

The Seed

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LUM Campaign for Future Reaches 81% of Goal \$536,000 in pledges still needed

On June 3rd Honorary Chair Patty Jischke announced that LUM's Campaign for the Future had raised \$2,214,160 in gifts and pledges – 81% of its \$2,750,000 fundraising goal.



The fund drive will establish 12 new programs at LUM designed to:

- Narrow the academic achievement gap experienced by many low-income children
- Help working families build the assets they need to become self-sufficient
- Provide case management services to help the homeless off the streets, out of LUM's emergency shelter and into more permanent and stable housing
- Enable several capital improvements to support the new program initiatives

Mrs. Jischke announced several major gifts and pledges made to LUM's campaign:

Vicki Johnson	\$100,000
Anonymous donor	\$ 40,000
Estate of Maxine Lear	\$100,000
North Central Health Services	\$225,000
Federated Church	\$ 40,000
McAllister Foundation	\$ 40,000
Anonymous donor	\$300,000
Community Found. of Grt. Laf.	\$ 30,000
Joseph Mooney	\$ 50,000
Estate of Cynthia Peyton Jones	\$ 28,327
Central Presbyterian Church	\$ 47,860
Dale and Maxine Bough	\$ 30,527

"To date 429 donors have made pledges to our campaign" said Jischke, "but we still have a very significant \$536,000 left to raise. In order to do so it will take:

- 177 more individuals to pledge \$1,000/year for 3 years
- 10 individuals to pledge \$18,000/year for 3 years
- 1 *very* generous individual to pledge \$177,000/year for 3 years!"

Mrs. Jischke also reminded prospective donors that LUM's Campaign for the Future has 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 grantmaking 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 5-and-10-cent store fame.

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

How to help... To donate or to find out more about the Lafayette Urban Ministry's Campaign for the Future, call (765)423-2691, or visit www.lafayetteurbanministry.org. A campaign video and pledge card are available on the web site.



Sally Byrn, Chair
Lafayette Urban Ministry
Campaign for the Future

Your Campaign Dollars in Action!

We want our donors and our wider community to know that their generous financial contributions are already being put to good use. Our campaign's success to date has allowed us to proceed with several new programs and projects.

- a. **New LUM ID Clinic:** LUM has assisted 60 people in obtaining their birth certificates this year. Birth certificates are needed to obtain Indiana ID; ID is needed for employment, housing, benefits, banking, enrolling in school, etc. These 60 individuals have obtained employment, enrolled at IVY Tech & Head Start and received social security benefits after obtaining their birth certificates and state IDs.
- b. **LUM's \$50,000 New Opportunity Fund is up and running.** The objective of LUM's New Opportunity Fund is to help guests of LUM's Emergency Shelter to move off the streets, out of our shelter into more stable and permanent housing. Disbursements from the New Opportunity Fund are merit based, granted to those shelter guests who have the highest potential for success in self-sufficient living.
- c. **More than 300 homeless individuals will be served by a LUM case manager in 2010 because of our Campaign for the Future.** Staff and volunteers assist shelter guests in reconnecting with family and friends, searching for employment and moving out of our shelter into more permanent housing.
- d. **Our new Achieve Stay in School Program will come on line this fall.** When the program is fully operational, 75 LSC junior and senior high school students at risk of dropping out will meet regularly with LUM staff and volunteers. They will learn basic life-skills, study skills, prepare for college entrance exams and life beyond high school graduation. A significant college scholarship awaits each young person who sticks with the program. Sandra Dunn-El has just been hired to direct our new Achieve Program. Achieve and the program's scholarships are being funded by our campaign.
- e. **Our campaign has allowed LUM to replace our exterior wooden fire escape with a new fire-rated interior one.**
- f. **Our campaign has allowed us to install a state of the art sprinkler system in our shelter and new youth program center.**
- g. **And speaking of our new youth program center,** our campaign has allowed us to pay for its construction, expand our after school program enrollment by 50%, house Achieve and in the summer of 2011 LUM's new summer learning retention program.



While we have accomplished much with the dollars that have been entrusted to us so far, we have much more to do. But it's going to require success in raising the remaining \$536,000 we need to meet our \$2.75 million goal. We are confident that there are donors out there willing and able to put us over the top.

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Our LUM Campers Need You!

If you are thinking about providing a campership for LUM Camp 2010 but haven't yet made your gift, there is still time! LUM Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for children of Lafayette Urban Ministry clients. Our campers come from homes where mom and dad continue to struggle with job loss and household shortages brought about by our continuing recession.

The children enjoy a fun week of swimming, hiking, sports and recreation, morning chapel, arts and crafts, education enrichment and fun entertainment. They build friendship that last a lifetime.

This year's camp program will have a special science theme. We'll draw upon some of the finest children's educators that Purdue University has to offer. There will be fun workshops in physics, chemistry, engineering, entomology, geology and astronomy - all taught in a hands-on ways designed to captivate young imaginations and stimulate curiosity. LUM campers receive plenty of positive feedback from caring adults and will leave camp better prepared to return to school.

LUM Camp is made possible through the generous donations of individuals, churches and organizations from throughout our community. **Your \$130 campership** will covers the cost of transportation, camp facilities, food service, life guards, educational programs, supplies - everything a child needs for a successful week at camp. Please won't you help? Please your campership in the enclosed envelope and send it in today!



Lenora Smith Celebrates 25 years as LUM Volunteer Advocate

Eighty-three year old Lenora Smith remembers when LUM was housed in the old parsonage at Central Presbyterian Church. Through the years, as LUM has grown and expanded its services to families and children, Lenora Smith has been right there every step of the way. She works Thursday mornings as a volunteer advocate. During her 25 years of service Lenora has helped literally hundreds of families avoid eviction from their apartments, or saved them from utility disconnects, or helped them to secure desperately needed prescription meds. Lenora is a long-time member of First Christian Church and sees her years at LUM as an integral part of her faith life. "It doesn't do any good to go to church every Sunday if you're not practicing what you learn in the world outside!" Congratulations, Lenora. We appreciate you more than you can imagine!



The Thursday Morning Volunteer Gang at LUM surprises Lenora Smith with Cake and Ice Cream!

Hopeful Signs...

Even though our Lafayette unemployment rate still hovers around 10%, we notice hopeful signs at LUM that the difficulties of the past two years may be starting to ease....

Mary Anderson reports that after a long draught, LUM received 16 requests for work boots from individuals who had just landed jobs in local manufacturing industries.

Patti O'Callaghan reports that our St. John's/LUM food pantry caseload dropped 8% in April 2010 compared to April 2009.

Joyce Fasani reports that several homeless shelter guests have found jobs in local restaurants and have been able to leave LUM's emergency shelter.

The children and families served by LUM are always the first to feel the sting of recession and the last to benefit from economic recovery. Please keep our staff and volunteers in your prayers as they continue to make miracles happen in the lives of those who are unemployed.

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Return Service Requested

Briefly noted...

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 the from August 2-6 with us at Hanging Rock Camp in Warren County, are at least 18 years old and a strong role model, you might qualify as a LUM Camp Counselor! The children are 8-10 years old. Training and transportation to camp are provided. All we ask from you is a desire to make a positive difference in the life of some very special children. Go online for an application (www.lafayetteurbanministry.org) or call the LUM office at 423-2691.



Lafayette Urban Ministry Executive Director **Joe Micon** has been appointed to serve on the 23 member **Indiana Commission on Childhood Poverty**. He will work with representatives of state universities, state government child poverty experts and other nonprofit and faith-based groups on strategies to reduce childhood poverty in Indiana by 50% by the year 2020. The Commission was recently enacted by the Indiana General Assembly. Micon served as State Representative from West Lafayette from 2004 through 2008.



Sandra Dunn-El has joined the staff of the Lafayette Urban Ministry as full-time Program Director. Among other responsibilities **Sandra will direct LUM's new Achieve Program** designed to help at-risk junior and senior high school students to stay in school, graduate and go on to higher education. Sandra comes to LUM from the Northwest Indiana Community Action Agency in Gary where she served as Family Asset Project Coordinator.
Welcome Sandra!

A message to LUM's donors: LUM's 2009 audit, Federal 990 form, and May 31, 2010 balance sheet and management reports are all available for public inspection at the LUM office (420 N. 4th Street) or online at www.lafayetteurbanministry.org. Thank you for your special friendship and generous support!