



HOUSE of MERCY

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Mercyhood Members make an annual contribution to support the House of Mercy. If you are interested in being a 2017 Mercyhood Member contact Sr. Michele.

Volunteer Opportunities:

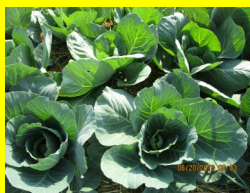
Contact Sr. Michele at 898-0167

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

Summer Wish List:

- school supplies, shirts and shoes
- Christmas Gifts—for House of Mercy youth store- \$1-\$5

Annual Report 2017: 15th Anniversary



House of Mercy 2005 Woodlawn Ave Erie, PA 16510 www.houseofmercyerie.org



Dear Friends,

It has been a year of celebrations. It is hard to believe that we started out **15 years ago** with a “Kids Club” that met on Thursdays. Most of the youth from our original group have grown and have children. Often they come back to see the photos of when they participated!

The House of Mercy has expanded from **one day of activities to 4 days of activities** including homework help, environmental, financial literacy, career education, art, music and many field trips. In June we held our **2nd Video Camp with a Tolerance Theme**. 15 youth participated. Gary Horton, of UECDC led the discussion of racism and tolerance. HOM youth also participated in the 25th Anniversary **Walking in Black History**. The public preview of the video will be **announced soon on our Facebook page**.

Thanks to the support of **so many volunteers and donors** we have expanded holiday support to include an Easter Egg Hunt, Thanksgiving Distribution, Christmas Store and Gift distribution to over 100 youth and families.

Our **Community Garden** has grown from **6 beds to over 27 raised beds** with a chain link fence, storage shed, and composter. We have increased our yield 100 fold. Remaining **Garden Gatherings are Aug 17th and a Harvest Celebration on Sept 5th at 6:00pm**.

This summer House of Mercy Youth experienced a week at **Camp Notre Dame**. They look forward to it all year and come back singing. For some it is their first time away from home.

The House of Mercy has expanded its reach through the **Eastside Grassroots Coalition**. Over 80 community members have identified priorities, developed action steps, established boundaries and named our neighborhood. We have held monthly meetings and received an **Erie Community Foundation Grant**. Meetings are the **2nd Thurs of each month at the JFK Center at 6:30pm. Join us!**

During our summer activities, House of Mercy youth ate a **healthy lunch, learned about different cultures through cooking and crafts and went on weekly field trips to Waldameer, Erie Zoo, Presque Isle and bowling**. Those with the best attitude will celebrate at **Splash Lagoon**.

Please support the House of Mercy through **Erie Gives**. Your gift will yield a rich harvest of activities and opportunities for an economically and ethnically diverse neighborhood and prepare them to start the school year off right with school supplies, backpacks, clothing and shoes.

Gratefully,
Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM, Director



Increase your yield

Give to the House of Mercy Tues, Aug 8, 2017 from 8:00am-8:00pm at www.eriegives.org. The Erie Community Foundation will provide a pro-rated match.

Donor of the Year **Barbara Chambers**

Thank you for your gift of \$4000. Welcome to the HOM Advisory Board.

Volunteer of the Year



Simone Cuccurullo, of WICU news, was a regular volunteer who helped with homework at least once a week during the school year.

Business of the Year
Seaway Windows was a bronze sponsor for our 15th Anniversary Tea. Their gift leveraged funds raised for House of Mercy Activities.

Youth of the Year



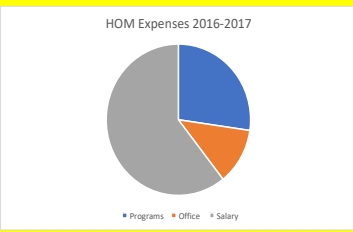
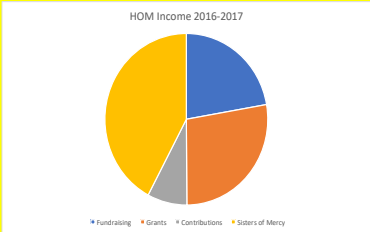
Margarithe Singi-rankebo, grade 10, was awarded the Good Youth Award from WJET. She is a youth leader and visited Philadelphia, and DC.




Special Thanks
To Out-going House of Mercy Lake Effect Ameri-Corps VISTA,
Paul Cancilla!
We will miss you.

2017 Community Collaborators: BDNO, Camp Notre Dame, Connecting Hands, Gannon University, Hooked on Books, JFK Center, Inc., Lake Effect Leaders AmeriCorps VISTA, Mercyhurst Prep School, Mercyhurst University, Santa’s Helpers, Second Harvest Food Bank, Sisters of Mercy NyPPaW, Tickets for Kids Foundation, UECDC, TANF Career Link—GECAC, Catholic Daughters, Potratz, BLOOM Collaborative, Erie Community Foundation, Brevellier Village, CATV, Erie Federal Credit Union, Therapeutic Riding and Equestrian Center, Junior Achievement and Our Lady of Mercy Church.

2017 Grants:
Sisters of Mercy Ministry Grant
Bloom Collaborative Clay Project: Erie Arts and Culture
Industry Club: TANF Career Link—GECAC
Youth Experience Service: TANF Career Link—GECAC
Tolerance Video Camp: TANF Career Link - GECAC
Youth Citizenship Program: TANF Career Link—GECAC



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