



LUM LAFAYETTE
URBAN MINISTRY

Annual
Report
2008

LUM is Good News During Bad Times

I am pleased to report that the Lafayette Urban Ministry completes another strong year of service to the Greater Lafayette Community. With involvement of over 2,000 volunteers and donations from individuals, churches, community groups, businesses, foundations, and government LUM is serving in more ways than ever before.

Together with faithful people from 39 worshiping communities, LUM makes a difference. Just think of what is happening everyday of the year...

We are feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless...

We are advocating for the poor and encouraging self sufficiency...

And we are welcoming and guiding children as they prepare for their futures.

Because of faithful friends, like you, LUM touches the lives of virtually every low-income family in our community. That's about 5,200 families and over 7,800 children. No wonder the Lafayette Urban Ministry is known as our community's social safety net and a place of hope.

Of course the year 2008 has been difficult - the hardest year that we have experienced for a long time.

Remember last spring, when food prices began to climb. Everyday needs, like bread and milk, almost became unaffordable. Then gas prices soared to over \$4.00 a gallon. How would people cope? The poor are always the first to feel a recession and the last to know any relief. By the time of the election, the stock market was in decline, homes were being foreclosed and jobs were disappearing from our local economy.

No wonder everyone is yearning for some good news. That's why I encourage you to take another look at the Lafayette Urban Ministry. We are in the business of sharing good news. In good times and difficult times, you will find generous people making a difference in thousands of ways.



Joe Micon, Executive Director



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Every morning, our volunteer advocates make the love of God visible as they work through solutions with families in need. At the St. John/LUM Food Pantry, more volunteers reach out and feed the hungry.

In the afternoon, others work with the homeless to map out plans for greater independence. It is time consuming and difficult case work, but so important.

During tax season, we prepare tax returns so that poor families can claim benefits and build resources to escape poverty. Last year saw \$1.5 million brought back into our local economy.

At the statehouse, testimony is prepared and delivered so that the voice of the poor is heard. Recently we successfully expanded the Indiana's Earned Income Tax Credit for working families.

Throughout the year, children get the kind of support they need. Our After School Program, Summer Camp and Jubilee Christmas surround needy children with guidance, nurture and lots of fun too.

Always we will work hard to give back the hope and opportunity and self respect that all God's children need and deserve.

No one knows what 2009 will bring. But LUM will be a vital part of binding up the wounds of poverty, opening up opportunities and ensuring that the least among us are not forgotten.

We welcome your prayers, volunteer involvement and generous gifts. If you have any questions or suggestions, just give me a call. I always enjoy hearing from our friends.

Invest in the work of LUM and together we will continue creating good news. Thank you so much.



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	Second Baptist
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal	St. Alexis Orthodox Church
Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic	St. Andrew United Methodist
Central Presbyterian	St. Ann Roman Catholic
Christ United Methodist	St. Boniface Roman Catholic
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints--Greater Lafayette Stake	St. John's Episcopal
Congress Street United Methodist	St. Lawrence Roman Catholic
Dayton Memorial Presbyterian	St. Mary Cathedral
Elmwood Church of Christ	St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic
Elston Presbyterian	Stidham United Methodist
Faith Presbyterian	Stockwell United Methodist
Federated Church	Trinity United Methodist
First Baptist	Unitarian Universalist Church
First Christian	Universal Deliverance Church of God in Christ
First United Methodist	University Church
Good Shepherd Episcopal Ministry	Word of Life Fellowship
Grace United Methodist	
Holy Trinity Lutheran	
Immanuel United Church of Christ	
Lafayette Church of the Brethren	
Lafayette Friends Meeting	
New Era Baptist	
Our Saviour Lutheran	

At Large Members of the Board

Northwest Central Labor Council
Business Representative
Centennial Neighborhood Representative

*Through 2008, 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



"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

2008 LUM programs and activities touched the lives of 5,200 families and 7,800 children

The Emergency Homeless Shelter provided safety and warmth

In 2008, our emergency homeless shelter provided two meals per day, hot showers, toiletries and warm, clean beds for 529 guests for a total of 9,420 bed nights. This was accomplished with the efforts of 1,082 overnight volunteers and numerous churches, families and community groups that volunteered to provide meals and clean the shelter.

Homeless find permanent housing

During 2008, LUM staff and volunteers were successful in helping to move almost 100 LUM shelter guests out of our shelter into more permanent living situations. As a result our overnight emergency shelter caseload has dropped by 40 percent.

Beginning this year all shelter guests were offered case management services. Guests meet with LUM's shelter director or volunteer case managers within 7 days of arrival at the shelter. Short term and long term goals are set, along with a plan on how to accomplish these goals. Follow-up appointments are scheduled to review progress on a regular basis. Placements have been made to the Tippecanoe Villa, the Indiana Veterans Home and to individual apartments. One shelter guest had this to say: "I like case management because it requires me to organize my thoughts and gives me a place to start getting back on my feet".

In 2007 LUM's shelter accommodated 549 guests with bed nights totaling 16,494. But last year, 529 individuals sought shelter for a total of only 9,420 bed nights. The average stay at our shelter dropped from 30 nights to only 18 nights.

The Emergency Homeless Shelter continues to offer a warm, caring, safe environment for each homeless person who walks through our doors. And now, your support helps us to allow our guests to realize the dream of having a place of their own.

Lafayette Urban Ministry CENTRALIZED EMERGENCY FUND Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

Revenue

Gifts	\$81,185.08
Churches	3,626.62
EFSP	16,000.00
Transfer fr Tot. Program	11,143.97
Interest	46.01

Total Revenue \$112,001.68

Expenses

Utilities	\$54,982.18
Housing.....	44,025.41
Food	10,164.84
Medical	8,478.82
Transportation.....	1,154.62
Other.....	7,049.31

Total Expenses \$125,855.18

Emergency Financial Assistance

In 2008, the 20 volunteers of LUM's Emergency Financial Assistance program saw 1798 different households facing crises – a total of 2,892 visits or an average of 12 people per morning. These individuals and families found a compassionate, listening ear, a source of information and referral and in many cases a check from the Centralized Emergency Fund to help them deal with their situations. The program focuses on utilities, housing, prescription medications and employment-related expenses. In an effort to address the growing need for picture identification, the program assisted 188 people to obtain their birth certificates – a key to housing, education and employment.

Centralized Emergency Fund

Each dollar donated to CEF goes directly to a family in need – nothing is set aside for operating expenses. This year, 1723 families received emergency financial assistance through CEF for a total disbursement of \$125,855 – a 15% increase over 2007. Utility spending was up 24%, housing up 7%, and food expenses were 68% higher than last year. For a detailed breakdown of expenditures, please see the report at left.

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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 750 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.

LUM Camp 2008

Seventy campers and over 50 volunteers gathered August 5-8 at Hanging Rock Camp in Warren County for LUM Camp 2008. The campers had the opportunity to participate in many unique sports such as fencing, rowing, and handball (all competitive sports in the Summer Olympics). They received swim lessons from the Purdue Women's Swim Team. Campers learned the history of both the ancient and modern Olympics. It was a wonderful week of team and individual activities: creaking, rock climbing and swimming, which promoted hard work, communication, and fun.

RESPECT helped teen girls make healthy decisions

Our RESPECT Program participants meet monthly with LUM staff and volunteers to help develop self-esteem and life skills. Seven young women participated in this pregnancy-prevention program and four 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

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. LUM communicates legislative issues, current research and networking opportunities to help strengthen families and benefit children. In 2008, our advocacy led to an increase in the state Earned Income Tax Credit which provides an additional \$11 million a year to working families. We also worked to establish a State Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to assist families with care needed for them to work.

LUM's free tax assistance program topped \$1.5 million!

More than 20 certified volunteers filed 1,260 tax returns for low and moderate income workers, resulting in over \$1.5 million in total tax refunds. Special thanks for Bison Financial Group and Lafayette Community Bank for providing expertise, volunteers, and savings accounts to participating client families.

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

The LUM/St. John Food Pantry again saw a record number of families needing emergency food this year. The pantry filled 8,201 requests for food, feeding a total of over 26,000 individuals including 2,400 in November alone. The pantry distributes over 2200 pounds of food each week! More than 60 dedicated volunteers staff the pantry, shop for and transport food, and clean and stock the facility.

"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



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS



TAX ASSISTANCE

"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



2008 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



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

The Afterschool Program provided high quality child care

Our After School Program continues to be one of our community's highest quality educational enrichment programs. Forty-nine children from 23 families participated in 2008. Approximately 107 volunteers from Purdue and the community helped. This school year, we increased the number of children we accept. Highlights from 2008 include watching a Purdue Women's Basketball practice, going on a guided tour of their facilities, and shooting hoops on the floor of Mackey Arena! We are blessed with many volunteers and donors.

2008 LUM Special Events

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

Hundreds of hikers raised \$72,000 in Hunger Hike 2008 presented by Bison Financial Group

Hunger Hike 2008, presented by Bison Financial Group, was a record-breaker! More than 850 walkers – including families, churches, schools, community groups and many corporate sponsors – raised almost \$72,000. 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 made the 21st annual dinner a big success.

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 3600 households with each mailing.
- staff and board members participating in many community projects and serving on various boards and committees.
- In October, previous LUM Executive Director Jud Dolphin temporarily rejoined our staff to help with LUM's Campaign for the Future. Jud will leave LUM in February of 2009 to enter the Peace Corps.
- LUM recognized St. Elizabeth Regional Health for fifteen years of providing clean sheets to LUM's homeless shelter guests – an in kind value of \$10,000 per year!

Lafayette Urban Ministry

TOTAL PROGRAM FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

REVENUE

UNRESTRICTED

Personal Gifts	\$200,176.17
Member Churches	48,128.63
Endowment	50,272.64
Church/Civic Groups	18,809.78
Judicatories	4,188.26
Corporations/Development	6,083.57
Interest	499.72
Transfers/Miscellaneous	72,654.30
Total Unrestricted	\$400,813.07

RESTRICTED

Homeless Shelter	\$69,012.58
Jubilee Christmas	55,013.02
Hunger Hike	73,818.25
LUM Camp	43,847.60
Afterschool Program	5,843.00
Community Thanksgiving	8,873.57
RESPECT	1,600.00
Tax Assistance Program	2,155.00
Total Restricted	\$260,163.02

TOTAL REVENUE **\$660,976.09**

Total Revenue

Total Expenses

EXPENSES

PROGRAMS

Staff	\$123,889.35
Benefits	27,647.14
FICA	12,690.89
Homeless Shelter	87,843.73
Jubilee Christmas	55,013.02
Afterschool Program	32,862.78
LUM Camp	41,005.01
Hunger Hike	64,063.32
SEED Newsletter	9,980.88
Community Thanksgiving	4,505.18
Tax Assistance	15,218.19
Advocate Program	26,065.85
RESPECT	2,852.13
Social Justice Ministry	14,523.26
Transfers/Miscellaneous	60,059.18
Total Program Expenses	\$578,219.91

GENERAL SUPPORT

Insurance/Professional Services	\$10,996.77
Fundraising	4,102.76
Postage	8,328.63
Office Supplies	6,109.02
Utilities	5,834.43
Telephone/Internet	2,273.50
Staff Travel	468.55
Maintenance Supl/Contracts	2,877.18
Staff Development	798.38
Board Committees	431.71
Miscellaneous	195.43
Repairs/Service Contracts	2,206.30
Total Support Expenses	\$44,622.66

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$622,842.57**



LUM CAMPERS



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Remember LUM in 2009!

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 2009 charitable giving!



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Through the year with LUM
Touching the future by
helping children and
families today

