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Committed to Rebuilding Lives from Substance Abuse
Lucille Raines Residence continues to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Lives are transformed through the ongoing mission to rebuild lives committed to addiction recovery. This vital mission, named for the late Lucille Raines (wife of late Bishop Richard C. Raines), ministers to persons regardless of gender, creed, or race. Located downtown Indianapolis, the facility and program are owned and operated by United Methodist Women of Indiana.

The Raines ministry began in 1977 has proven time and time again that United Methodist Women of Indiana truly did respond to God’s call for such a time as this—a time that has not become obsolete, but rather a time that is becoming more and more needed in today’s world.

Now in its 42nd year, Lucille Raines Residence continues to be a safe haven where residents are expected to actively work a 12-Step Recovery Program by regular attendance in a support group, work with a sponsor, be employed and pay rent, currently $120 per week. At maximum capacity the facility accommodates 49 residents, each with a private room and bath and allows residents space for meditation and reflection. Residents are encouraged to spend time daily with God, a practice in which residents often learn to turn their lives over to God, the true source of one’s recovery. In addition to the in-house resident population, 150 to 200 others enter the building weekly to participate in ongoing addiction recovery meetings.

Responsibility and accountably are learned through the loving, supportive community of staff, Lucille Raines Residence board members, and fellow residents. These essential traits help residents learn to live independently and to work to rebuild severed relationships with family, self-esteem regained. Residents are encouraged to stay at Raines a minimum 18 months to two years.
God’s abundant mercy works miracles in barren and broken lives of both the addict and those hurt from destructive lifestyles. Accepting God’s grace enables residents to begin to restore their own brokenness as well as strive to rebuild broken relationships. Residents learn to love themselves and others. In Christ all potentially become new and whole.

A glimpse of the Holy...

Denise moved into Raines a little more than a year ago and she is working hard on her recovery and her relationship with her son Anthony. Both chose to participate in a Crazy Auction hosted by board members. Anthony received the winning bid (using play money) to purchase a small box wrapped in white tissue paper with red hearts imprinted on it. He affectionately gave her a hug and a kiss on the cheek as he handed her the gift, saying, “I was saving my money as I wanted you to have this”.

Anthony, age 18, bursting with love and pride watched as Denise unwrapped a lovely wristwatch, a gift he purposely had chosen for her, not knowing the contents at the time. She conveyed how very proud she is of her son, “He’s a senior and is looking at colleges”. It was evident how very proud he is of his mother too.

A glimpse of the Holy was revealed in this healing, loving relationship of a young woman seriously working her recovery program and a young son so very proud of how far she has come. One of many Holy moments at Raines.
**God works amidst the rubble of broken mortar and broken lives. . .**

Just as broken lives compromise the integrity of one’s soul, cracked and crumbling mortar between the bricks jeopardized the safety and efficiency of Raines. The exterior of the six-story residence had become a liability and allowed heat and cooling to escape the building.

![Image of cracked and crumbling mortar](image1)

Broken spindles (above) further threatened safety of those entering the building. As with any home, unexpected maintenance and repairs stretch funds. Repairs left undone would continue to deteriorate and demand even greater restoration.

**As challenging as repairing broken lives, and broken and crumbled mortar might be, it is more fitting to reflect on God’s abundant grace and generosity in the processes.**

During such times, hearts and minds are warmed to dig a bit deeper to respond to God’s gentle nudge to be more intricately involved in helping to provide a safe place where addiction recovery is possible.

**Phase One: tuckpointing repair, sealing and washing the exterior was completed before Winter 2018. Phase Two: Spring 2019 will begin repair of broken sidewalks and stairs. Gratitude abounds for faithful and generous hearts!**
The loving, caring, sharing community found at Lucille Raines moves one from hopelessness to HOPE. Residents experience GRACE – God’s grace. All that Raines encompasses leads to the PROMISE of a new life!

Vanessa’s long journey of hard-core addiction was spent in and out of jails, doing whatever necessary to satisfy her addiction. Finally, one night in a motel room she hit rock bottom and prayed that God would send help or take her life. Her guardian angel disguised as a narcotics agent was God’s answer to her prayer—an encounter that eventually led her to Raines where she lived a couple years. Vanessa recently celebrated 10 years of being clean and sober. She is now raising two grandchildren. Through it all, she remains resolute.

Daily disciplines learned at Raines help residents deal with inevitable life challenges. There residents learn to live responsibly and independently. There residents learn to trust God moment by moment, day by day. Perseverance becomes a beacon for many in the Recovery Community and “To God be the Glory” becomes their faithful mantra.

Each October the staff takes a 48-hour respite from 24/7 duty and the building while board members attempt to fill their shoes. Although impossible to replace the staff, it is valuable time for both residents and board members as together they participate in food, fun, Country Store, games and fellowship, as well as 24-hour desk duty. Sharing stories of addiction is an important aspect to recovery. It also helps board members appreciate the struggles and joys of the residents’ long and tenacious journeys. Residents shop the Country Store with “funny money”. Merchandise and play money are both provided by board members and United Methodist Women who staff the store.

Raines Fest and Country Store are invaluable to residents and board members alike.
Being Christ so others will know Christ’s love—that’s the goal of the Raines Fest. Unconditional love is the premise of relationships formed as residents and board members together enjoy meals and bingo, intermixed with shopping for basic needs and nonessential items from the Country Store—all provided by board members and United Methodist Women.

Pastor Butch Troke’s pastoral skills of listening and encouragement are warmly received—and often just what residents need most. Pastor Troke, also a gifted auctioneer, brings much fun to the Crazy Auction—gifts provided by board members.

Above: Resident Eriq visits cooks before beautifully playing the piano (without sheet music) during dinner. He credits his parents for piano lessons as a child.
Lucrative funding sources help subsidize Raines budget. A few “Taste of Hope” cookbooks are still available through the Raines office. These and the continued sale of Lucinda Pins are an excellent source of additional funding as well as providing opportunities to share the Raines story—a story of recovered lives made possible by the ministry at Raines. Sale of these items realized $4,118.81 income in 2018.

“Lucille Raines Residence Staff: You are Heaven Sent” was the 2018 Staff Appreciation theme. Festive table decorations, tasty luncheon, small gifts and a short program, all designed by a small group of board members, aim to show appreciation and love for all the staff does to create a home for residents at Raines. Many staff members are either current or former residents. Having staff available 24/7 is crucial for residents needing to talk. Having staff to listen, support and encourage those on the road to recovery helps create an environment where encouragement is found, love grows and individuals thrive.
Some residents come to Raines with family histories of addiction; others come because of their lifestyle choices. Whatever the cause, holidays and special occasions are particularly difficult times for those in recovery as nearly all have lost meaningful relationships as a result of their addiction.

Love abounds at Raines, especially during holidays, when the atmosphere permeates: “YOU are special” to each member of the Raines family. This “family” becomes the nucleus of trust that fosters relationships that lead to recovery.

Christ’s love is revealed annually as Muncie High Street faithfully prepares and serves Easter dinner. Their gift to Raines began several years ago. Each resident enjoys a delicious meal and a special gift—indeed expressions of generosity that make each resident feel loved and valued.

Alternately, Avon and Franklin Grace UMCs prepare Thanksgiving Dinner. Franklin Grace demonstrated abundant God’s bounty with Raines residents Thanksgiving 2018.
Unconditional love expressed at Christmas touches residents’ hearts in powerful ways—especially when one considers some residents have never had a love-filled Christmas. Each year two districts of United Methodist Women provide funds enough for each resident to receive two monetary gift cards. Residents often choose to use their gift cards to purchase a Christmas gift for a child, or grandchild, or another someone special—it is a means for residents to give out of gratitude for the gift of new life into which they are growing.

Each December board members wrap the gift cards and stuff stockings and goodie bags in preparation for a special Christmas for Raines residents. Additionally, each resident and staff member receives numerous Christmas cards—thanks to United Methodist Women from throughout Indiana and from Raines board members. Early December Center United Methodist Women converge on the facility and magically transform the residence into a Christmas wonderland.

Love, joy and peace radiate—lives are transformed for Christ.

Pictured top row: Toys and giant Christmas card provided for kids of residents by former resident, Randy Ray. Below: Christmas dinner enjoyed by residents. Bottom right, Lapel Trinity prepares Christmas dinner each year.
Introducing the 2019 Lucille Raines Residence Staff and Board of Directors...

Pictured front row, from left: Mary Jane Compton, Cathy Burris, Ellen Hill, Paula Young Mayberry, Cathie Whitted, Wanda Troke, Margaret Schimmel

Back row, from left: Jerilyn Ahlbrand, Brenda Crawford, Mary Lich, Lucia Wellington, Kathie Clemenz, Deanna Pettyjohn, Carolyn Maxey

Absent from photo: Cozette McColgin, Martha Farney, Dianne Spencer, Cheryl Wilson, Sarah Snell, Maureen Mauzy, Sally Lindenmayer, Karen Leonard, LaDonna Weber, Rosa Bernard

2019 Projected Income and Operating Expenditures found on following page...
Lucille Raines Residence
2019 Projected Operating Income $486,650

- $290,000 - Rent @ $120 Weekly
- $8,650 - Miscellaneous Income
- $78,000 - Advance Specials / Donations
- $5,000 - UMW Special Giving
- $102,000 - UMW @ $8,500 per month
- $3,000 - Dining Room

Lucille Raines Residence
2019 Projected Operating Expenditures $486,650

- $264,600 - Salaries & Wages
- $43,250 - Benefits: FICA, Insurance/Pension, Unemployment
- $175,400 - Operating Expense: Program, Utilities, Insurance, Office, Outside Services, Repairs/Maintenance, etc.
- $3,400 - Dining Room

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