



The Newsletter of Monroe County United Ministries

# Working Together

September 2019

## Each One, Feed One Success!

### 3-day food drive will once again feed thousands

Thanks to the incredible support of our many donors, congregations, local grocery stores, volunteers, sponsors, and countless shoppers MCUM's annual **Each One, Feed One** food drive was a tremendous success.

Throughout August 9th, 10th, & 11th more than 175 of MCUM's dedicated volunteers collected, transported, and sorted through **11,719 pounds** of food and cleaning/hygiene supplies. That is a **10% increase** in donations from last year's food drive! All of these donations will be distributed through MCUM's Self-Sufficiency Center to local families experiencing food insecurity and financial hardship.

This year, Each One, Feed One could not have come at a more pressing time for MCUM. Since the start of 2019, MCUM's food pantry has been serving an average of 20 percent more families each month. Basically, the needs of our clients have been outpacing our resources. Our food pantry had been perilously bare.

But, thanks to your help, Each One, Feed One activated the generosity of our entire community, offering a low-barrier opportunity for all of us to care for our neighbors and help meet their basic human needs.

Thank you for making this possible and for making our community a better place for everyone.



## Current Needs

### Food Pantry

- Canned Fruit
- Crackers (Saltines or Ritz)
- Canned Peas
- Canned Potatoes
- Ready to Eat Soups
- Ready to Eat Chilis

### Cleaning Closet

- Garbage Bags
- Razors
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels

### Child Care

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

- Dot Markers/Dotters
- Jumbo Crayons
- Markers
- Pom-pom Balls
- Glue sticks
- Construction Paper
- Paper Plates
- Old Uniforms
- Beads (Plastic or Wooden)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Wooden Puzzles
- Shaving Cream
- Colored Pencils
- Sponges
- Food Dye
- Cornstarch
- Baby Oil
- Egg Shaped Crayons
- Googly Eyes
- Stickers
- Modeling Clay
- Water & Sand Toys

MCUM also gladly accepts *paper grocery sacks* for the food pantry. Paper bags hold more than plastic and stand up nicely. Please ask for paper when you shop and bring them to MCUM to reuse.

## Bug Week in the Seahorse Room!

During Bug Week, our Seahorse classroom turned into a habitat for bugs. There were webs all around the room, making a bug rescue the top priority for our seahorses. They were encouraged to rescue as many bugs as possible and place them in baskets.

While collecting, counting, and problem solving to unstick the bugs, the Seahorses demonstrated development of sustained attention and persistence, development of body awareness, development of fine and gross motor coordination, a strong sense of counting, and scientific curiosity. Check it out!



# Thank you, volunteers!

This month, we would like to acknowledge all of our **Each One, Feed One** volunteers. This drive would not be possible without you!

- Joanne Weddle
- Debra Denning
- Lisa Miller Maidi
- Kay Goodman
- Megan & Wil Stahly
- Diana Rojahn
- Carolyn & Brent Sweeny
- Tara Canner
- Alyssa Casanova
- Daniel Kirwan
- Alex Jorck
- Tom Gardner
- Thomas King
- Elizabeth Johnson
- John Johnson
- Sherene Ing
- Michael Ing
- Kai'ava Ing
- Lalea Ing
- Marcie Francis
- Jason Francis
- Catherine Gray
- Chantel Allen
- Nicola Payne
- Chris Payne
- Alyssa Polley
- Lindsay Towell
- John Davenport
- Namoi Orsay
- Ruth Osbrink
- Rae Ann Tibbs
- Michael Tibbs
- Erin Predmore & Family
- Cherri DuPree
- Heather Hearn
- Kimmie Perry
- Suzan Kinser & Family
- Jessica Merkel & Family
- Sam Troxal
- Laura Kao
- Allie Sipes
- Cameron Beitvashahi
- Madison Silvers
- Lorelle Taggart
- Kayla Delaplane
- Brandon Haiflich
- Stacy Jones
- Gary & Helen Ingersoll
- Alison Pit
- Jane Pit
- Jesse Whitton
- Sarah Harris
- Debbi Conkle
- Alyssa Shelton
- Shannon Hampton
- Maddie Hampton
- Bryan & Jessika Hane
- Erika Steward
- Avery Woodruff
- Judith Olmsted
- Janie Harnett
- Kimberly Perry
- Kaleigh Hughes
- Joel Schneider & Family
- Susan Siena & family
- Susan Dougan
- Bill & Phyllis Perkins
- Byron & Hayden Bangert
- Mary Blizzard
- Celia Murphy
- Iris Kiesling
- Judith Kelley
- Barb Clark
- Stella Hooker-Haase
- Kathleen Chmelewski
- Steve Schechter
- Kristina Sparks & Friend
- Jill Argenbright
- Georgia Emmert
- Phyllis & Debbie Eads
- Lauren Cook
- Vlad Bulakah
- Natalie Garshaw
- Allison Polley





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### Save a tree!

Sign up to receive our new eNewsletter.  
Email [mjholwager@mcum.org](mailto:mjholwager@mcum.org) to make the switch!

### Self Sufficiency Center

#### **Monday & Tuesday:**

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

**Wednesday:** CLOSED

### Compass Early Learning Center

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

#### Leadership Staff:

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

## Opportunity House

Opportunity House, located at 907 W. 11th Street, is a volunteer-run resale shop that raises funds to support MCUM's programs. We are open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with donations accepted 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call us at (812) 336-2443 or follow us on Facebook!

Donations of gently used items are always welcome.

#### A Message from the Store Manager:

On your next visit to Opportunity House look for our fall and winter clothing, being introduced in early September. Also look out for Halloween items and winter coats all at our usual low prices.

Needs this month are gently used towels, wash cloths, silverware and pots and pans, these are frequently requested items for customers with vouchers and we often run out.

Also we always need more volunteers. If you can spare 2-3 hours once a month, or once a week, we can find a spot for you and it would be a great help.



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