

Who We Are

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) creates lasting solutions to economic, educational and social injustice in our community through quality services, collaboration and innovation. We provide high-quality early childhood education, self-sufficiency services, and basic needs assistance for those in financial crisis.

A Brief History

MCUM opened in 1939 as a day care for low income families and evolved over time to include other services, like a food pantry, rummage shop, and even a credit union. Over the years MCUM has grown and changed to meet the needs of the community. Our goal is to eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.



Walk-In Services

The Self-Sufficiency Center provides food, cleaning and hygiene items, and household & clothing vouchers during walk-in hours:

- Monday- 12:00 - 6:00 PM
- Tuesday- 12:00 - 6:00 PM
- Thursday- 12:00 - 5:00 PM
- Friday- 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Financial assistance & self-sufficiency coaching are available by appointment.

Getting Here

827 West 14th Ct.
Bloomington, IN 47404

MCUM is located on the near west side of Bloomington, next to Tri-North Middle School and Mills Pool. We are located on the #2 West bus route.

Contact Us

General program inquiries:
Sherene Ing, 812-339-3429 ext. 14

Financial assistance:
Sandi Clothier, 812-339-3429 ext. 15

To learn more about the Self-Sufficiency Center or apply for Your Path, visit us online:
www.mcum.org/ssc

Self-Sufficiency Center



Monroe County United Ministries



Would you like a support system in working toward a financial, educational, family, wellness, or career goal?

Are you struggling to meet your basic needs?

We can help!

Basic Needs Assistance

Food Pantry

Our client-choice food pantry provides a 3-day supply of food, based on the number of family members living in a house. Pantry visitors receive a shopping card, good for three monthly visits during which they will select their own groceries.

Cleaning & Hygiene Items

MCUM provides 6 full-sized cleaning and hygiene items once every six months. Clients will select their items from a list of what we have available.

Clothing & Housewares

Through our partner resale shop, Opportunity House, we can provide vouchers once every four months. Clients can select items for their family members, such as clothing, shoes, bedding, pots & pans, and more.



Your Path

Your Path is a roadmap to Self-Sufficiency. Participants complete a short application describing which area(s) of their lives- family stability (housing, transportation), wellness, career, education, or financial management - they would like to work on. Working with a coach for 1-3 years, participants can expect to be connected with resources to help them achieve their goals and will be supported during the triumphs as well as the challenges.

Examples of Your Path goals include: saving to buy a car, spending more time with family, and securing stable housing.

Interested individuals should apply online:
www.mcum.org/ssc.

Our Vision

Our Vision is to eliminate generational poverty for the people we serve.

In need of childcare?

Check out our other program, Compass Early Learning Center.

