



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

A sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, New York, Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community
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Our prayers go out for the family
of Helen Strickland, House of
Mercy Advisory Board Member
who passed away May 5, 2014.

Volunteer Opportunities –

Contact Sr. Michele at 898-0167
*Adult mentors * Youth
programming * Environmental
initiatives * Field trips *Christmas
store * Thanksgiving distribution



Outcomes:

15 Collaborative ArtsErie Cultural
Awareness Program with JFK & UECD

16 youth increased career awareness

Adult neighbors supported in obtaining
drivers license and job search

6 bed garden increased yield through
wooden bed replacement and water hook
up

Youth surveys show that since Fall 2013
our elementary group improved their
reading habits, more are engaged in
activities after school, volunteer, respect
others' belongings, have friends from
other cultures, and go to activities in the
community with their families and House
of Mercy.

More middle and high school students
now want to go to university or training
school, have visited career sites, know the
career they want to prepare for, its salary
and training requirements. More have a
resume, paid job experience.



Dear Friends of the House of Mercy,

We are grateful for your support throughout
the seasons. Often people only remember those in
need during Christmas! But you have supported the
Sisters of Mercy, House of Mercy's efforts to provide
activities and advocacy to children and families in an
ethnically and economically diverse neighborhood
throughout the year. Thanks to you, over 95 youth
and 40 families received support during 2013-2014!

May God bless your Seasons of Support for the House
of Mercy!

Gratefully,

Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM
Director



On Tuesday, August 12th 2014 from
8AM to 8PM ERIE GIVES will take
place.

Please mark your calendars!

On this day the Erie Community Foundation
gives where you give! Donate \$25 or more to
the House of Mercy on this day and you help
the House of Mercy increase our yield of
support.

This year we are trying to surpass the
number of donors we have had in previous
years:

Goal: over 30 donors in 2014!

To Participate:

Logon to ErieGives.org, select the House of
Mercy and donate by credit card. OR call in to
the Erie Community Foundation at 814-454-
0843.

Thank you to last year's donors! \$2,155.26
was given by 26 donors in 2013.



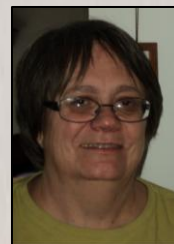
**Congratulations to Sr. Michele
Schroeck**, House of Mercy co-
founder who celebrates her 25th
Anniversary as a Sister of Mercy in
August 2014. Half of her years have
been at the House of Mercy!

Participant of the Year

*Foibe Hakizamuna – 2014 graduate
of East High School- House of Mercy
Industry Club Participant and
Walking in Black History 2013
participant and essay winner!*

Volunteer of the Year

*Fiona Hensley, Amazing
AmeriCorpsVISTA member at the
House of Mercy and JFK Center
2012-2014. We will miss you!*



**Donor of the
Year**
*Mercy
Associate,
Barbara
Edwards*

*Thanks for your on-going support
especially for our annual Tea!
Welcome to the Advisory Board!*

Sponsor of the Year

Mercyhurst University
provided monetary support, 2
advisory board members are
connected with the university, regular
volunteers, Christmas on Campus,
and more.

Wish list:

School supplies: notebooks, crayons,
markers, glue, scissors, rulers, pens,
pencils

Christmas gifts: \$1 - \$5 value new
items for parents, siblings

Christmas gifts: \$20 gift cards for
teens who do not qualify for other
programs

Office supplies: Masking and scotch
tape, paper reams, HP 950XL ink,
manila folders, manila envelopes

First aid kit

McDonald's gift certificates

Birthday gifts \$1-\$5 value

New books

Gift basket items for spring tea
Binao prizes/Youth incentives



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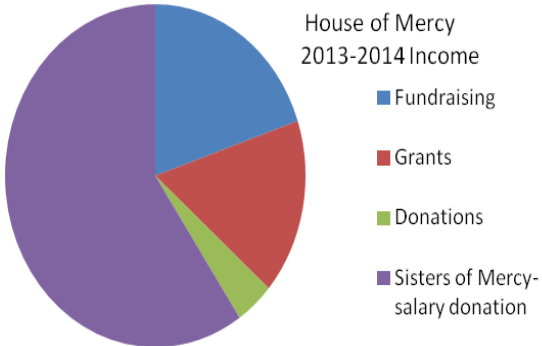
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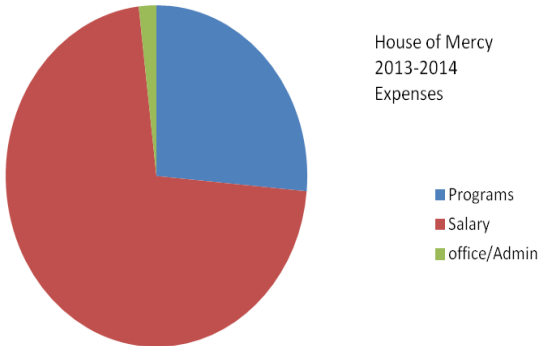
A place of welcome hospitality for an east side Erie neighborhood, the House of Mercy, established and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, promotes a healthy neighborhood by providing activities and advocacy that engage children in positive experiences for the and their neighborhood.



Income 2013-2014



Expenses 2013-2014



Seasons of Supportive Activities Fall 2013

- * 35 kids received backpacks, and schools supplies
- * Daily activities and monthly fieldtrips

Spring 2014

- *15 elementary youth improved cultural awareness through East Erie Cultural Enrichment Program funded by Arts Erie
- *16 Middle and high school youth increased career awareness and readiness through Industry Club funded by VTDC. This included beginners first aid training.
- * Spring Tea raised over \$8000 for on-going activities and advocacy
- * 3 New Americans were assisted with resumes, job searches, job coaching



Winter 2013-14

- * 27 Thanksgiving Family Dinners
- * 75 wooden toys
- * 100 gifts for children including high school participants
- * Coats, hats, scarves for the winter



Summer 2014

- * 18 youth celebrated the end of school with a field trip to Waldameer.
- * BDNO Woodlawn Park Picnic was supported.
- * 12 youth spent a week at Camp Notre Dame
- * House of Mercy Crenshaw Garden received a water line and wooden beds were replaced thanks to Erie Water Works, City of God Foundation and Royal Homes Construction!
- * Storage shelves installed
- * 8 Youth will go on Walking In Black History, arranged by UECD
- *Received 200 books from Books For Kids

Community Collaborators: Burton- Diehl Neighborhood Organization* Camp Notre Dame * Connecting Hands* Environment Erie * Gannon University * Hooked on Books for Kids * JFK Center * Lake Effect Leaders AmeriCorps VISTA * Mercy Center for Women * Mercyhurst Prep School * Mercyhurst University * Santa's Helpers * Second Harvest Food Bank * St. Martin Center * Sisters of Mercy NyPPaW * Tickets for Kids Foundation * Thousandaire's Club * UECD *Career Link – Venango Training and Development * Penn State Behrend * Catholic Daughters, Books For Kids

Grants: Sisters of Mercy * Venango Training and Development * City of God Foundation * Erie Community Foundation Erie Gives * Arts Erie CAP Collaborator

