

The Annual Report 2017



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A commitment from the heart of our new Executive Director~ Mabel Howard

"I am grateful to have obtained a position that will allow me to utilize my various skills and expertise. My acceptance of this position is my personal commitment to enhance the lives of underserved children and families that live in the lower east-side communities. My personal vision is to help in restoring hope to every individual that comes through our doors by reminding them through acts of kindness that they not only have the ability to #doBetter, but also the world is a better place because of their presence in it." #EveryoneMatters



A special thank you to Luther Memorial Church for your ongoing love and support of the center. We appreciate your willingness in helping to provide a solid foundation that we can and will continue to build upon. Life change continues to happen in the Erie Community because of the BIG hearts of the members that belong to your congregation. Your financial contribution is changing lives and the ongoing volunteers that are sent have been... #priceless

Summary of Signature Programs

The Food Pantry: There were 4,390 visits to our pantry by 1705 unduplicated clients.

The Clothes Closet: There were 4,291 visits made to our closet by 3,357 unduplicated clients. We received over 38,759 pounds of clothing and household goods.

#IMPACT Afterschool Teen Program: Offered on Wednesday evenings from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. There are 48 students enrolled into the program with an average attendance of 17 to 20 youth.

Storytime Saturday Reading Program: Offered in the Spring and Fall for youth ages 3 to 10 years old. 11 families attended in the spring and 12 families attended in the Fall. 156 books were distributed to the youth and made possible by Hooked on Books.

***1840 households** took advantage of programs at the center in 2017. Over **227 unduplicated** volunteers gave **9,765 hours of their time** to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

New Signature Programs are listed below. We are looking forward to sharing the details in our next report.

#IMPACT Leadership #IMPACT Your Spirit #IMPACT Your Health



Donations, Grants and Gifts

<i>Platinum</i>	<i>\$15,000 and up</i>
	<i>Luther Memorial Church</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>\$10,000 to \$14,999</i>
	<i>Erie Insurance Giving Network</i>
	<i>TANF</i>
<i>Silver</i>	<i>\$5,000 to \$9,999</i>
	<i>Northwestern PA Synod</i>
	<i>Luther Memorial Members</i>
	<i>Erie Gives</i>
<i>Copper</i>	<i>\$1500 to \$4999</i>
	<i>MORLIN Inc.</i>
	<i>Marilyn A Swanson Irrevocable Trust</i>
	<i>Lord Corporation Good Neighbor Fund</i>
	<i>Highmark</i>

Contributions Continued: *Church World Service Crop Hunger Walk, Women of ELCA, Messiah Lutheran, VASA, Wesleyville American Legion, Red Hot Mamas*

Corporate Matches:

Erie Indemnity~ Erie Insurance, GE Community Foundation, Thrivent Choice Program

Service Learning Partners:

Erie Insurance, Lord Corporation, Mercyhurst University, Barber National Institute, CC Center, Perseus House, and ServErie

Other Project Partners Include:

Second Harvest Food Bank, Cornerstone Construction, Pathstone, GECAC Service America, Edinboro University, LCBA Branch 49, Millcreek Kiwanis, Rock Of Ages Compassionate Ministry, Preferred Systems, Saint Vincent Mobile Van, Opportunities Unlimited, Panera Bread, VISTA, Life Works, Erie Federal Credit Union, WQLN Back to School Event and Early Connections

Donors of the 2017 Bethany Bash Fundraiser: Allburn Florist, Annie Simon, Barb Watkins, Bayfront Sheraton, Beechwood Golf Course, BrewErie, Calamari's, Carol Licata, Caroline Wolff, Champion Ford, Cindy Hedlund, Country Fair, Inc., Courtyard Marriot Erie Bayfront Hotel, Dairy Queen at Pine Ave., Doug Cornelius Agency, Ed and Carol Whitbred, Edible Arrangements, El Canelo, Erie Beer, Erie Events, Erie Philharmonic, Erie Playhouse, Erie Sport Store, Erie Zoo, Faith Lutheran Church Women, General Exterminating and Outdoor Services, Greater Erie Auto Auction, Greater Erie Community Action Center (GECAC), Harborcreek Giant Eagle, J & R Sports Den, Jack Frost Donuts, Kang/Shell Food Mart, Kerr's Tire Corner, Kiwanis Club of Millcreek Area, Lamb of God Church, Laser Eye Surgery, LCBA Branch #49, Les Fobes Interiors, Luther Memorial Lutheran Women, Mabel Howard, Marco's, E 38th Street, Marnie Brown, Meeker-Marshall's, Mighty Fine Donuts, Northwest Bank, Nunzi's Restaurant, Patty's Pizza, Pepsi Beverages Company, Presque Isle Downs & Casino, Ricardo's Restaurant, Rock Of Ages Compassionate Ministries, Romolo's Chocolates, Sara Zyniewicz Hair Salon, Sara's Restaurant, Seiferts Furniture, Shirley Fiolek, St. John's Lutheran Church Women, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women, St. Steven's Lutheran Church Women, Stan's Garden Center, Urban Erie CDC / EF Smith OLLC, Wegmans Erie - Peach Street



Signature Holiday Turkey Distribution:

Made possible by **Second Harvest Food Bank, Erie Insurance** and a wealth of volunteers throughout the community who believe in the importance of helping those in need. In November, 73 volunteers came to unload the truck and distribute food including turkeys to 151 families in an effort to help them prepare Thanksgiving dinner at home. Students from the **#IMPACT Leadership Program** also came together for the same day to maximize the efforts of the volume of volunteers for the day. Their project focus was to create as many Christmas cards as possible for the day and then deliver them to youth with intellectual/ physical disabilities and or seniors that live in the Erie area with a small gift. Over 300 cards were created on this day.

The **Annual Neighborhood Christmas Party** was held on December 9th, sponsored by (LCBA) Loyal Christian Benefits Association Branch 49.

