



HOUSE of MERCY

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Volunteer Opportunities:

Contact Sr. Michele at 898-0167

- Adult mentors
- Youth programming
- Event/fundraiser committee members
- Environmental initiatives
- Fieldtrips
- Christmas Play/Store
- Thanksgiving distribution

Wish List:

- \$5 gift cards for incentives
- Healthy snacks
- New coats, gloves/mittens, boots
- Food gift certificates

100% of all proceeds donated to the Sisters of Mercy, House of Mercy, go directly meet the needs of youth and their families in the House of Mercy neighborhood.



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Dear Friends,

We never know what some people are going through and the difference we can make.

I wish you could have seen the 155 youth from the House of Mercy, JFK Center and Quality of Life Learning Center select up to 4 gifts for their family members at the Dec 10, 2015 Christmas Store. We had more youth participate this year than ever before and we reduced the ages from 5-12 yrs .old!

When we distributed the Christmas gifts from MPS and St. Martin Center to families, one woman praised God and said THANK YOU as she kissed the \$100 gift card to Walmart.donated by an anonymous donor. She said she had \$0 on her Access card and would not receive any money for food until Jan 6th.

Another child was so excited to receive a new coat and gloves. One parent asked excitedly for directions to Payless and thanked us for the gift card for new boots.

I will never forget the woman who came to the House of Mercy a few days after Christmas. Her water was being turned off because of overdue bills. I assumed she went to a relatives to celebrate the holidays. She proudly told me how good God is that she was able to prepare a Christmas dinner for her family of ham, collards and potatoes using bottled water. We were able to assist her with a loan to have her water turned on again.

In Jan 2016 our youth look forward to learning about careers through participating in an Industry Club funded by GECAC and creating a mobile mural.

You make a difference when you contribute to the House of Mercy. **Please consider becoming a MercyHood Member** to make sure that the House of Mercy can provide activities and advocacy throughout the long winter and all of 2016!

Gratefully,

Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM, Director

Thank you

Mercyhurst Prep
School
St. Martin Center
Holy Rosary
Mercyhurst
University
Santas's Helpers
Second Harvest
Food Bank
Betty and Bill
Filipkowski
Don
Hooked on Books for
Kids
Mr. Joe and the
Thousandaire's Club
Zonta Club
Caroline DiPlacido

And ALL who donated their time, talent and treasure to make the season brighter for House of Mercy families.



Thank you to our 2015 MercyHood Members

(see front panel for listing)

MercyHood members make an annual pledge to support the House of Mercy. Members are recognized in 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, Mar 11th from 4-6pm.

Parent Gatherings:

The House of Mercy started monthly parent gatherings to engage families in topics that are of interest to them. To date conversations centered on HOUSING issues with speakers from St. Martin Center, Inc. and Zoey Meadows and the citizenship process.



Thanks to an Erie Arts and Culture grant the House of Mercy will host a **Mobile Mural Project Jan– Feb 2016** for House of Mercy youth, John F. Kennedy Center, Inc. participants and UECDL Quality of Life Learning Center youth. Each site will create a mural illustrating the common threads that hold all cultures together. Each group will work with Bloom Collaborative, artist, Lee Steadman.



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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.

Save the Date:
House of Mercy Tea
Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Scheffner Hall
Sunday, April 10, 2016
2-4pm



Thank you, Erie Playhouse and Tickets for Kids for opening the arts to House of Mercy youth. We loved Snow Queen!



House of Mercy celebrated MLK Day.

Here is what they say about their DREAMS:

I have a dream that people will not use guns. People are dying. People are getting hurt. A lot of kids are losing their parents.

Heba, age 10, Erie Rise Leadership Academy

I have a dream that all poor people will have a home and food and money to buy shoes and wear new clothes.

Geavonie, age 8, Erie Rise Leadership Academy