

The Seed

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LUM Kicks-off \$2.8 million Campaign for the Future

The Lafayette Urban Ministry opened its Campaign for the Future on January 25th with the announcement that two-thirds, or \$1.9 million of our \$2.8 million goal, had already been raised. More than 125 LUM friends and donors packed Jane's Deli to watch a video and listen to campaign organizers, including honorary chair Patty Jischke and campaign chair Sally Byrn. The campaign will fund 12 new programs at LUM including Achieve! – a program to help 50 Lafayette Jeff High School Students at risk of dropping out, to stay in school until graduation. Capital improvements funded by the campaign include a new LUM youth program center.



LUM Campaign for the Future Honorary Chair Patty Jischke shares her commitment to LUM's mission and new initiatives.

At the kick-off The Rev. Bill Smutz, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church shared that LUM plays a vital role in Greater Lafayette. "Our community is only as strong as its weakest people. If we want to make sure Lafayette continues to be a great community, we must make sure that the least of these are fed, sheltered and cared for."

Jischke said there is still a lot of work to be done in the campaign. "Now that our campaign is public, we will be reaching out to a wider community of LUM's friends and donors."

Byrn said "Our campaign will position LUM on the cutting edge of services to our community's needy children and families well into this new decade. We are confident that individuals, churches and businesses will step forward to support our campaign with their dollars. I can think of nowhere else those dollars will be stretched further and put to better use."

LUM's Campaign for the Future has currently reached \$2.1 million or 75% of its goal.

Twelve New Programs Coming to LUM!

Youth

- **Achieve! Stay in School Program for 50 at-risk youth**
- **\$100,000 scholarship fund for Achieve! Program graduates**
- **Summer learning retention program for 45 at-risk children**
- **50% expansion of LUM's Afterschool Program enrollment**

Asset Building for Working Families

- **Individual Development Accounts Program**
- **Financial Management Classes**
- **First-time Homeowners Classes**
- **Small Business Start-up Classes**
- **50% Expansion of Tax Preparation Service for Working Families**

Helping the Homeless Move into Permanent Housing

- **Expansion of Case Management Services for the Homeless**
- **New ID Clinic**
- **\$50,000 New Opportunity Fund for the Homeless**

Capital Expansion

- **New LUM Youth Program Center**
- **New Mini Busses for LUM Youth Programs**
- **Health and Safety Improvements in LUM's Homeless Shelter**

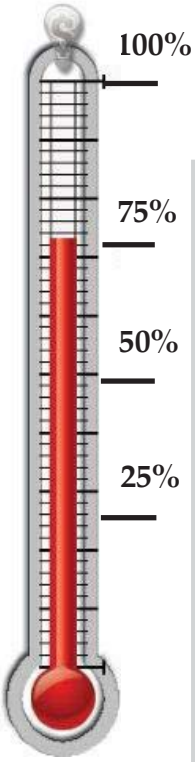
How to help

To make a pledge or find out more about the Lafayette Urban Ministry's Campaign for the Future call (765) 423-2691, or visit

www.lafayetteurbanministry.org

A video and pledge card are available on the web site.

Campaign Update



LUM Campaign Reaches 75% of Goal

Division	Goal	Pledged	Percent
LUM Board	\$ 40,000	\$ 49,976	125%
LUM Staff	\$ 40,000	\$ 43,435	109%
Legacy Donors	\$175,000	\$177,459	101%
Major Donors	\$520,000	\$498,500	96%
Foundations	\$800,000	\$704,775	88%
Churches	\$270,000	\$227,990	84%
Friends	\$375,000	\$213,435	57%
Town & Gown	\$250,000	\$104,962	42%
Business	\$336,000	\$ 87,854	26%
TOTAL	\$2,806,000	\$2,108,386	75%

Kresge Foundation Awards \$375,000 Challenge Grant to LUM

The Lafayette Urban Ministry is pleased to announce that our Campaign for the Future has just been awarded a \$375,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan. This grant represents the single largest pledge to LUM's campaign to date.

The Kresge Foundation is a private philanthropic foundation dedicated to building stronger non-profit organizations. In recent years they have expanded their grant making to more directly help non-profit organizations that cater specifically to the needs of disadvantaged families and children. The foundation was started in 1924 by Sebastian Kresge of Kresge five-and-ten-cent store fame.



Kresge's commitment is a "challenge" grant. Funds will only be released to LUM upon the successful completion of our campaign.

By making a pledge to LUM's Campaign for the Future now, your dollars will stretch further because you'll be leveraging the Kresge Foundation's \$375,000 grant.

You Can Help!

If you haven't done so already we hope you will consider making a \$3,000 pledge to LUM's Touching the Future Campaign to be paid as you wish over the next three years - \$83.33 per month, \$250.00 per quarter, \$1,000 per year, or even as a one-time gift.

If you are not able to commit to a pledge at this level, perhaps you'll consider a lesser amount that will help us to reach our goal. If you are able to pledge **more than** \$3,000 we would greatly appreciate your extra effort. Just fill out the enclosed Campaign for the Future pledge card and return it to LUM as soon as possible.

If you'd like to discuss **an even more significant gift of pledge** to our campaign please contact LUM at 423-2691. Someone will meet with you at your convenience.



Lafayette Urban Ministry Campaign for the Future Leadership Team

Hon. Campaign Chair	Patty Jischke
Campaign Chair	Sally Byrn
Major Donors	Dave Vorbeck
LUM Board	Ron Smith
Businesses	Charlie Shook
Churches	Joe Micon
Friends of LUM	Sonya Margerum
Town and Gown	Eileen Hession-Weiss
	Mark Hermodson
Legacy	Jud Dolphin
Foundations	Mary Anderson
Staff	Joe Micon

LUM First Quarter Program Update

Emergency Financial Assistance

With Lafayette's unemployment rate still hovering around 10% our Centralized Emergency Fund and volunteer Advocates continue to serve as our community's safety net for those facing eviction or



utility disconnect. During the first quarter of 2010 LUM provided \$21,334 in direct emergency cash assistance to 460 families. This critically important ministry helps to

keep families stable in their homes and children learning in their schools.

St. John's/LUM Food Pantry

Perhaps the harshest reality of our current recession is the increase in those utilizing our St. John's/LUM Food Pantry for emergency food. 5,996 individuals received food pantry assistance during the first quarter of 2010. Households may receive a 3-day supply of food once every two weeks.



Case Management

LUM's volunteer case managers help those who are homeless to get off the streets, out of our emergency shelter and into a home of their own. Through March 31st 111 LUM shelter guests have worked with case managers on setting goals, reconnecting with family and friends, searching for employment, accessing needed services and moving closer to self-sufficiency.



ID Clinic

Without a valid photo ID a homeless man or woman will never find a job, move into an apartment or receive public assistance. In this age of heightened security, LUM staff help our homeless guests to re-establish their lost identities – the first step on their road to self-sufficiency. Our ID clinic served 25 individuals so far this year.

Income Tax Return Preparation

The first quarter is tax season at LUM. So far this season 50 LUM tax volunteers have helped 1,131 low-income, working households to receive \$2,101,309 in state and federal income tax returns. Back bills are paid, homes are purchased, transportation to jobs is acquired, money is saved for college tuition. Not only is LUM's tax preparation program important for those we serve, it's important for our local economy too!



LUM After School Program

26 elementary-aged children participated in LUM's Afterschool Program in January, February and March. Homework help, nutritious snack, exercise and educational enrichment are the order of each afterschool day at LUM. Mom and dad finish their workdays knowing their child is well-cared for in a safe and academically stimulating environment.



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Return Service Requested

Briefly noted



So must you do...

One of our favorite Easter Week happenings at LUM is when **Lynn Johal** from St. Tom's arrives with the annual donation of towels for our shelter guests – towels that were used at St. Tom's on Holy Thursday during their foot washing liturgy.

- LUM is in need of several volunteer receptionists** to work one afternoon each week. You must enjoy a busy office environment and be comfortable directing a multi-line phone system. Contact Sylvia Mohler at 423-2691.
- Our 2010 Hunger Hike Kick-off** will take place on Monday, April 26th from 5pm to 7pm at **Adelino's banquet room (102 N. 3rd Street)**. Food from the following downtown restaurants will be available in abundance:

Adelino's	Red Seven
Sgt. Preston's	Spurlocks
LaScala	Tuscana
Lafayette Brewing Company	

 Tickets are available at the door for \$25, or anytime at the LUM front desk. **Hunger Hike 2010 is sponsored by Bison Financial.** The Hunger Hike is Sunday, September 19, 2010. Please join us!
- St. John's/LUM Food Pantry** volunteers are cordially invited to a luncheon in your honor on Wednesday, April 21st at noon in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church. RSVP by April 14th to Jackie Paar, 538-2337.
- LUM Camp Counselors needed!** We are searching for 30 of Greater Lafayette's finest volunteers to serve as counselors for LUM Camp 2010. LUM Camp is a week-long overnight summer camp for children of Lafayette Urban Ministry clients. If you can spend from August 2-6 at Hanging Rock Camp in Warren County, are at least 18 years old and a strong role model, you might qualify to be a LUM Camp Counselor! Call LUM for more information (423-2691) or go online for an application (www.lafayetteurbanministry.org).