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Thank you!

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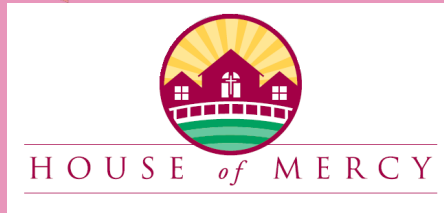
Diehl Santa Shop volunteers
Hooked on Books for Kids
Mr. Joe

Mercyhurst Prep School
Santa's Helpers

Second Harvest Food Bank
St. Luke's Parish Religious Education
And ALL who donated their time, talent and treasure to make the season better for House of Mercy families.



Mercyhurst Prep Celebration with our youth



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Dear friends,

This was the best Christmas that House of Mercy families have ever had. More kids received and gave gifts, thanks to you. This year we held our Santa Shop at Diehl Elementary for the first time. The students were SO excited to select and wrap two gifts for family members. One child was so excited about a pair of dangling jingle bell earrings. She couldn't wait to show her grandma! Thanks to you, Diehl kids learned that Christmas is for GIVING, not Getting! Thanks also to Mr. Joe for providing the "FIRST BUCK SAVED" and information on the Thousandaire's Club for each student.

Over 125 House of Mercy participants received a gift from Mercyhurst Prep Students who adopted them. Because they were close in age, they knew exactly what to select. For many who are not Christian, it was the only gift they received! Some families asked for blankets and sheets. Art supplies and sports balls were the most common request. Regular participants also received a new coat, Payless gift card for boots, scarves, hats and gloves.

One of our generous donors contributed 15 \$100 gift cards which were given to elderly families who did not receive other gifts, or families that were most in need. An anonymous donor contributed \$8000 to provide educational scholarships and support for our youth!

In January we started a pilot program offering an evening meal for House of Mercy elementary youth who participate in homework help and enrichment activities.

We are so grateful for your generosity during the holiday season. **You can continue to make a difference by becoming a MercyHood Member** to make sure that the House of Mercy can provide activities and advocacy throughout 2018, especially during times when we receive few donations.

Gratefully,

Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM, Director



Thank you to our 2017 MercyHood Members

(see front panel for listing)

MercyHood members make an annual pledge to support the House of Mercy. Members are recognized in the newsletter for one year, receive a certificate of membership, are named on our wall of donors, and are invited to the annual Open House.

Member Levels
Presidential \$500
Officer \$100
Member \$50

Come meet some of the House of Mercy participants and see the House of Mercy in action at our annual Open House for MercyHood Members on Friday, March 2nd from 4-6pm.

Save the Date:

16th Annual

House of Mercy Spring Tea

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Scheffner Hall

Sunday, April 15, 2018 1-3pm

Honorary Chair Kathy Dahlkemper



*Be a host couple and receive 2 tickets and
your name on the invitation and program.*



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A place of welcome hospitality for an east side Erie neighborhood, the House of Mercy, established and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, promotes a healthy neighborhood by providing activities and advocacy that engage children in positive experiences for them and their neighborhood.

Update on the Eastside Grassroots Coalition

The Sisters of Mercy, House of Mercy received **\$25,000 in NAP/SPP tax credits from Northwest Savings Bank to provide mini grants for façade home improvements** up to \$5000 for homeowners who live on Buffalo Rd from McClelland to East Ave and two blocks north or south. Grants are available by contacting the House of Mercy. **Amy Cuzzola-Kern** is leading our community efforts to develop a strategic plan based on input received this past year from constituents and neighbors. The next meetings will be Feb 8, Mar 8 and April 12 at 6:30pm at the JFK Kids Café. **Come and join us!**



House of Mercy family receives gifts

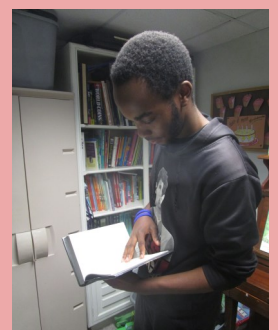
Mac'n'Cheese Dinner



Youth Spread Tolerance

House of Mercy high school youth participated in the MLK March on January 15, 2018. These youth created a **Tolerance Video, which can be found on: youtu.be/0cYbShHMi6g** where they interviewed Andre Horton, Jackie Radcliff-Brown, and Angela McNair, and shared their message about tolerance in word and song. They are presently participating in a Citizenship TANF program. They are looking forward to learning more about local, state and federal government when they visit Harrisburg and Washington, DC during their spring break.

Our middle school youth are learning about careers by participating in the House of Mercy Industry Club.



Youth receive new books