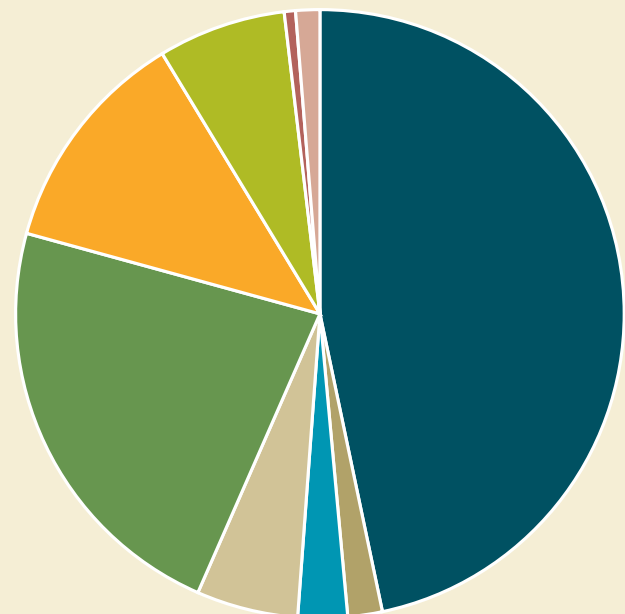


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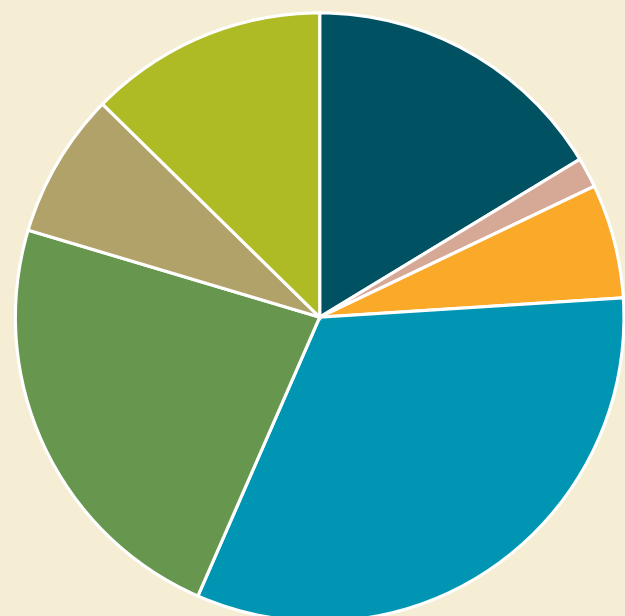
Fiscal year October 1, 2013 through September 31, 2014

The Erie City Mission is a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ecfa.org). Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.



TOTAL INCOME \$3,733,961

- Contributed Support \$1,744,005
- Special Projects/Events \$68,483
- Foundations/Bequests/Endowments . . \$98,206
- Grants \$201,636
- Thrift Store/DC Sales \$847,468
- In Kind Donations—Food \$450,363
- In Kind Donations—Other \$253,672
- Investment Revenue \$22,326
- Miscellaneous \$47,802



TOTAL EXPENSE \$3,830,695

- Men's Ministries \$625,069
- Grace House \$61,325
- Family Ministries \$232,466
- Program Services \$1,247,627
- Thrift Stores \$883,369
- Management/General \$296,172
- Fundraising \$484,802

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NIKKI'S STORY



My life is far from balanced. Being a single mother, providing for my seven children is my greatest journey—fulfilling, yet terrifying. Recognizing that I couldn't do it all on my own was a harsh realization. Something was lacking. Something had to change.

The Mission was supposed to be our helping hand—a meal for me and my children when money got a little too tight. Thankfully, the Erie City Mission had so much more to offer us than just a hot, nutritious meal. The "lack" I had been witnessing in my children wasn't food, it was related to their mind and spirit.

Through the Mission's Children's Ministry Programs, Bonkers 4 Jesus and Urban University, three of my

children were empowered to dream beyond their situation and engage their future. It was the change I needed. The change I had prayed for. My children experienced opportunities that I did not have the ability to provide at that stage in our lives: horseback riding, video production, dance, culinary art training. I watched my family blossom. They became confident, mature, and aware of their potential. And the doors only kept opening from there.

After completing the first Junior-High summer program in 2013, my eldest son was offered an apprenticeship through CAT-TV. Thanks to the Missions connection, he was given the chance to learn first-hand skills needed for a job in video production.

I thank God for the Erie City Mission and their many programs and services. The compassion that has been shown to my family is immeasurable. And it is because of the many donors who gave their time and money to these programs that my family's hope was restored and our lives changed. Thank you. — **Nikki**



"It's more than a shelter, it's a place of healing, a place you can heal your soul."
— Anonymous Resident

"ECM is one of the most successful providers for the needy in our county."
— Anonymous Donor

"ECM is an important resource in our community, working one-on-one to change people's lives. Erie is lucky to have them."
— Anonymous Donor

"Through your donations and prayers you have helped bring hope where there was none."
— Anonymous Resident



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ERIE CITY MISSION

root (rōōt, rōōt) *n.*

1.
 - a. The usually underground portion of a plant that lacks buds, leaves, or nodes and serves as support, draws minerals and water from the surrounding soil, and sometimes stores food.
2. The essential part or element; the basic core: *"I finally got to the root of the problem."*

Most of us lead very complicated lives—between work, family, and personal life, there seems little time for much else. Many suggest that what's most needed is a back-to-basics approach that stresses simplicity and adherence to fundamental principles. That's true not only in our individual lives, but in organizations too.

For 104 years now, The Erie City Mission has been rooted and grounded in a strong faith in Jesus Christ that compels us to reach out with Christ-like compassion to those for whom poverty, hunger, homelessness, and addiction are unwelcome companions. These are our roots and are the basic core of what we do. Simply, we are about **"Restoring Hope and Changing Lives."** And none of this would be possible without you.

At The Erie City Mission we meet basic needs, but we also strive to create an environment of influence—one where the homeless are encouraged to make good

choices and to allow their life to be changed in the name of Christ. A new shirt, a warm bed, a fresh meal, and shelter from the cold: these things can help someone through a day, week or month. But our focus rests on impacting each person who walks through our doors for years to come—we want them to get "rooted" in Christ. Through Bible studies, intentional community, life skills and recovery-type classes, and academic programs, we make an investment in their future. We regularly remind our program participants and guests that God has a plan for them that extends far beyond their current circumstances.

This annual report is a physical representation of the generosity and love our supporters have shown to the community's most vulnerable in the last year. Faithful donors, volunteers, and a belief in the power of long-term investment have changed thousands of lives this year.

Thank you for believing in the potential of every man, woman and child who walks through our doors clinging to the hope of a new beginning. Together we are making a difference!

Pastor Rick Crocker,
Executive Director

Marshall Piccinini,
Chairman of the Board

OUR CITY • O.U.R. MISSION • OUR VISION



OUR CITY

Together, we can revitalize our inner-city and create an effective campus that meets the needs of those impacted by the effects of addictions, poverty, homelessness and lack of hope.



O.U.R. MISSION

Together, we work to advance the kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, providing quality services and care that restores individuals, families and communities.



OUR VISION

Together, we continue to provide a continuum of innovative programs and services that encourage and support personal, educational and spiritual growth.

The City Mission is nearing the end of a journey to complete the renovation and expansion of its physical facility on the corner of French and 11th Streets. Phase 1, completed in 2013, saw the construction of the New Life Center for over 100 men yearly recovering from addictions, and Samaritans Care where 56 homeless men find overnight shelter and two hot meals year round.

The fundraising for Phase 2 began in 2014 and is scheduled to wrap-up by the end of this year. When the \$3 million goal is achieved, the new facilities will more than double the feeding capacity of the dining hall, build a new kitchen and a chapel/assembly hall that can seat 136 people, and renovate Grace House, the year-old addictions recovery and transitional housing for single women. Once the needed funds are raised, the Mission board of directors will determine the building schedule, but it hoped that all the construction can be done in one year's time.

The Mission Possible Capital Campaign has raised over \$2 million or two-thirds of the money needed. We have an excellent campaign Cabinet co-chaired by The Rev. Keith McGarvey and Tom Tupitza, and joined by Penny Austin, Jeff Brinling, Jane Earll, Marsha Marsh, Jim Martin, Liz McCormick, Matt Sahlmann, Rick Crocker and Tiffanie Page-Collazo. This team and other volunteer fundraisers are working hard to raise the final one-third.

If you have a heart for the Mission and the people it serves, and God has given you the ability, you may wish to lend a hand to our efforts with your Mission Possible pledge. Keep in mind that 95% of the Mission budget comes from private (*not* government) gifts, Thrifty Shopper sales and tens of thousands of volunteer hours. If you are able and you are willing, you can make a difference in the lives of our men and women now and for generations to come.

OUR IMPACT OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS:

- › Provided recovery and shelter to **91** men
- › Sheltered **1,349** men for **17,777** nights
- › Provided recovery and shelter to **8** women
- › Served **151,270** free, hot, nutritious meals
- › Recorded **58,794** hours of service by more than **2,000** volunteers for a value of **\$470,350**
- › Served **35,910** households and families through our Family Care Center, food and clothing pantries
- › Hosted **2** Summer Camps (B4J) for **130** children and youth in Erie's Inner-City



Artist's Rendering of Completed ECM Campus
11th & French Streets, Erie, PA

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