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Mercyhood members provide an annual gift of membership. If you are interested in being a 2017 member contact Sr. Michele.

### Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Sr. Michele at 898-0167

- •Adult mentors
- •Youth programming
- •Event/fundraiser committee members
- •Environmental initiatives
- Fieldtrips
- •Garden

### Wish List:

- \$5 gift cards for incentives
- Healthy snacks
- Back to school supplies





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Dear Friends,

Your support of the House of Mercy 15th Anniversary Spring Tea was much appreciated. Whether you sent a donation, were a sponsor, donated a gift basket or attended the Tea, you helped to raise over \$9000 to provide activities and advocacy for an economically and ethnically diverse neighborhood. Funds raised will go towards purchase of a newer van. A special thanks to our honorary chair, Almi Clerkin!

We are grateful to Our Lady of Mercy Church for providing 30 filled Easter baskets for our families.

We want to give a special thanks to the Spring Tea's sponsors: Sisters of Mercy, NyPaW, Mercyhurst University, Highmark, Becky and Bill Hilbert, Jr., Seaway Window, Ruth & Jay Alberstadt, Malinda Bostick, Barabara Edwards, and Ken & Leslie Schroeck.

Plans for summer 2017 include a youth Tolerance Video Camp with Gary Horton of UECDC and CATV June 12-16th. Several youth will participate in the 25th Anniversary Walking in Black History June 19-24th. Eight lucky kids will go to Camp Notre Dame for a week thanks to Bill Hilbert, Jr.

We are also pleased to begin planting in our 27 raised bed House of Mercy Crenshaw Community Garden on June 1, 2017. Thanks to Jackie Orleski for coordinating these efforts. You are welcome to join us for Garden Gatherings July 20, Aug 17 and Sept 5, 2017 at 6:00pm. Please consider a garden memorial or donation which is a great way to remember a loved one during this season.

Gratefully,



## Thank you to all our donors:

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6 youth visited Philadelphia & DC in Mar & Apr. They visited the new African American Museum Museum, Holocaust Museum, National Archives, and the US Capitol.

# Thanks to GECAC for TANF Grants to:

- 1. Explore careers
- 2. Understand our government
- 3. Give voice to tolerance
- 4. Gain work soft skills experience in the garden



8 youth present career research at Industry Club Banquet on April 20, 2017



Thanks to Bloom Collaborative and Erie Arts and Culture for a Clay experience in Feb-Mar 2017.

Youth made Clay tiles.





Support our community garden and increase our yield with your time or through a donation for a garden memorial!



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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 the and their neighborhood.

#### **Eastside Grassroots Coalition**

- The Eastside Grassroots Coalition has held four community forums since January with a fifth scheduled for June 13 at 6:30pm at the JFK Center. We have also held three separate neighborhood cleanup events.
- 2. We are a grassroots community investment effort focused in Buffalo Rd, Eastside Connector, McClelland, E 12th St area of Erie's Eastside. Our goal is to create a diverse and prosperous community with engaged residents, community-based organizations and businesses, investment in expanded employment and educational opportunities; where youth are mentored, valued, and rewarded for meaningful hard work.
- 3. We recently received \$12,000 as a part of the Erie Community Foundation's Helping Today grant.



We'd like to thank the Erie Community Foundation and ECGRA for awarding the Eastside Grassroots Coaltion \$12,000 through their Helping Today grant.

We also hope to see as many people out at the June 13th community meeting as possible!



We want to thank Emily Miller Cook, who has volunteered her time to work as a consultant, and Paul Cancilla, the House of Mercy's VISTA, for the contributions they have made for this project.

