

Monroe County United Ministries



June 2021



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Greetings!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the month of June! I feel like the days are long, but the months are short. Before we know it, it will be the 4th of July!

Things never seem to slow down at [Compass Early Learning Center](#) and the [Self-Sufficiency Center](#). Compass has been enjoying their weekly trips to the Mills Pool, after a year-long hiatus. The Compass kiddos are really loving their pool days! The Self-Sufficiency Center has started its first-ever Summer Scavenger Hunt. Check out the details below.

Be on the lookout for information about Christmas in July. It is an amazing way to support Compass classrooms, filling in the gaps that slower summer months tend to bring.

Stay cool and healthy!

Sincerely,
Madison Silvers
Outreach Director
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SSC Summer Scavenger Hunt

This summer, the Self-Sufficiency Center will be hosting its first-ever Scavenger Hunt.

June 1st- August 31st, participants can complete a variety of tasks and earn entries into our monthly raffle! For each task a participant completes, they can receive between 1 - 5 entries.

Quick Links

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Donations:

You can donate [online](#) any time - we now accept PayPal!

From 12 PM - 4 PM
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday (or
other times by
appointment) MCUM is
accepting food,
cleaning, and hygiene
item donations.

When you arrive,
please ring the door
bell!

Current Needs

Cleaning Closet

- Paper Towels
- All-purpose cleaners/wipes
- Razors
- Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap

Tasks range from visiting our food pantry to finding the hidden treasure chest in our lobby.

The Self-Sufficiency Center has grown exponentially in the last few years, and we want this event to motivate individuals to grow with us. We are constantly looking for new ways to support and engage our neighbors.

We hope that this fun, summer-long event will encourage individuals to spread the word of MCUM and educate the community about all the wonderful resources we have available.

Prizes include:

- June: Dirt Devil Vacuum
- July: Wahl Pro Hair Cutter Set (just in time for back to school!)
- August: Shark Steam Mop

To learn more email [Erin](#).

COMING SOON: NEW Microloan Finance Program

"Underserved communities often lack access to the credit that would allow them to make important quality-of-life purchases."- Camden Hill, SSC Coach

That is why MCUM will be implementing a **NEW** 'microloan' program for Monroe County residents. In this program, recipients may apply for a very small (up to \$1,000 maximum) loan, which they will pay back, along with a small processing fee, over the course of one year or less. While not an official loan, many of the characteristics of this program parallel the process of applying for and repaying real loans. Coupled with the 6-8 hours of financial curriculum, participants in this program can expect to be better educated on personal finance and more prepared for larger loan processes if and when they're ready.

Last month we hosted an Open House for the Compass families to learn about the Self-Sufficiency Center's program and many expressed their interest in learning about microloans! We intend to pilot the program in the coming weeks with recipients from our Compass Early Learning Center families.

Once we have completed our pilot of this new initiative, we hope to open the applications to Monroe County residents. Rather than relying on credit history, our microloan program will primarily look at an individual's ability to repay their loan based on their income and current financial circumstances.

We hope our microloan will provide individuals with the resources needed to strengthen their financial skills while ensuring they are able to meet important needs, including quality of life needs.

- Diapers & Wipes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash Bags
- Kleenex

Food Pantry

- Canned Fruit
- Dried Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Helper Meals
- Desserts

Childcare

- Grocery Bags
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Batteries

Each One, Feed One
Food Drive
June 12-13

With the help of over 30 drop-off sites across the community, we raised nearly 5,000 pounds of non-perishable items and nearly \$17,500 for our Self-Sufficiency Center.

We are SO thankful for the support of our community.

Click [HERE](#) for the list of EOFO volunteers!

THANK YOU!



SOAKING UP THE SUN

Serving our community, saving our planet!

We are expecting to save over \$2,000 each year, thanks to the generosity of the **Citizen Action Coalition Education Fund**.

You can track our energy savings by clicking [HERE](#).



Miss the drive? Fear not - you can support our programs year-round!

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