



The Voice

#GivingTuesday 2021 is November 30th!

Our annual fundraising event, #GivingTuesday, is coming up on November 30th. This virtual fundraising event allows us to connect with other non-profits while we all come together to showcase our causes.

This year we are again raising money to support our new Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) Permanent Supportive Housing Program that opened last summer. Pando provides both housing and an array of voluntary supportive services to young adults who have experienced homelessness. With a special focus on those aging out of the child welfare/foster care system, the program opened in June 2021 and currently houses



22 people ages 18-24. The program includes an on-site food pantry, as well as supportive services to assist tenants with educational and employment goals, accessing healthcare and legal aid, and helping them connect with others in the community to build “social capital”. Programming is completely voluntary, and includes social/recreational activities, nutrition/cooking classes, and budgeting and financial management.



Our #GivingTuesday event will be hosted on our social media platforms where we will provide updates, share stories, and give reminders on how you can help our cause.

Starting at midnight on November 30th we will be taking donations for this virtual fundraising event. It will then end at 11:59 p.m. on November 30th. We currently have a goal of raising \$20,000 towards our Pando Program.

Stay tuned to our social media to learn more on how you can help us this #GivingTuesday!

Stay tuned for LCFS programming updates in the coming months!

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Our Mission:
Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith and Support

Meet Adam Wade Johnson

Former board member, Adam Wade Johnson, has opened his own publishing house and has started publishing his own work!



Through this new journey, Johnson aims to reach children like his younger self and inspire a love for reading.

As someone who grew up moving around and often struggling financially, Johnson knows how hard it can be to have a good relationship with reading and education while going through those struggles.

“I pray children grow with my stories and develop an internal love for reading resulting in an increase of functional literacy and improved reading comprehension paving the way for brighter and more successful futures.”



“I Wish, I Wish”, published on August 16th, came to him directly from a vision. He felt inspired by God and this vision so much so that he was able to complete the book in a single day.



While the initial book is geared more towards those reading bedtime stories; a new series, which aims to grow long with its young readers, will be

launching based on the four Dodson siblings pictured on the back of book one.



The Dodson siblings are based off of his own mother and her siblings and their own upbringing.

Johnson also created his own publishing house for his work named Banana House Publishing after his later mother's nickname given to her by his son.

We thank you Adam for the work you do as you continue to inspire the next generation of young readers!

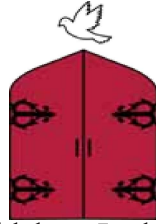
Interested in purchasing “I Wish, I Wish” or in Adam’s future series? Please visit:
<http://www.bananahousepublishing.com/>

Thank you, Kind Sponsors and Volunteer Luncheon Sponsors!

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Pando Needs YOUR Help!



The Pando food pantry is running low on supplies and needs assistance stocking up for our tenants. Any help you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Food Items Needed:

- Mixed Vegetables
- Yams
- Mayonnaise
- Pasta sauce
- All Purpose Seasoning
- Canned Drinks
- Mustard
- Crackers
- Baking Items (Cake, Brownies, etc.)
- Ravioli
- Popcorn
- Oatmeal
- Water
- Ramen noodles
- White Rice
- Fruit Cups
- Cheese Crackers
- Sugar
- Hamburger Helper

Household/Personal Items Needed:

- Hair Rubber Bands
- Hair Products (Styling Creme, etc.)
- Benadryl and Other Medicines
- Lotion
- Fabric Softener

UWCI Awards INSPIRE With TWO Years of Funding!

The United Way of Central Indiana has provided critical funding for many years, and provides LCFS with the support we need to fulfill our mission. In the past year we've been met with an overwhelming amount of support.

The LCFS INSPIRE Program has recently been awarded not one, but TWO years of funding through the Family Opportunity Fund which is aimed at reducing generational poverty in Central Indiana. We are one of five local organizations to be given this honor.

The \$575,000 per year (\$1.150 M total) granted to LCFS will help us as we continue developing our program over the next two years with the goal of providing much-needed support to families in our community.

If you're interested in reading more on this, here is the press release published by UWCI about this topic:

<https://www.uwci.org/blog/united-way-awards-75-million-in-grants-to-25-organizations-to-support-family-opportunity-programs>

Thank you, UWCI!



**United Way
of Central Indiana**

LCFS Annual Volunteer Luncheon

The Fight Against Hunger Volunteer Luncheon was held this year at Fort Harrison State Park in August. Events like this allow our organization to show appreciation and highlight the efforts of our volunteers. Volunteer support is critical in our efforts to achieve our mission.

The event wouldn't have been possible without our event sponsors; because of your support, we were able to provide a great afternoon for everyone!



Our sponsors include: Event Sponsor Augustana Lutheran Church Foundation; Beverage Sponsor Bob & Troy Kassing; Volunteer Table Sponsors - An Appreciative Friend (Anonymous), Anthem, Cohron's Manufactured Homes, Inc., Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, and Milestone Contractors LP; volunteer sponsors Murvin & Linda Enders, Congregation Beth El Zedeck - Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, and Steve Albertin & Ann Diefenthaler.



Many of our programs wouldn't be possible without our volunteers who work day in and day out helping us serve the families in our community and providing them with the support they need. Whether you help garden at Pando, or work at The Sharing Place helping stock and hand out food or even if you just volunteer with our annual Christmas Store, your contribution of time helps provide families with much needed supports. We wouldn't be the organization we are without you!

Again, thank you everyone for everything you do for our organization! We look forward to more events in the future.

Are you not currently a volunteer but interested in helping LCFS? Please visit <https://lutheranfamily.galaxydigital.com/need/> to learn more.

Sven's Annual Walk!

A few weeks ago, our very own Sven Schumacher took on the German Alps for his annual walk with a goal of raising funds for The Sharing Place.

The walk was approximately 80 kilometers which equates to almost 50 miles. While on this trail, Sven captured many moments seen here. The walk also took Sven through the beautiful towns of Fussen and Oberstaufen.



Last year, due to COVID-19 Sven was unable to make the trip out to the German Alps and remained local. This year is extra special because it is the first time in two years that Sven has been able to complete this specific trail.

Thank you everyone who donated this cause!





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LCFS 2021 Christmas Store

The annual LCFS Christmas Store is back! This year the store will be December 6th-9th with volunteers also needed on December 5th for setup. At this time we are also accepting donations both monetarily or through gift items. To donate monetarily please visit: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/LutheranChildandFamilyService/xmasonlinedonation.html> or if you're looking to donate items please contact us at xmas_store@lutheranfamily.org to find out what items are in greatest need and where to drop off donations.

Looking to volunteer? Please visit <https://lutheranfamily.galaxydigital.com/need/> to see available shifts for the Christmas Store

