And as we say farewell to those who are ready to move on as they continue their sobriety journey, we welcome those who are moving in to begin their new lives as clean and sober individuals. We know their road ahead won’t be easy, but they have a support system at Raines that will be with them every step of the way. The availability of meetings inside our building, which are open to residents and those living elsewhere in the city, makes it simple to attend on a regular basis without traveling. The accountability to the staff, as well as other residents, watching out for them and having someone available to sit and chat with anytime day or night, helps keep our new guests on the right path.

We couldn’t be the beacon of hope that we are without the support of our loyal and dedicated donors. Without you, we wouldn’t be here to provide a safe home, nor the encouragement and support that is crucial to those who are ready to be the men and women God designed them to be. Please consider giving an end of year gift to support Lucille Raines Residence as we continue to move forward in our endeavors to help those in addiction recovery.

My time on Raines Board of Directors is coming to an end but the love and admiration I feel for this treasured place will always be with me. I am grateful for the blessings I have received, the friends that I have made, and the progress in lives that I have had the honor of witnessing.

Wanda Troke, President
LRR Board of Directors
THERE IS ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS SOMETHING FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL

Grateful for:

RESIDENTS – 49 folk live at LRR while they work on issues of addiction recovery. Services are available to all – regardless of race, creed, gender, etc. Supportive community is lived, relationships rebuilt and hope is born anew!

STAFF – each going above and beyond. Employment at Lucille Raines Residence is far more than a job; it is ministry.

YOU – who pray, tell the story and give.

Gratitude for your generous sharing. A year ago, major building repairs were in the works. Tuck pointing repairs have been completed. Concrete in front of the building has been replaced. A bicycle pad has been added on the parking lot. These have become reality because of YOU. Thank you.

Recent communiqués center on current special needs. As decisions for year-end giving are contemplated, think in terms of UNDESIGNATED sharing. This allows flexibility to utilize your gift as most needed. Come spring, planters and flowers will be needed for the front of the building, as well as outdoor furniture. The bicycle parking pad necessitated bike parking racks. Etc. Etc.

Thanks be to God!

Carolyn Marshall, Executive Director
317.636.3328

Resident Testimonials. . .

“Lucille Raines gives people, like me, HOPE. There are always other recovering addicts around to talk to when I am struggling with something. Lucille Raines has helped me grow spiritually, be able to find myself again and has helped me to love myself again.” - Nicole P.

“Lucille Raines is very instrumental in my recovery. Raines provides me with a healthy, safe environment where regular support meetings give me the tools needed to stay clean. At Raines there is genuine interest in me as a person, one who is seeking a better way of life.” - Eric H.
Raines Fest 2019 Recap

As I write this article, it is just a little over 24 hours after the end of Raines Fest 2019 and I feel very grateful for many who worked hard and participated in Raines Fest this year to make it a success. Every year in October, Lucille Raines Board members take over the duties of the staff after Monday’s board meeting through Wednesday afternoon. Also, meals are served, a Country Store is opened, and bingo is played for a Crazy Auction on Monday and Tuesday evenings. In the process, residents and board members interact and get to know one another better.

I’m very grateful to board members who chaired committees:

- Carolyn Maxey—food and meal preparation
- Kathie Clemenz—filling desk schedules
- Brenda Crawford—invitations, posters, money jar guessing game
- Jeri Ahlbrand—Country Store
- Butch and Wanda Troke—bingo and Crazy Auction

Thanks, also, to board members for the generous donations of food and to the general manager of the Greenwood Cheesecake Factory, who personally came on Monday evening with delicious Italian food. Board member Rev. Paula Mayberry not only brought several main dish items but also played lovely background music during Tuesday’s dinner. We all were grateful for Eric, Raines maintenance manager, who really didn’t need to be on duty, but who popped up at the right time for us to ask questions and to lend a hand.

Thanks to the many UMW women across Indiana who collected and donated items for the Country Store. Also, thanks to all the residents who participated in the event and expressed genuine appreciation for the meals, the Country Store items and the fun at the Crazy Auction.

Personal conversations with several residents during mealtimes enlightened my understanding of the social, psychological, and physical complexities of addiction and recovery.

A veteran of Raines shared that there seems to be several new people at Raines committed to recovery and to supporting each other. These comments confirmed my understanding of the importance of the mission of Lucille Raines Residence. May God bless each resident and staff member as they continue this vital work! And God bless YOU for your continued support!

Cozette McColgin, Vice President
Lucille Raines Board
Raines Fest Chair
The Power of a Word

The annual Raines Fest event provides the Lucille Raines Board with the opportunity to interact with the residents and learn first-hand the impact of Raines on their lives. It is amazing how simple it is to have a positive impact on a person’s life and Raines is doing that in many ways.

One of the regular activities of the board at our meetings is to divide up the names of the residents and staff and to write short notes of encouragement to each one. Last year at the beginning of Raines Fest I wrote notes to three people. One of those people, a young woman, came looking for me at dinner that evening. She was so grateful for my note that she wanted to tell me in person what it meant to her. It was a short note, but I had told her that I was proud of her for the progress she was making. The use of the word “proud” had meant the world to her.

The residents at Raines are working hard to make a better future for themselves. It is not easy. Support and encouragement can make a significant difference in their progress. Raines provides them with a safe and welcoming environment where they are part of a community of people with whom they can learn and grow and struggle together.

Words are powerful. We can accomplish great ministry when we use words that are positive, supportive, encouraging, caring and hopeful. We can easily cause harm and lasting damage with words that discourage, tear down, ridicule and condemn. Never underestimate the power of a word.

Rev. Paula Young Mayberry
Lucille Raines Board/
Committee on Nominations

Raines: A Place of Building Relationships & Knowing One Need Not Walk Alone

The dining room backdrop is a constant reminder that one need not walk alone. How appropriate the October Raines Fest was set against this reminder. Child-friendly games and activities promoted opportunities for strengthening family relationships. Tracey and her ten-year old granddaughter together created lovely works of art. Right, a young mother and her young son enjoyed an evening of good food, fellowship and festivities. The brownies were a special treat—perhaps more so than Bingo!!
**Treasurer: United Methodist Women of Indiana has a wonderful mission in Indiana—Lucille Raines Residence**

As I was at Raines recently, I heard many expressions of gratitude for a safe and clean home from the men and women residents who are continuing their addiction recovery. They are grateful for the friendships cultivated with smiles and hugs, the love and support shown by the staff and board members and the options available if an illness or job cut back means a temporary loss of income to pay their rent on time. The donated cans of soup, fruit, tuna, peanut butter and jelly and crackers also help through those tough times.

This ministry is supported by UMW members via the $10 per member per year received through their district treasurer. Individual members, units and churches may also give additional amounts through their treasurer, designated as “special giving” to be used “AS NEEDED”. Utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance as well as salaries and wages all need to be funded, in addition to special projects.

When reviewing your personal finances or revising a will, you are encouraged to consider a gift to Raines. It is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All gifts are truly appreciated.

*Mary Jane Compton, LRR Treasurer*

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**Drive donations to Lucille Raines Residence, Inc. using this tip:**

- **Engage supporters during major shopping holidays:**
  - Many of Raines supporters already do their holiday shopping at Amazon, so it's a great time to ask you to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for Lucille Raines Residence Inc. as you shop.
  - Plan ahead for the holidays and special occasions; register now while you think about it.

Reminder: You must first register at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and enter Lucille Raines Residence, Inc. into the search box. Select Lucille Raines Residence as your charity. It is important to remember you **MUST** shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) in order to benefit Raines!

*Please help spread the word!*
Lucinda Christmas Ornaments & Other Items Supplement Raines Budget

Christmas ornaments designed by Lucinda, and priced at $10, make the perfect item for all those gift exchange presents we will be needing during the upcoming holiday season. They are colorful and versatile. Besides being used as tree ornaments, run a ribbon through the eyelet to wear as a pendant. Instant personal Christmas jewelry.

Limited availability of Lucinda pins ($20) and ornaments helps to tell the story of our residents at Raines. All residents are fighting a similar battle but each resident is very unique and extremely special.

Please continue to use the pins and ornaments to tell the story of the Lucille Raines Residence and the good news that is happening there.

Don't forget to use the gift cards to make a gift in memory or to honor special loved ones.

Contact your district board representative or me to get pins, ornaments or gift cards for yourself or a local event.

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Have you registered your Kroger Plus Card with the Kroger Community Rewards program to benefit LRR? Register online at: www.kroger.com/communityrewards OR call 1.866.221.4141 for assistance

Enter Organization’s name: Lucille Raines Residence, Inc. & NPO number: 77215 (formerly) or PA342 (new). If you are presently registered using #77215, there is no need to register again. New to Kroger Community Rewards, please use PA342 to register for Lucille Raines Residence.

For July 1 — September 30, 2019, Lucille Raines Residence received $290.18. This amount was made possible by approximately 104 participating households in the Kroger’s Rewards program. Think what could be achieved if everyone who shops Kroger (or Kroger affiliates) would register Lucille Raines Residence in their Community Rewards program. Take advantage of Kroger Rewards during the upcoming holidays!

(LUCILLE RAINES RESIDENCE, INC. appears at the bottom of your cash register receipt when properly enrolled.)
Better Together

I don’t identify myself as a real fan of professional baseball but, this season was an epic, historic season for the Washington Nationals. They won their first World Series. In May, about three months into the season, the Nationals were below .500 team, with only 19 wins. The team finished the month with the second-worst record in the major leagues at 19-31. According to the statisticians, they had less than 0.1% chance to win the World Series at that time. Based on average player age, they were the oldest team in baseball. Yet, the Nationals were able to defy all odds and make a historic season comeback to win the 2019 World Series last week. The team's Game 7 win was their fifth elimination game of the playoffs. It is a story of overcoming against the odds.

In sports, as in life, it is inspiring to know that, despite your current situation or circumstance, success is possible. Here are some important life application lessons learned from the Nationals season:

- Despite the use of statistics to predict outcome, they are not the truth. The game still needs to be played.
- People are a more important story than numbers.
- Teamwork can lead to extraordinary results. We are better together.

I am extremely grateful for my team, United Methodist Women of Indiana. Thank you for how you have consistently responded to the call to service and advocacy. Thank you for your support of Lucille Raines Residence. Your donations, prayers and gifts bless the residents and staff and build the kingdom of God. Thank you for your commitment to shine light in dark places and being instruments for social justice. There remains much work to be done. Pray not that we do great things for God, but rather pray that He will do great things through us. Let us continue to pray for Passion and Purpose. Further, let us continue to love the things that God loves and have our hearts broken by the things that break the heart of God.

Cathy Burris, President UMW of IN

Has your unit remitted its $10 per member per year commitment? This amounts helps to support Lucille Raines Residence programming. Based on declining membership, this amount must be subsidized. Thank you for your generosity!
**Talk, Tour, Lunch Opportunities**

Share the life-changing ministry at Raines. Impact local communities in amazing ways. Consider visiting Raines for a Talk, Tour, Lunch at $8.00 per person for a delicious meal, and an understanding of this 40+ year ministry in downtown Indianapolis that is transforming lives for Christ. Bring:

- UMW and UMM groups
- Confirmation Classes
- Small study groups, book clubs, etc.
- Mission Teams
- Youth Groups
- And any who desire to know how God is impacting the lives of those committed to addiction recovery

Call Carolyn Marshall at 317.636.3328 to schedule.

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