



Lafayette Urban Ministry

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Thursday, February 20, 2014

Update: Crew & Krannert Support LUM

Row-A-Thon Check Presentation Event



Please join us for the check presentation to the LUM Good Samaritan Fund from the Purdue Crew Team. Details are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 25
- 3 p.m.
- Crew Boathouse, Levee Plaza

Purdue Crew sponsored Row-A-Thon which is an annual event where Crew student

athletes raise funds and awareness for the LUM Good Samaritan Fund. Let's show our appreciation for the Purdue Crew Team by attending this special event.

Krannert Students Prepare Taxes at LUM



Over the course of the tax preparation season, the **LUM Tax Assistance** Program will utilize over 40 volunteer income tax preparer to serve over 1500 local community members. LUM would not be able to offer this service without the skilled, trained volunteers who make the LUM program such a success each year.



A substantial percentage of those volunteers come from the Purdue Krannert School of Management. Each Wednesday and Friday, the program is primarily staffed by highly trained Krannert students. Through this partnership Purdue students get valuable training and experiences and the community benefits from their talent and expertise. LUM is very appreciative of Krannert's commitment to this important program.

LUM Tax Stats, So Far:

- Number of Tax Returns e-Filed: 445
- Average Earned Income Credit (EIC): \$2,170
- Total Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC): \$1,095,591
- Average Child Tax Credit: \$665
- Total Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): \$15,241,298
- Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): \$16,668.00
- Total state refund amount: \$227,863
- Total Refund amount: \$2,245,488
- Refunds between \$9,000 - \$10,000: Twenty (20) clients
- Refunds over \$10,000: Eight (8) clients

Action Alert – 3 Reasons to Support CDCTC

LUM Campaign for Hoosier Families — Action Alert



The short session of the Indiana General Assembly is more than half way over. The Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) is an amendment drafted by Lafayette's own, State Representative, Sheila Klinker. The 3 reasons to support CDCTC are as follows:

- it would benefit both low-income and middle-class families.
- it would take some of the burden off single parent households and reduce barriers to participation in the workforce.
- it allows low-income families to afford higher quality child care.

Let's make sure that this amendment receives consideration in the House prior to the March 3rd deadline and is passed by both chambers before the session ends on March 14th. Learn more, click [HERE](#).

LUM participates in Minimum Wage Forum



Raising the minimum wage was the topic of a forum held this past Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, West Lafayette. About 40 people attended the forum which included panelists (pictured left) Derek Thomas, senior policy analyst for the Indiana Institute for Working Families; Joe Micon, Lafayette Urban Ministry executive director; and Don

Scheiber, former labor liaison to the United Way of Greater Lafayette.

The program was sponsored by Rebuild the American Dream Coalition of Greater Lafayette, Unitarian Universalist Church Social Justice Committee, Lafayette/West Lafayette Branch 3506 of the NAACP, AFL-CIO, Tippecanoe Building Trades and the UAW-CAP Council.

Joe Micon listed perks of raising wages according to a 2003 study from the University of California-Berkeley that looked at the San Francisco Airport. "Reduced turnover, increased morale, increased work performance, better customer service, to name a few" Micon said. "Raising the minimum wage is not the answer to all of our problems, but it's a sensible place to start."

Derek Thomas shared the work from the Indiana Institute for Working Families. A published report on that work entitled *14 Reasons to Raise Indiana's Minimum Wage in 2014*, may be found [HERE](#).



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