



HOUSE of MERCY



## Spring 2016

A sponsored ministry of Sisters of Mercy, New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West

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Mercyhood members provide an annual gift of membership. If you are interested in being a 2016 member contact Sr. Michele.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

Contact Sr. Michele at 898-0167

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

#### Summer Wish List:

- \$1-\$5 value new items for prizes
- gift cards for teens/parent incentives
- school supplies, shirts and shoes



Dear friends,

Our cup overflows with blessings. . . Thanks to all who helped the House of Mercy Spring Tea bear much fruit! It took SPONSORS, DONORS and many volunteers to make it a reality.

Thanks to our Honorary Chair and all her friends who attended. Thanks to Dempsey and Baxter Celebration Jewelers for the beautiful diamond pendant won by Joyce Crishock and to Ryan Palm, or 50/50 winner who donated all his proceeds back to the House of Mercy.

Thanks to Betty Ann Filipkowski, Barbara Edwards and all our gift auction donors for providing the best gift baskets in Erie with many gift cards from local vendors.

Thanks to my mom, Mary Ann Schroeck, and sister, Mary Beth Whitman for making all the cookies. It wouldn't have been possible without you!

Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with set up, clean up, registration, serving and the gift auction. This year we were blessed by House of Mercy middle and high school servers who had their first work experience. They did a great job!

Thanks to all who donated their time and treasure to reach out and assist the House of Mercy in providing activities and advocacy for an economically and ethnically diverse neighborhood.

This summer, thanks to donors like you, the House of Mercy youth will have an opportunity to go to Camp Notre Dame, Walking in Black History, weekly fieldtrips and grow their own food in our community garden.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM



### 2016 Spring Tea Sponsors

Gold: Sisters of Mercy, NYPPAW  
Silver: Mercyhurst University  
Bronze: Erie Community Foundation  
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Sponsor Couples:  
Jay and Ruth Alberstadt  
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Thanks, Honorary Chair, Jackie Ennis!

### Gift Auction Donors:

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Monacella Massage  
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Trost and Steinfurth  
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**House of Mercy Industry Club**

House of Mercy middle and high school youth engaged in **career exploration** and valuable **job soft skill** development through our Career Link TANF funded Industry Club and Youth Experience Service Garden Project.

From Jan– April youth met weekly to research careers using [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org) and learning about options from different speakers and fieldtrips.

They made display boards about their chosen career, sharing information such as education and skills needed and average salary. They presented their posters at our annual Industry Club Banquet at the JFK Center on April 15, 2016.



**Check out our Mural funded by Arts Erie!**



**House of Mercy Youth enjoy STEM projects and a science fair at the JFK Center.**



**THANKS and Prayers. . .**

Thanks to Betty Filipkowski for the Easter baskets and eggs. The House of Mercy kids enjoyed an Easter Party on March 30, 2016. Thanks to the Sisters of Mercy for providing mattresses for a needy family. Good luck Bhagi on your driver's test. We are all praying for you!



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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.*



**What is new in the House of Mercy Crenshaw Garden for 2016?**

Last year thanks to Home Depot we added 15 raised beds, a fence and a storage shed to our community garden. This year advisory board chair, Mary Zenner and Amy Danzer, built a composter out of wooden pallets.

Thanks to Jackie Orleski, our garden consultant, we added 2 new beds for asparagus! The House of Mercy has 27 raised beds this year.

Our Planting Party and Drum Circle is June 2 2016. at 6:00pm . Check out FaceBook for additional garden educational gatherings.

You can help by remembering a loved one through a garden memorial that brings NEW LIFE each year.

