

PURPOSE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



"The LORD will fulfill His PURPOSE for me"



The Lord will fulfill His Purpose for Us. Throughout this report you will see evidence of our 2017 theme and the fruits of another year in the life of the Erie City Mission. This makes 106 years of restoring hope and transforming lives, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our capital project is actively moving forward with a groundbreaking in June and now daily construction that will transform our corner of French and 11th Streets.

Hope is still being restored: opportunities for hundreds of inner-city youth in Urban University and B4J workshops; hot meals prepared for our Public Lunch guests; groceries given out at our Family Care food pantry; and men's shelter beds available to our homeless guests at Samaritan Care.

And lives are still being transformed: men and women coming to the Mission's New Life Program trapped in addictions and desperation; learning about true recovery and freedom; and leaving 10-12 months later full of hope and possibility.

This year, we have been in a process of reaffirming our core *purpose*. We remain rooted in Christ, steadfast carrying on our mission and working to revitalize our facilities in the City of Erie for another 100 years of service to the hurting.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Erie City Mission, thank you for your partnership with us. This is *Our City, Our Mission*. May God Bless You!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Westbrook". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Stephen Westbrook, Executive Director



Pictured (from left to right): Steve Westbrook, Executive Director; Sandell Snyder, Facilities Manager; Darrell Smith, Director of Operations and Men's Ministries; Albert Ganzer, Jr., Building Committee Chair and Board Member; Marshall Piccinini, Chairman of the Board; Gary Lee, Erie County; Robert W. Doyle, II, General Contractor; Herb Kern, Architect; Christopher Mong, City of Erie and Erin Doolin Fessler, Erie Community Foundation.

Transforming Our Campus

The Erie City Mission celebrated the commencement of its capital building project with a Blessing and Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Construction of the new Kitchen, expanded Dining Hall and Chapel, as designed by architect Herb Kern, is being overseen by Robert W. Doyle II, President of Frontier General Contracting, Inc. The project will be built in stages, with the Kitchen and first half of the Dining Hall in place by winter of 2017 and a finished campus in 2018.

Grace House

As an intervention program of the Mission, this 12-month residential rehabilitation program provides a therapeutic place for single women, without children, committed to life transformation.



Family Care Center

Newly relocated; the Family Care Center provides hunger relief to hundreds of households weekly. This center is one of only two emergency grocery sites in Erie whose services are not restricted by zip code or income.



New Life Program

As a leader in the field of rescue and recovery, this 12-month residential rehabilitation program provides the tools, training, intervention and spiritual support needed for men seeking true life change.



Hunger Relief

Our free public lunch program serves nutritious meals to men, women and children experiencing hunger. Our shelter guests and residential program participants are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Samaritan Care Shelter

Open 365 days a year, with 56 beds and case management services, our emergency shelter provides a safe and clean environment for men, 18 years or older, needing a place to sleep.



Bonkers 4 Jesus & Urban University

Our Youth programs provide inner-city students an opportunity to explore their future through enriching, hands-on, career focused workshops and classes.



A STORY OF HOPE



"I remember the peace that I felt when I walked in the door. It felt like a home, my home. For the first time in my life I was at peace. I didn't have to be afraid or defend myself. I was able to let my guard down. They accepted me."

Joyce's childhood was far from perfect. She was born to a mother addicted to alcohol, amidst chaos and dysfunction. Her memories are filled with traumatic images of abuse and neglect. At the age of nine Joyce picked up her first drink. Joyce states *"I always saw my mother with a drink in her hand."* It was the beginning of a full blown addiction to both drugs and alcohol by the time she was 12 years old.

Joyce left home by age 15 but abuse and neglect remained a constant in her life, now left to fend for herself on the street. Joyce managed to graduate high school but recalls that her only companions were *"the winos and hobos that she drank with; alcohol was my friend"*. Joyce's addiction would span over thirty years. During those years she had been diagnosed with significant mental health diagnoses that exacerbated her life challenges. *"I didn't know how to help myself. I had no hope and no higher power. My life was in a rut"*.

It all changed one day when, in her desperation, she got on her knees and prayed *"Lord make a way for me, create a path for me"* and within a few days she found herself at the Grace House. *"They made me feel like I could accomplish anything. They helped me build my self worth and my relationship with God."* She feels she has learned a lot about her addiction and mental health, and with 16 months clean and living in her own apartment, she now volunteers 25 hours a week at the Erie City Mission. *"I just want to give back and share the hope I have been given"*.

OUR IMPACT

Projected numbers for FYE 9/30/17



175,155
MEALS PROVIDED



9,749
HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED
FREE GROCERIES



336
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLDS
RECEIVE FREE CLOTHING MONTHLY



53,125
VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED
SAVING \$425,000

144
URBAN YOUTH SERVED
THROUGH YOUTH PROGRAMS



1,600 AVERAGE HOURS
OF COUNSELING PROVIDED IN
OUR RECOVERY PROGRAMS



New Life Program & Grace House

68
VETERANS RECEIVED
EMERGENCY SHELTER

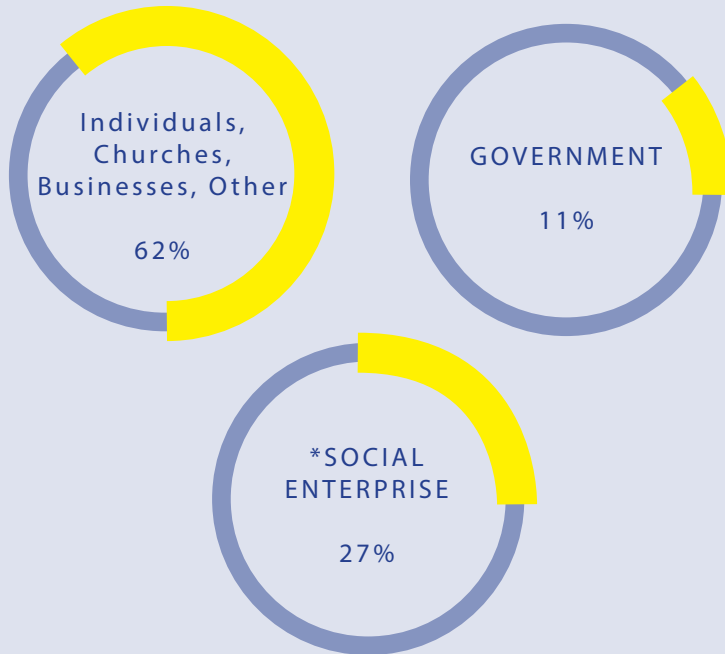


17,886
SAFE OVERNIGHTS

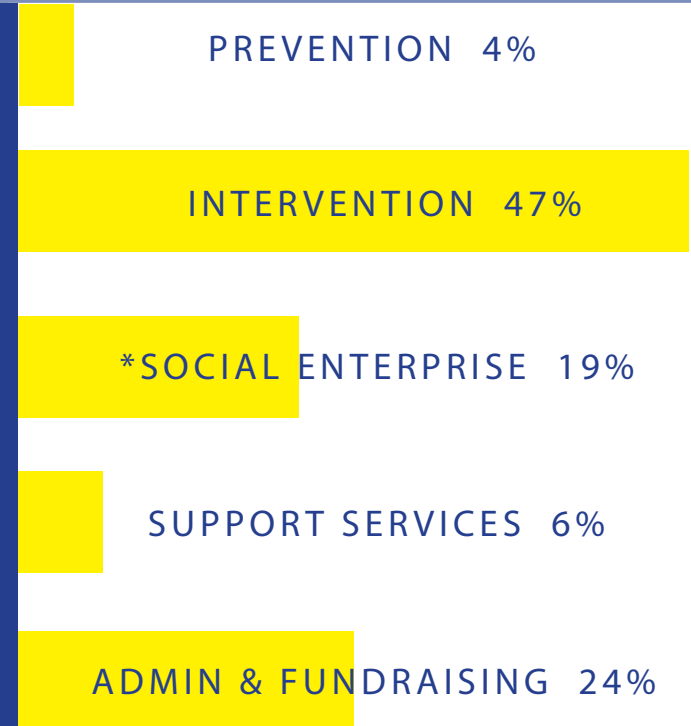


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