



Light Lines

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Kid Ministry Leads to Housing Crisis Intervention—Relationships Matter

Because of COVID, LUMINA has put its in-person, indoor **Kids Night** program for children 6 to 12-years-old **on hold**. While we have been waiting for a safe vaccine to protect these young people, we have been conducting *safe, outdoor porch and stoop visits* to keep connected.

Thanks to generous donors, LUMINA has been able to bring **food, clothing, blankets, masks, and Christmas gifts** directly to the families, as their needs became clear to us.

We walked alongside one large family (whose children have been in our programs for 8 years) as they experienced a **housing crisis** this Summer. After filing a complaint with the Housing Authority because of a leaking pipe and a crumbling bathroom floor, the family was denied a renewal of their lease. They could not find adequate housing in the time left, and they

were forced to seek temporary shelter in a local motel.

LUMINA granted them a **week's stay** and provided them with **grocery cards**. When a substandard two-apartment opened up, this family with 11 children leapt at the opportunity to leave the motel. The crowded conditions led LUMINA volunteers to help supply **bunk beds and bedding**, so that the family could fit into the space a bit better.

Weeks later, the family has finally found a **large rental house** and signed a new lease. LUMINA and partner organization **IMPACT! Missions** will help with the move and donate a used **refrigerator**, which is not supplied by the new landlord. The kids are so excited about having more room, and the parents are relieved to be out of crisis and getting back to “normal.”

Super Cupboard Partnership Continues to Make History

Thanks to a continuing partnership with **Millersville University** and **Penn State Extension**, LUMINA is helping to bring **nutrition education** to people we could never reach before.

Millersville staff provides **foreign language translators** and maintains contact with recent immigrants in Lancaster and Lebanon. LUMINA packs **raw foods and new kitchen tools** into reusable grocery bags which are picked up by participants the day before class.

Penn State instructor **Pency Seraphin** then teaches the basics of **good health, exercise and nutrition** over Zoom with the recent immigrants and a translator, each working in their own kitchens.

Earlier this year we held Super Cupboard classes for families speaking **Spanish**, and this fall our classes were for **Nepali** speaking families.



A Nepali family enjoys tuna burgers from a Super Cupboard zoom class.

In November and December of 2021 we will hold Super Cupboard classes for families speaking **Swahili**.

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Our Vision for Lancaster and beyond: All persons restored to the vital and productive lives which God intended.



Our Mission: to share the love of God by equipping and encouraging people who experience poverty and hardship.



Thank you 🙏!! Really healthy nutritional classes !! Thank you to whole team who provided us!! It's really amazing !! Helpful for our love ones thank you again !!

Super Cupboard

If your church knows of anyone who would benefit from this upcoming program of five classes, please contact
LUMINA
at
717-394-8412.



One Super Cupboard student leaves a thank you note on her screen shot.

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**Food and Tools
supplied by LUMINA.**



LUMINA's Egg Hunt this spring was a big hit with the children of the West Jewels neighborhood of Lancaster City.



Children's Christmas Shop Needs Donations

In December LUMINA will partner with **New Creation UMC** and **Millersville Community UMC** to hold a **Christmas party** with a free "shop" where underprivileged children **may choose items** to give their family members for Christmas.

See the **list** at right for ways you can help us collect new and gently used gifts for their shop.

All items should be **new or very gently used** and clean. They may be brought to LUMINA's office at Otterbein UMC, 20 East Clay Street, Lancaster, on Saturday December 4, from 11 am until 1 pm.



Kids at Christmas "Shop" in 2020

- * Toys for all ages (all kinds)
- * Small electric appliances (crockpot, can opener, chopper, etc)
- * Household tools
- * Kitchen utensil kits or baking tins
- * Craft kits
- * Sports equipment for teens
- * Eagles football fan stuff for adults
- * Nail polish kit for teens
- * Cosmetics or hair accessories
- * Christmas decor for the home
- * Cookies, snacks, or candy in tins
- * Wallet or purse
- * Winter hat, scarf, gloves for adults
- * 2022 calendars
- * Costume jewelry
- * Exercise equipment for adults (mats, wrist weights, etc.)



LUMINA and Manifest Alliance to Begin New Housing Project

LUMINA handles the combined funds for Manifest, an urban alliance of Methodist churches in Lancaster City. Together we are partnering with IMPACT! Missions to rehab blighted properties into decent, affordable housing for first-time homeowners. In the past two years, Manifest has contributed funds and volunteers to complete three homes. At the end of this autumn we will begin our fourth house on Woodward Street in the southeastern section of Lancaster, Pa.

Please consider helping. We are seeking volunteers with carpentry skills, but unskilled workers will also be welcomed and trained! The job site will be open every weekday and Saturday mornings.

Youth with parent's permission are encouraged to come on Saturdays. A women-only crew will begin meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month for Bible study and hands on training.

If hammering and sawing aren't your thing, consid-



Manifest Women's Work Crew

er helping with the catering crew who will prepare lunches for the weekday volunteers. Contact Correen at Correen.Lumina@gmail.com to find out more!

Camp Scholarships Awarded in 2021

Many of the children who were eligible for our camp scholarships this past summer could not attend because of summer school requirements, but LUMINA did send **four** children to a week at **Gretna Glen** in July and then a family with **11** children to **Gretna's Family Getaway Weekend Camp** in August.

Everyone loved camp and appreciated the opportunity! Thanks to **Otterbein UMC** and **Leola UMC** for donating funds toward their scholarships!

Thanks to **Gretna Glen staff** for these photos of our campers.



Kevin liked the pool and the food



Jizzelly made friends while she made bead projects



Ariana enjoyed the games they played outdoors



Jizzelly's whole family loved their weekend get-away camping experience



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Bless Others With Free Food Monthly

Every second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM LUMINA sponsors 100 boxes containing 40-lb of food, given out freely to the needy our community. The congregation of Ross Street UMC, 312 E. Ross St, graciously hosts this monthly giveaway in their back lot, so people can drive through and have boxes placed directly in their vehicles.

For those who do not have transportation, volunteers from LUMINA gladly deliver to their doorsteps. Since the pandemic began, we have distributed over 68,000 lbs of free food. Everyone is welcome!

If you are not in need, but you know someone who is, please come pick up food to bless them in Christ's name! You may reserve boxes by calling 717-394-8412 and leaving a message.



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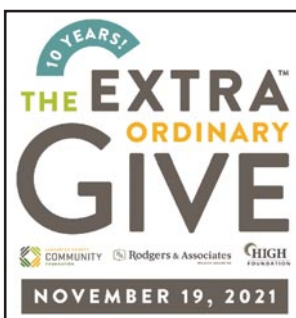
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