

The Seed

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HUNGER HIKE 2003 RAISES OVER \$30,000 – with even more coming in!

This year's Hunger Hike on September 21 was a wonderful opportunity for the community to gather for some exercise, fellowship, and fun while supporting anti-hunger programs here and abroad.

It was a great day for hiking! We had beautiful weather and a record crowd with about 500 hikers. Enthusiasm was in abundance as the opening ceremonies got underway—LUM's Executive Director Joe Micon likens the crowd to thoroughbreds anxious to start their race! But we did take time to recognize the presence of the Tibetan monks in town to raise awareness of Tibetan culture.

Father Jim Barnett, OP, from St. Thomas Aquinas gave a stirring opening prayer. Words of encouragement were received from Mayor Sonya Margerum and State Representative Sheila Klinker. The Purdue Crew Team, under the leadership of Coach Dave Kucik, was the Grand Marshal for the Hike once again.



They led the walkers on a 7-km. hike on the Wabash Heritage Trail while carrying their 32 foot shell overhead the entire way!

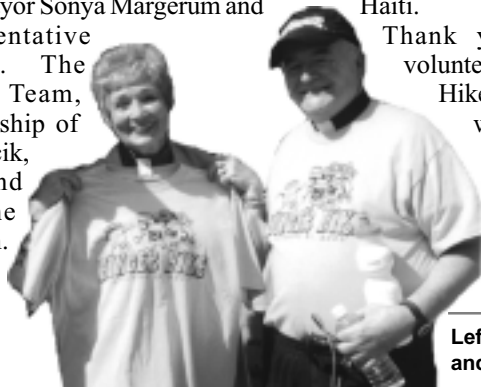
Everyone enjoyed the route along the Wabash Heritage Trail, which was divided in two loops to accommodate different fitness and time commitment levels. All returned to the plaza to enjoy refreshments, clowns, free massages, balloons and live entertainment by *the Hot Club of Colfax*.

With an outstanding corporate campaign, we will surpass last year's total of \$30,000 income. Over \$10,000 of this amount was generated from churches. Thanks to all the churches that participated.

Proceeds from the walk provide important financial support for LUM's anti-hunger programs, Food Finders Food Bank, and St. Thomas Aquinas' relief efforts in Haiti.

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Left: Rep. Klinker and Father Jim

Special thanks to the hike's three major sponsors:

A.E. Staley (Tate & Lyle)
Bison Financial Group
Sam's Club

Right: The Bison Financial walking team warms up with Chester Cheetah from Frito-Lay



Other sponsors included:

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Payless Supermarkets
Salin Bank
Subaru of Indiana Automotive
Smith Sounds
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Wintek

Congratulations to the prize-winning teams who brought in the most donations!

Prizes included trophies, pizza parties, skating parties, and certificates.

Top adult teams:

1st place - St. Tom's (\$2,355)
2nd place - St. Mary's (\$745)
3rd place - Unitarian Universalist (\$690)

Top individual:

Derek Bulinski (\$911)

Top youth teams:

1st place (tie) - St. Tom's youth (\$1,700+)
1st place (tie) - WESSO girls from West Lafayette High School (\$1700+)
3rd place - Faith Presbyterian youth (\$652)
4th place - St. Lawrence youth (\$647)

Top Purdue Group:

The Pre-Pharmacy Club just beat out the Purdue Golf Team!

Right: Purdue Pete makes friends with the St. Tom's Youth Group



It's the Economy

LUM's service caseload continues at record highs in most program areas due to the lingering effects of a slow economy. Our Centralized Emergency Fund caseload is projected to rise by 15% over last year, from 1,655 to 1,933— that's almost 300 more families.

Because of the recession we're also projecting fewer Centralized Emergency Fund donations in 2003. The net result is significantly smaller aid checks that have less impact upon critical family housing, food, and health care emergencies. Recent cuts in services to the needy children and families by several key local helping agencies has also contributed to the problem.

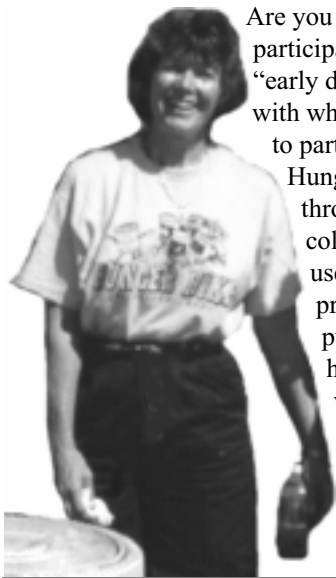
On October 29, pastors from LUM member churches will gather to discuss the situation. Because the numbers of families seeking financial assistance in our community have increased so dramatically over recent months, it's important to understand why, what resources are available in our community, and to discuss additional resources that might be targeted to meet the increased need.

If you're a pastor, please circle the date on your calendar and join us. Your input is very important as LUM continues to look for creative and effective ways to serve the families and children who come to us for help.

	2000	2001	2002	2003*
LUM's Emergency Assistance Caseload	1,555	1,604	1,655	1,933
Emergency Assistance Expenditures	\$93,661	\$102,028	\$117,599	\$111,795
LUM's Avg. Assistance Per Household	\$60.23	\$63.61	\$71.56	\$57.83

*Projected based on 9/30/03 data

The Shirt Off Your Back!



Long-time Hunger Hike volunteer and LUM Board member Lonni Kucik sports a 2003 Hike T-shirt.

Are you a long-time a Hunger Hike participant? If so, do you own an "early design" Hunger Hike t-shirt with which you might be willing to part? LUM is looking for Hunger Hike t-shirts from 1992 through 1997 to add to our collection. The shirts will be used for Hunger Hike promotional activities and put on display each year. If you have one of the shirts in demand, and are willing to part with it, please contact Joe Micon, 423-2691 ext. 20, or e-mail: lum@lafayetteurbanministry.org. Thanks!



Dignity U Wear Pilot Project Update

In mid-September, fourteen "test" families were given the opportunity to participate in LUM's Dignity U wear pilot project by placing orders for new clothing from the Dignity U Wear warehouse in Jacksonville Florida. The clothing is collected from manufacturers, retail and wholesale distributors



across America, then distributed to helping agencies like LUM, who work directly with children and adults who have need.

On October 10th the long awaited shipment of over 900 articles of new clothing arrived! The truck was unloaded, then staff and volunteers went to work sorting the clothing and filling the families' orders. At press time, LUM was about to begin distributing the clothing to the fourteen "test" families.

The LUM Board voted to conduct the project because they know the impact that worn, wrong sized, and hand me down clothing can have upon a child's self esteem. They know that something as simple as new clothing can have a dramatic effect upon a child's ability to learn, grow, and have a brighter future. The LUM Board is using the pilot project to learn more about the volunteer and financial resources that will be required to conduct the project on a larger on-going basis.

LUM is partnering with Steinmart of Lafayette on the project. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

Questions?
Contact LUM at 423-2691, or email at lum@lafayetteurbanministry.org.



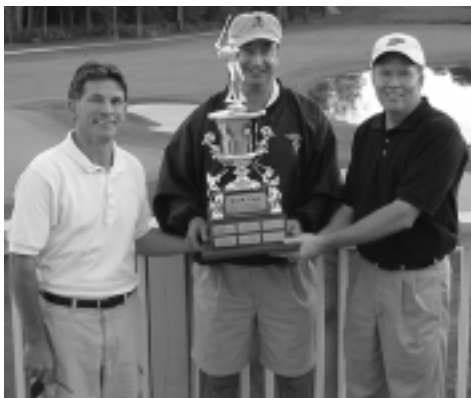
LUM Board Representative Mark Thomas (Good Shepherd Episcopal Ministry at Purdue) spends an afternoon sorting over 900 articles of new clothing sent to LUM by Dignity Wear. The clothing is being given to 46 children and adults from 14 LUM client families who are participating in the pilot project.

St. Tom's grabs LUM Cup!

The foursome from St. Thomas Aquinas Center broke St. Mary Cathedral's three year grip on the prestigious LUM Cup Trophy by posting a sizzling 12 under par 60 at the annual LUM Cup Open Tournament held September 19 at Coyote Crossing. The annual event allows golfers from LUM member churches to vie for the traveling trophy. The winning foursome of **Chuck Anderson, Scott Barnard, Bruce Graves, and Terry Lucterhand** now have their names permanently engraved on the cup which will stay at St. Tom's until next year's tournament.

Betsy Davenport won the putt off and the \$1500 diamond tennis bracelet donated by **Vierk's Fine Jewelry and Exchange of Lafayette**. **Bruce Graves** won the 2nd place prize of \$250 toward airfare donated by **Irvine Travel**.

Over \$2000 was raised at this year's golf outing to support LUM's Emergency Shelter for the Homeless. LUM is grateful to each golfer, sponsor, and volunteer who helped to make this year's tournament such a great success!



Chuck Anderson, Bruce Graves, Terry Lucterhand and Scott Barnard (not shown) add their names to the growing list of local golf legends who have taken the prestigious LUM Cup Trophy home to their church!

Previous LUM Cup Winners:

1999 Purdue Ward, Church of Jesus Christ LDS
2000 St. Mary Cathedral
2001 St. Mary Cathedral
2002 St. Mary Cathedral
2003 St. Thomas Aquinas Center

Thank you, 2003 LUM Cup Major Sponsors:

Vierk's Fine Jewelry and Exchange
Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union (PEFCU)
Industrial Pallet Corporation
Andy and Anna Fagg
Irvine Travel
Bundy McNear Insurance
Sundance Signs

Thank You GLHS—100,000 times!

At their October 15 meeting, the Lafayette Urban Ministry Board of Directors presented a plaque to Greater Lafayette Health Services Inc. in appreciation for ten years of service to the homeless in our community by the St. Elizabeth Hospital laundry.

Last year, 12,302 sets of sheets (fitted, flat, pillowcase and blanket) were provided to the Lafayette Urban Ministry free of charge for use in LUM's Emergency Shelter. Over the past ten years an estimated 100,000 sets of sheets have been provided by the laundry!

LUM Executive Director Joe Micon says the gift has an annual in-kind value in excess of \$20,000. "I've visited shelters in other communities where the mattresses were bare and neither sanitary nor safe for use. We've made a commitment that it would never be like that at LUM. If you treat others with respect - and that includes clean sheets - you'll receive the best in return. LUM operates on a shoestring. I don't know what we'd do without GLHS."

Sister Marilyn Oliver, OSF, Vice President for Mission Services, received the plaque on behalf of Greater Lafayette Health Services. It quotes Matt. 25 (*for I was a stranger and you welcomed me...*) and expresses the LUM Board's deep appreciation for St. Elizabeth's ten years of service.

The Board also presented a plaque to St. Boniface Board Representative Joe Wippel. Joe transports a pick-up truckload of dirty sheets to the St. Elizabeth laundry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Then he makes the return trip with clean sheets, unloads them, and stacks them on shelves. He's been doing it for ten years too!

LUM also sent a continental breakfast over to Laundry Director Cort Dimmick and his crew on October 16th in appreciation for their hard work. Thanks to everyone involved in making LUM's ministry to the homeless in our community possible.



Above: LUM Board President Harry Meyers with Sister Marilyn



Hola! Melissa Mulder of Purdue's Department of Foreign Languages and Literature provided a fun hour of Spanish enrichment for children in LUM's Afterschool Program recently. The children learned their colors, numbers up to ten, and simple phrases.

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Change Service Requested

Jubilee Christmas 2003



The community's largest Christmas assistance program for low-income families will continue this year, as Lafayette Urban Ministry hosts Jubilee Christmas.

On December 13, thirty-five of Lafayette Urban Ministry's member churches will organize Jubilee Christmas "shopping" sites. Parents of nearly 1,500 children from 550 families will select free toys and gifts for their children at twenty-two toy stores set up by those congregations. But these churches cannot do it alone. Your help is needed now! Here is what you can do:

- Make a cash donation that will help purchase hams, food certificates and gift certificates for teenage children. Consider a Jubilee donation in place of gift exchanges at your club, organization or business. Send a check equal to the cost of an office party, or make a contribution in honor of a friend or co-worker.
- Donate new, unwrapped toys or new clothing items for infants and children, newborn through twelve years of age. Encourage others to do so as well.
- Donate gift wrap, ribbon, bows, tape and gift tags so that parents can wrap their gifts before taking them home.

Jubilee provides a way for parents to be heroes with their own children at Christmas-time. If your church is participating in Jubilee, take your gifts directly there. Also contact your church's site coordinator if you are interested in volunteering on Jubilee Day. You may also bring donations to LUM's office, 525 N. 4th St., Lafayette, before noon on December 11.



**18th Annual LUM
 Community Thanksgiving
 Celebration
 Thanksgiving Day
 Thursday, November 27
 12:00noon-2:00pm
 Central Presbyterian Church
 31 N. 7th St**

Food, music and fellowship will again combine to make this event one of our community's most cherished holiday traditions. Last year, LUM fed 750 people at this annual event. We could not have done so without the generosity of many volunteers and contributors. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event to help with set-up, welcoming guests and volunteers, serving food and drinks, clean-up, and much more!

LUM has begun the sign-up for donations of food and drinks. Pies are needed, as are side dishes such as corn, green beans and salads. Dinner rolls, butter, gravy, coffee and tea are also welcome. A complete list of needed donations and volunteer positions can be found on the LUM website at www.lafayetteurbanministry.org/thanksgiving.html.

To sign up as a volunteer or to donate food, call LUM at 423-2691.

What a joy it would be to celebrate Thanksgiving Day together with you. Why not make this the year you join us?