

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Friends of Bethany,

I am writing to humbly request your generous support for Bethany Outreach Center, a dedicated non-profit organization providing essential food services and more to low-income families, seniors, and unhoused individuals in our community.

The mission of the Bethany Outreach Center is to impact Erie's most impoverished zip code by providing services and teaching skills for positive life change. To address the issue of Food Insecurity, we provide food assistance and nutritious meals, to ensure that everyone has access to the food needed for a healthier life. Our community food pantry currently impacts over 900 individuals every week. With so many people struggling in our community, it is certainly a priority.

To continue meeting the demand for our services, we are requesting support in the form of a financial contribution. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000.00 in support of our "Life Change Is Happening Campaign." Your contribution would directly impact our ability to address Food Insecurity and expand our outreach. We have created a Diverse Selection of Food Section at our pantry in efforts to provide a better variety of food options for individuals and families with unique diet requirements. Any donor who contributes \$5,000 or more will receive a special recognition for their support. We will also use dollars raised to provide a meal for our special programs, as well as offer larger families of (6 or more) additional food each week.

We believe that the Bethany Outreach Center aligns with your values of community engagement and social responsibility. We are excited to present an opportunity to you to help make a difference in our community.

Thank you for considering our request. We appreciate your passion to support the issue of food insecurity, a basic human need.

Yours in a better community,

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**Please remember to mail your checks to our new  
address and location:**

**204 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Erie, Pa 16501**

**Life Change Is  
Happening  
Campaign Goal:  
\$30,000.00**

**Your financial  
support will address  
the following basic  
need:**

**Food Insecurity**

Food Insecurity is described as the condition of not having access to sufficient food, or food of an adequate quality, to meet one's basic needs.

**Your contribution  
will support the  
following programs:**

**Diverse Selection of  
Food Items Section**

**Special Program  
Food Items**

**Cultural Summer  
Art Program Food  
Items**

