

Working Together

August 2019

Calling All Supporters! Each One, Feed One is August 9-11

With every passing year, our food pantry clientele is growing, and we are depending more and more on donations from amazing donors like yourself. Our annual Each One, Feed One food drive is vital to restocking our food pantry after the slowing donations of the summer months. By the end of the summer, our food pantry and cleaning and hygiene closet are running low due to the increased demand from client families in the summer. With children home from school, many parents find themselves relying more on our pantry services during the summer months, and Each One, Feed One exists to ensure we can continue to provide food in these summer months.

This food drive would not be possible without the support of volunteers and donors around the community. MCUM needs you to support our community members in need this August 9-11. Each year Each One, Feed One brings in thousands of pounds of food from donors like you!

How can you make a difference?

In addition to volunteering at EOFO, there are two other ways to support MCUM:

- 1) Food or hygiene/cleaning supply donations can be dropped off at MCUM or given to volunteers at the entrances to the following stores and locations:
 - Bloomingfoods (both locations)
 - Fresh Thyme (both locations)
 - Hometown IGA (Ellettsville)
 - Kroger stores (all locations)
 - Wal-Mart
- 2) Direct financial donations to help reach MCUM's goal can be made at mcum.org/donate or by mailing a check to MCUM with "EOFO" in the memo line.

<p>Volunteer</p> <p>Help re-stock MCUM's food pantry by collecting, sorting, and delivering food</p>	<p>Each One, Feed One</p>  <p>August 9-11 Area grocery stores</p>	<p>Donate</p> <p>At grocery stores across Bloomington or at www.mcum.org/eof</p>
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For this event to be possible, MCUM needs more than 200 volunteers from around the community to work as store greeters at area grocery stores or as sorters at MCUM.

Volunteer on your own or as part of a group! Your efforts will help MCUM meet our goal of collecting 15,000 pounds of food and raising \$2,500 in just three days. Volunteer shifts typically last three hours, and MCUM will provide water for volunteers. Anyone working back-to-back shifts on Saturday will also be treated to lunch.

Thank you to all for donating your time and energy to bettering the community and providing support for those in need!

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Store Greeters** – greet and pass out shopping lists to shoppers while collecting food and hygiene product donations.
- **Sorters** – sort donations as they arrive at MCUM and help to organize the pantry.

Sign up today at mcum.org/EOFO, or contact Mary Jean Holwager at (812) 339-3429 x16 or mjholwager@mcum.org

Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Cereal
- Pasta sauce
- Mac & cheese
- Canned soups
- Peanut butter

Cleaning Closet

- Conditioner
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Sponges

Child Care

Please consider helping our Compass Center stock up the following Back-to-School supplies:

- Side walk chalk
- Kites
- Bubbles

Outdoor Sound Garden

Our Compass Early Learning Center is currently trying to make an outdoor sound garden to enhance student experience and provide a new learning outlet for the children. To complete this project we are looking for:

- Wind chimes
- Drums
- Safety cut cans (all sizes)
- Pots with lids
- Drying/refrigerator rack
- Old washboards
- Old metal utensils
- Pvc pipes

Summer Campaign: Final Call for Donations

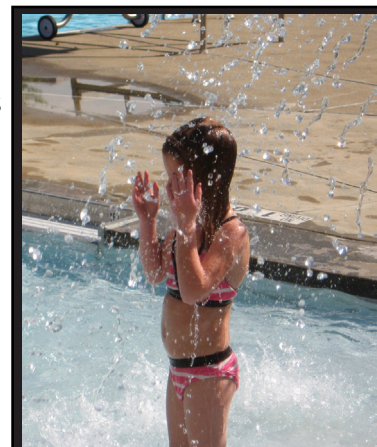
In case you missed it...

Summer Campaign: \$29,495 of \$50,000 raised!

We are entering the tail end of our summer campaign and are hoping for some final donations to reach our summer goal. Although we do not normally ask for funds mid-year, you all, as our loyal donors, have stepped up to the plate and helped us close our mid-year budget gap. We could not be more grateful for all you do.

Your donations this summer assist us in providing swim lessons, health services, and more for the children (and their families) in our Compass Early Learning Center.

Support MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center and Compass Early Learning Center by making a donation to the agency through August. Help us finish out the summer strong. We are trying to raise \$50,000 for our programs! You can donate online at www.mcum.org/donate.



MCUM's Endowment Campaign

A contribution to MCUM's endowment through the end of the year will receive a 2:1 match on your gift, helping us to grow our endowment. A gift like this will create a lasting effect at MCUM. As we stand, just past the midway point in the year, our endowment campaign has raised \$5,225. Thank you to all who have donated!

The Community Foundation has so generously made a 2:1 matching offer of \$7,500 on the condition that our endowment campaign reaches \$15,000 in donations over the course of the year. With our funds as of now, we are at 35% of the goal. Consider making a donation and leaving a lasting impact through helping us grow our endowment.

To participate, send a check with "MCUM" in the memo line to the Community Foundation of Bloomington & Monroe County – 100 S College Ave #240, Bloomington, IN 47404.

Christmas in July:

Thank you to all our classroom sponsors!

Here at MCUM, we try to keep the holiday cheer going year-round. Since it can be challenging to get into the holiday spirit in the dead heat of the summer, we tried to bring some of the cheer to our Compass classrooms.

Each of our seven classrooms created a wish list that was individual to their wants and needs to supplement their curriculum. Supporters then had the opportunity to sponsor a classroom and contribute to their wish list. These supporters were also recognized in the classrooms as sponsors and had the opportunity to visit with their classrooms and engage with the children.

Thus far, we have had a total of five classrooms' wish lists completed with more donations on the way. Because of this, the Compass Early Learning Center children have all kinds of new classroom toys to play with including the bubble machine pictured below.

Thank you to all those who participated! Our staff and children are so grateful. Your donations have brought the joy of the holiday season to Compass this summer!



Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our donors and supporters who have helped to make our Compass Early Learning Center run so smoothly. This summer, children enrolled in the summer program at Compass have enjoyed field trips to the fire station and sunny days at the pool.



The Puffin Classroom playing with their new bubble machine thanks to their Christmas in July classroom sponsor.

Supporter Spotlight

For the past five years, we have had donors purchase livestock from the Monroe County Fair and have it sent to Rice's Quality Farm Meats Inc. in Spencer, Indiana for processing. The meat has then been added to our pantry and distributed to clients. This year, our two donors, Headley Quarter Horses and HFI, together donated three hogs which accumulated to 567 pounds of meat for our pantry and our clients. Each year we are blown away by donations such as this which add an assortment of meats to our pantry which we are not always able to offer our clients. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Headley Quarter Horses and HFI for their generous donations this year.



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Save a tree!

Sign up to receive our new eNewsletter.
Email mjholwager@mcum.org to make the switch!

Hours of Operation:

Self Sufficiency Center

Monday:

Appointment only: 8:00-12:00
Food pantry only: 12:00-6:00
Walk-ins: 12:00-4:30

Thursday & Friday:

Appointment only: 8:00-12:00
Food pantry only: 12:00-5:00
Walk-ins: 12:00-4:30

Tuesday:

Appointment only: 8:00-12:00
Food pantry only: 12:00-6:00
Walk-ins: 12:00-6:30

Wednesday: CLOSED

Compass Early Learning Center

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Leadership Staff:

Interim Executive Director: Katie Broadfoot
Self-Sufficiency Center Program Director:
Sherene Ing
Development Director: Katie Broadfoot
Office Manager: Shannon Hampton
Site Director - North: Charity Aton
Site Director - Downtown: Stacy Jones

Special Thanks to these Crestmont Park Area Agencies!

We want to send out a BIG THANK YOU to the Crestmont Park area agencies who were able to attend the Mills Pool Party on July 9th. We had three other agencies; South Central Community Action Program, the Crestmont Boys & Girls Club, and the Bloomington Housing Authority join us for a few hours of splashing about in Mills Pool.

Each agency brought their staff, volunteers, and families for a chance to cool off and mingle with other nonprofits in the Crestmont Park area. It was a great way to get to know our fellow agencies better!