

The Newsletter of Monroe County United Ministries



Working Together

December 2019

Welcome Our New Executive Director



MCUM is excited to welcome Katie Harrison Broadfoot, MPA, as its new Executive Director. Katie will fill the vacancy created by Erin Predmore's move to the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce last year.

For the last year and a half, Katie has been the Interim Executive Director of MCUM while maintaining her previous position as Development Director. Board members, staff, and volunteers are thrilled to see Katie fully transition into the Executive Director position.

Katie has been with MCUM since 2013, when she was hired as a Development Associate. After spending two years getting to know and build trust with MCUM's supporters, Katie was promoted to Development Director. Since then, she has been leveraging her knowledge and skills to grow MCUM's donor base and expand programs to better serve MCUM's clients.

Originally from East Grand Rapids Michigan, Katie attended undergrad at Albion College where she received her degree in Sociology, a minor in Spanish, and a focus in Public Policy and Service. In 2010 she moved to Bloomington, Indiana to further her education in public service by getting her Master's in Public Affairs from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

Katie is eager to utilize the skills she has honed these past six years to strengthen MCUM's role in the community and meet their vision of ending generational poverty. She is most excited to "be out in the community more", to "share more about MCUM and its innovative program changes" not just with supporters and donors, but with those who would benefit most from the services MCUM provides.

In her spare time, Katie loves spending time with her new little girl Hazel, her husband Nathan, and their two pit bulls Osha & Cleo. Katie is an avid equestrian with two horses of her own and is also a long distance runner.



Current Needs

Food Pantry

- Reusable or cloth bags
- Peanut Butter
- Condensed Soups
- Ready to eat soups/chili/ pasta
- 1lb Pasta (dried)
- Cereal
- Crackers

Cleaning Closet

- All-purpose cleaners
- Dishsoap
- Razors
- Mens/Womens Deodorant
- Laundry soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Bodywash

Your Path Program

- \$5 gas gift cards
- \$10 gas gift cards

Child Care

- Pots and pans (not for cooking so can be in any condition)
- Winter/Christmas wrapping paper
- Christmas and winter themed crafts
- Crayons
- Big-pieced wooden puzzles
- Cotton Balls
- Coloring Books

Office Supplies

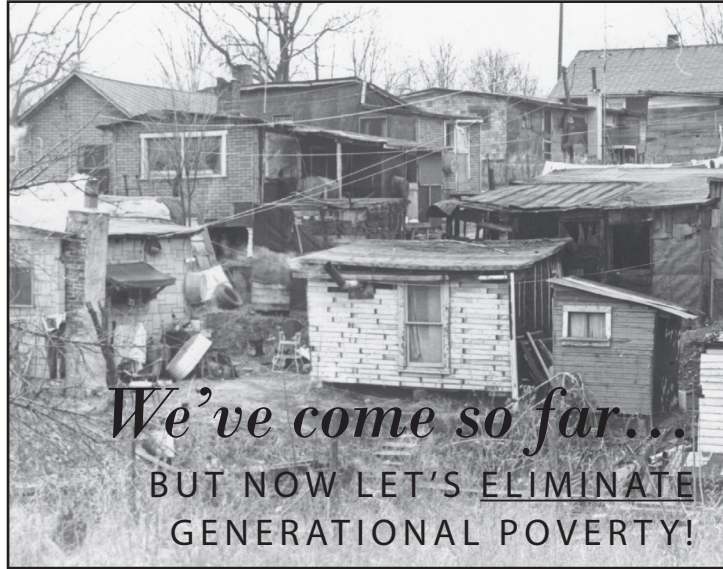
- Black/Blue Ink Pens

MCUM gladly accepts paper bags, plastic bags, and reuseable bags for our Food Pantry.

You can donate bags anytime during our normal business hours.

MCUM's end-of-year campaign

Can we count on your support?



1939 photo of Pigeon Hill, MCUM's current location

An article out of Washington University says "more than 40 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 60 will be poor for at least a year. Over the same period, more than half will be poor or nearly poor, with income at 150 percent of the poverty line, or about \$27,000 annually for a family of three." Often, it takes just one unplanned life event to push a household over the edge. The odds are high that you or someone you know will experience poverty at some point in their lives. You can make sure MCUM is able to provide important resources for people of multiple generations who are experiencing poverty by making an end-of-year donation.

\$285 provides one week of high-quality, licensed childcare for a three year old.

\$315 provides 3 months of asset-building coaching & basic needs assistance for one family.

What difference will you make for your neighbors struggling with poverty?

Give today and leave a legacy for tomorrow. Gifts of \$1,250 and above will be matched up to \$50,000 in our endowment.

- We've included a **convenient return envelope** in this newsletter. Simply enclose your check and drop in the mail!
- **Mail cash or a check to us at:**
827 West 14th Court, Bloomington, IN 47404
- **Donate online** by credit card: www.mcum.org/donate
- **Call to pay over the phone:** (812) 339-3429 ext. 16

Thank you for the difference you make. Together, we can eliminate generational poverty in Monroe County!

A special thank you to our departing board members

We would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our board members who are departing at the end of 2019. We appreciate your dedication and service!



Sarah Lagrange has served on the MCUM board for 3 years. Sarah is most proud to “work with our passionate staff who work closely to address the needs of MCUM clients with careful attention to individual circumstances. The dedication that MCUM has to meeting clients where they are is the most important commitment that we have made.”

And we’d like to express our gratitude to our departing Board Chair!



Elizabeth Johnson has served on the MCUM board for 3 years and has served as the board president for the past year. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Her favorite part of serving on the Board has been “getting to know and working with the amazing staff in the Compass and Self-Sufficiency centers while being the Interim Interim Executive Director during Katie Broadfoot’s maternity leave”.

Looking for a creative way to donate?

Consider creating a **reverse Advent calendar** for MCUM! Each day in December, instead of opening up a gift or chocolate, you do the giving and the gifts will support the individuals & families MCUM serves. All you have to do is 1) Get a box, 2) Fill it up, and 3) Drop it off. Learn more and find gift ideas here: [MCUM.org/holiday](https://www.mcum.org/holiday).



Thank you!

This month, we’d also like to express our appreciation for...

- **St. Charles School** – for sponsoring a HUGE food drive to help restock our food pantry.
- **Lee Van Buskirk** our lead maintenance volunteer for helping with numerous maintenance projects at both our North and Downtown campuses.
- **Our AMAZING Christmas sponsors** – we have successfully matched all of our Compass families with generous donors for the holidays who will purchase that family’s Christmas gifts!
- **The Unitarian Universalist Church** – for their continued commitment to MCUM’s holiday food basket program: our gym is filling with food baskets and our food pantry freezers are filling with turkeys and hams.

Thank you ALL!

We could not do this without you!



Ho-Ho-Holiday Giving - FINAL month to donate!

Still searching for a way to give back to your community this holiday season? Look no further! MCUM is still recruiting for our many holiday giving opportunities! Visit [MCUM.org/holiday](https://www.mcum.org/holiday) or call us at **(812) 339-3429 x 16** for more details on how to:

- Fill a Reverse Advent box for MCUM
- Give the gift of a full holiday meal to a family who otherwise would go without
- Host a food drive that will help feed the 250 families we expect will visit MCUM’s pantry between Thanksgiving and Christmas



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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 & 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:

Executive Director: Katie Broadfoot
Development Associate: Mary Jean Holwager
Self-Sufficiency Director: Sherene Ing
Compass-Downtown Director: Stacy Jones
Compass-North Director: Brittney Denton
Office Manager: Shannon Hampton

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:

Thank you all who came out to our sale on Giving Tuesday! Be sure to continue shopping at Opportunity for your holiday gifts and support MCUM.

Christmas items are available, including ornaments, wrapping paper, greeting cards, wreaths, decorations and trees. We also have a great selection of warm sweaters and coats to keep you toasty this winter!

As always, we need towels, bed sheets, and volunteers!



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