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Newsletter Summer 2018

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Mercyhood members provide an annual gift of membership. If you are interested in being a 2018 member contact Sr. Michele.







Dear Friends,

Your support of the House of Mercy 16th Anniversary Spring Tea was much appreciated. Whether you sent a donation, were a sponsor, donated a gift basket, volunteered, or attended the Tea, you helped to raise over \$9000 to provide activities and advocacy for an economically and ethnically diverse neighborhood. Funds raised will go towards purchase of a newer van. A special thanks to our honorary chair, Kathy Dahlkemper. We are grateful to Malinda Bostick and Holy Rosary/St. John's Church for providing 30

filled Easter baskets for our families.

Thanks to Amy Cuzzula Kern, Keystone Research, the Erie Community Foundation, and all the Eastside Grassroots participants, we have a strategic plan for our target area. Check it out along with all the maps on our new website: www.egcerie.org. On May 17th, we blessed our area with the Benedictine Peace Walk!

We received 24 applications for the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credits and are in the process of providing grants to 6 residents who were selected for façade improvements. Thank you, Northwest Savings Bank for \$25000 in NAP/SPP tax credits.

Plans for summer 2018 include a youth Garden Video Camp June 25-29 with the Neighborhood Art House and CATV. Several youth will participate with our VISTA, Meg Wolfe in the Walking in Black History June 18-23rd Eight lucky kids will go to Camp Notre Dame for a week thanks to Bill Hilbert, Jr. the week of July 1st.

We are also pleased to have begun planting in our 27 raised bed House of Mercy Crenshaw Community Garden on May 29, 2018. Thanks to Jackie Orleski and Chris Rossman for coordinating these efforts. You are welcome to join us for Garden Gatherings July, Aug., and Sep., at 6:00pm, just keep an eye on our Facebook page for the dates! Please consider a garden memorial or donation which is a great way to rememb<mark>er a</mark> loved one during this season.

Gratefully,

Sr. Michele Schroeck

Thank you to our Tea Sponsors:



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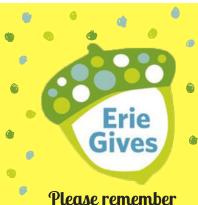
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Thanks also to all our Gift Auction Donors and to Mary Beth Whitman and Mary Ann Schroeck for all their work. Thanks to the Welcome Club of Erie for the Garden Grant. Thanks to Gannon Day of Caring Volunteers and PRI for preparing our Garden Beds. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to Mea Wolfe for giving another year of AmeriĆorps VISTA service at the House of Mercy. You are making an impact!





Please remember the House of Mercy this August 8th for Erie Gives Day!

To donate go to www.eriegives.org between 8am and 8pm!



Thanks to Career Link for TANF Grants to:

- **Explore** careers
- Understand our government
- Give voice to tolerance
- Gain work soft skills experience in the garden



Thanks to



Bloom Collaborative

&

Erie Arts and **Culture**

for a Clay Class for Immigrant Women February and May 2018



Volunteer Opportunities!

- Adult mentors
- ·Youth programming
- Event/fundraiser committee members
- •Environmental initiatives •Fieldtrips

Contact Sr. Michell at 898-0167



Wish List

•\$5 gift cards for incentives Healthy SnacksBack to School Supplies

100% of all proceeds donated to the Sisters of Mercy, House of Mercy, go directly to meet the needs of youth and their families in the House of Mercy neighborhood.

Summer is Coming!

What do our youth ask for most? They want to go to WALDAMEER. I remember going to Waldameer for our school picnic at the end of the school year! YOU can make Waldameer and other summer opportunities possible for our youth!





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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 them and their neighborhood.



The following are remembered perpetually on our garden memorial. Becky Flaherty, Toni Schoreck, Richard Kraus, John R Adams, David Tower, Lonnie Grobson, Earvel Crenshaw, Richard Schroeck, Louise Flick, Mary Margaret Albaugh, Deceased Sisters of Mercy Would you like to add someone you loved to the list?

<u>Update on Home Improvement Grants:</u>

Thanks to Core Committee members: Sr. Michele Schroeck, Meg Wolfe, Sr. JoAnne Courneen, Steve Yukowixz, (City Code Enforcement) Scott Henry (Erie Redevelopment Authority) and Gary Horton for reviewing the grant applications, meeting with home owners and writing a scope of work. All repair work will be completed by November 2018. A special thanks to Northwest Savings for making these grants possible. All grants awarded are along Fairmont Parkway and Buffalo Rd.

