christmas provided holiday joy for many families

LUM's Jubilee Christmas, our community's largest Christmas assistance program, helped parents from 703 local families become heroes to their children at Christmas time. 1,815 children benefited this year. Thirty-five LUM member churches joined together to host 26 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, two new sites were added this year: River Vineyard and Word of Life. It was wonderful to offer Jubilee Christmas to even more families.

Animals were everywhere at LUM Camp 2007!

Seventy campers and over 50 volunteers gathered August 6–10 at Hanging Rock Camp in Warren County for LUM Camp 2007. The campers got to learn, up close and personal, about the many animals, insects, and plants that are native to our state and beyond. There were also all the fun camp activities like swimming, campfires, boating, sleeping in cabins, morning chapel and lots of new friends. Thanks to everyone who, through gifts of time and treasure, made LUM Camp 2007 such a great experience for our campers. Joe Micon directs LUM Camp with the assistance of Rita Tillett.

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. Seven 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 2007, our advocacy raised awareness of the need to institute a state Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit which would provide nearly \$11 million in assistance for childcare for working families. We also worked to increase the state Earned Income Tax Credit. Both these issues will continue to be important.

LUM's free tax assistance program topped \$1.3 million!

More than 20 certified volunteers filed 818 tax returns for low and moderate income workers, resulting in over \$1.3 million in total tax refunds. Special thanks to Bison Financial Group and Lafayette Community Bank for providing expertise, volunteers, and savings accounts to participating client families. Patti O'Callaghan directs this program.

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.

"This was the first actual Christmas my kids have ever had. But it's so much more than gifts. Jubilee was sharing and expressing love for all, rich or poor, and in good spirit and with song and laughter. Thank you."

—Jubilee Client



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

"Have you ever been so broke you couldn't even buy a stamp? That's where I've been but I'm not gonna stay there. Thank you for helping me with my prescription. The added stress of losing my job contributed to my flare up and had it not been for your kindness I would not have been able to get the medicine I needed."

—C.H., Advocate client



A tax assistance volunteer is all smiles as he helps ensure that a local resident receives all her tax credits and refunds

"Thank you so much for all your help with our taxes. It was very complicated and you invested a great deal of time and energy in the preparation and electronic filing."

—J.K., Tax Assistance client

2007 LUM Special Events

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



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

"My family celebrated Thanksgiving by volunteering to help with LUM's annual celebration. I served turkey, my wife was a greeter, and my sons served potatoes and dressing. After it was over, one of my sons said 'Dad, this was really a great idea.' Thank you, LUM. We really enjoyed the day."

—J.M., Thanksgiving Celebration Volunteer



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

Hundreds of hikers raised almost \$65,000 in Hunger Hike 2007 presented by Bison Financial Group

Hunger Hike 2007 presented by Bison Financial Group and coordinated by Patti O'Callaghan was a record-breaker! More than 500 hikers—including families, churches, schools, community groups and many corporate sponsors—raised almost \$65,000. Members of the Purdue Crew served as Grand Marshals. 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

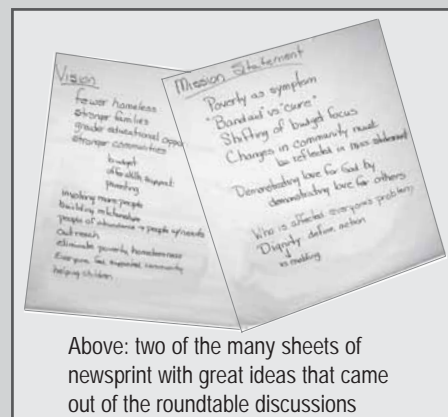
Community Thanksgiving Celebration was held again at Central Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving Day. This year, over 800 people joined us for turkey and all the fixings. Over 150 volunteers from the community decorated, cooked, served and cleaned up. The support of individuals and businesses under the direction of Joyce Boehm made the 20th annual dinner a big success.

Many people participated in exploring LUM's vision for the future

In June of 2007 and again in late fall, Cargill Associates of Texas conducted a series of roundtable discussions, personal interviews, mail-in surveys, and information gathering meetings to help Lafayette Urban Ministry plan for the future. Cargill assisted LUM in the building campaign of 1994-1995 that made the current facility a reality.

The input of pastors, board members, volunteers, staff, community leaders, the business community, other social service agency directors, and neighborhood representatives will help form the vision of our ministry in the coming years. Cargill personnel report that LUM has one of the highest approval ratings of program and staff of any organization they have surveyed.

While aware of changing needs and ever-present challenges involved in our work, Lafayette Urban Ministry can look to the future with confidence and the affirmation of our mission. We thank everyone who took the time to participate in any way in this project. You will be hearing more as we move into 2008, but if you have questions about LUM's planning process, please contact us. Remember, the LUM staff is available to speak to your group or organization, your church or church group at any time.



Above: two of the many sheets of newsprint with great ideas that came out of the roundtable discussions

Lafayette Urban Ministry FINANCIAL REPORT January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

REVENUE

UNRESTRICTED

Personal Gifts	\$195,346
Member Churches	56,021
Endowment	49,353
Church/Civic Groups	9,547
Judicatories	4,985
Corporations/Development	7,749
Interest	361
Total Unrestricted	\$323,362

RESTRICTED

Homeless Shelter	\$68,796
Jubilee Christmas	50,511
Hunger Hike	62,764
LUM Camp	44,861
Afterschool Program	4,456
Community Thanksgiving	7,111
RESPECT	4,600
Tax Assistance Program	4,600
Total Restricted	\$247,699

TOTAL REVENUE **\$571,061**

Total Revenue \$571,061
Total Expenses \$531,309

EXPENSES

PROGRAMS

Staff	\$164,020
Benefits	36,085
FICA	15,644
Homeless Shelter	91,633
Jubilee Christmas	50,511
Afterschool Program	32,896
LUM Camp	41,646
Hunger Hike	43,331
SEED Newsletter	6,184
Community Thanksgiving	6,427
Tax Assistance	5,800
Advocate Program	687
RESPECT	5,087
Social Justice Ministry	1,169
Total Program Expenses ..	\$501,120

GENERAL SUPPORT

Insurance/Professional Services ...	\$7,938
Fundraising	6,138
Postage	1,948
Office Supplies	3,334
Utilities	3,741
Telephone/Internet	2,853
Staff Travel	1,394
Maintenance Supl/Contracts	1024
Staff Development	171
Board Committees	219
Miscellaneous	577
Special event	852
Total Support Expenses	\$30,189

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$531,309**



Campers and counselors enjoyed getting to know various kinds of animals at LUM's 2007 "Critter Camp"

"Dear Mom, I am having a blast! You're right—LUM Camp is so much fun. If you were here you would like it. I made a new friend too. I love you."

—child's letter home, written from LUM Camp 2007

Remember LUM in 2008!

The Lafayette Urban Ministry depends upon the generosity of friends like you. Your financial support allows us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, nurture needy children, and advocate for a more just society. During the coming year, the Lafayette Urban Ministry will ask for your support for...

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

In addition to the above, we encourage your support for other important LUM programs like our Emergency Homeless Shelter, Afterschool, Jubilee Christmas, and Community Thanksgiving Programs. Contributions to the Lafayette Urban Ministry are tax deductible and can be made by sending a check directly to LUM, through pre-authorized monthly withdrawals from your personal checking account, or online at www.lafayetteurbanministry.org. Also, please consider including the Lafayette Urban Ministry in your will.

Thank you for remembering the children and families served by the Lafayette Urban Ministry as you plan your 2008 charitable giving!



Children in the Afterschool Program had fun during educational field trips such as this visit to Imagination Station



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