



PRESS ON

PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN THE PRIZE FOR WHICH
GOD HAS CALLED ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS 3:14



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

108 YEARS
OF SERVICE

EOM
ERIE CITY MISSION

LETTER FROM THE CEO AND BOARD CHAIR

Since our founding in 1911, the Erie City Mission has been a passionate, resourceful and sacred place—meeting the needs of those in desperation and transforming lives in the name of Jesus Christ. And we could not have done it without God’s faithfulness and the generosity of our community.

This is our Mission, and over the past 108 years each generation has taken up the charge to make sure our great city has had a great gospel rescue mission. And we do at the Erie City Mission! With that history and foundation, we continue to **Press On**.

Every day, thousands of personal interactions, acts of service and practical hope delivery (food, shelter, recovery) take place at our campus and other facilities. More than just casual occurrences—they are intentional moments of love; where hope is restored, needs are met, walls are broken down, and barriers are removed. And God has promised to be in our midst as we continue to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2).

Those we serve often look to the future with uncertainty, worry and fear. But when they come to the Mission, they see hope restored and encounter the God of the future, bringing peace and possibility to their lives. The Erie City Mission stands ready to continue going the second mile with our guests and participants as they walk into the future – to “uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed... and rescue the weak and the needy” (Psa. 82:3-4).

Please pray for us and continue to support the Mission. The light of Jesus Christ shines brightly on the corner of French and 11th Streets and we proudly declare that this is *Our City, Our Mission!*

On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the Erie City Mission, thank you for your partnership with us! God Bless You.



Stephen Westbrook, CEO



Leo Heintz, Chairman of the Board



**Leo Heintz, Board Chair
and Stephen Westbrook, CEO**

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF NEW LIFE

SAM MEYER

2019 NEW LIFE PROGRAM ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

GRADUATED FROM PROGRAM: JANUARY 2014

"Not too many people live through what I have; but, I have an opportunity for life now because of the Erie City Mission. I was a broken person, and they just loved on me. To my world, the Erie City Mission was there because there were people who were obedient to the Lord and said this is what we are going to do, we are going to love on men who have wrecked lives...because of their obedience I have a great existence. They treated me like the man I could be and afforded me every opportunity to do the next right thing for the right reason. I am what I am today because of that."



RICHARD YOUNG

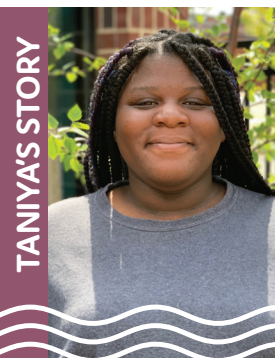
2019 NEW LIFE PROGRAM ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR

GRADUATED FROM PROGRAM: APRIL 2014

"I couldn't even envision a life without drugs. Without the Erie City Mission, I would probably still be in that dark place. To me, the Erie City Mission is hope—a new way of life. For me it's where everything started. I wouldn't be where I am today without them. They taught me how to be an adult, a man and an outstanding human citizen. The desire I have to give back to people and demonstrate kindness or help someone in need... it's that mind frame that I really developed here."



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOPELESSNESS



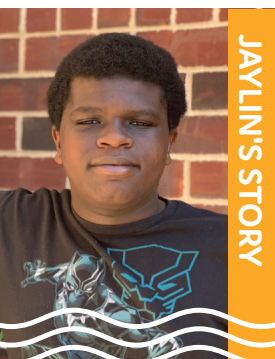
Taniya was a student at Wayne Middle School when she enrolled in the Erie City Mission's Youth Ministry program, Urban University. Taniya met Miss Rose and Miss Tracey during a school assembly at the start of her 6th grade year, where they encouraged her to join the program. Seeing the types of courses they were offering she thought it would be a fun experience. Before

Urban University, Taniya admits she was shy and struggled to fit in throughout elementary school and into the start of middle school. "People would pick on me," Taniya shared. Taniya battled with her self-image, spending most of her time at school hiding under the hood of her jacket. "I didn't like showing my skin," she explained. "I would wear a jacket every day, even in hot weather." She was nervous when she started her first week of culinary

arts and woodworking workshops, but quickly realized this program was different from her school experiences. "Everybody was friendly there. There weren't any mean people and everybody wanted to talk with each other. It was an open space. That's where I got out of my shell and learned how to be myself and be okay with who I was."

Taniya's time in Urban University taught her more than how to cook and build things out of wood. Her experiences throughout the program taught her how to be comfortable in her skin. Today, Taniya holds her head up and goes out of her way to talk to new people. She isn't hiding behind that hood any longer. She felt respected and loved by the mentors and students at Urban University and it challenged her to step out in leadership in her 8th grade year to run for student body president. "I am really thankful that God put this program in my path," she said, "to help kids like me get out of their shells, set goals, and get closer to God."

Taniya graduated from the Urban University program this year, and plans to serve as a Urban University Junior Mentor in the Summer of 2020.



For Jaylin, the decision to enroll in Urban University changed his life. Jaylin joined Urban University at the start of his 6th grade year at Wayne Middle School. He would agree, he wasn't the easiest student to work with. "I was disrespectful," admitted Jaylin. His negative attitude and anger often led him into fights at school and even resulted in a few school suspensions. "Urban

University helped me change," he said. "From the first day I came home [from the program], I knew something was different. I wasn't mad. It wasn't me against the world." Jaylin not only wrestled with anger, he also had a hard time forgiving people and trusting them—a challenge he was forced to explore throughout his 3-year tenure in the program. During his Urban University courses, Jaylin was placed in situations where he had to rely on his peers or an adult mentor to accomplish assignments. But it was through those challenges that Jaylin saw

himself grow in maturity and learn how to trust and communicate positively with others. He found himself making real connections with his mentors and peers; he found trust.

Jaylin's change in behavior was a gradual progress, one that took over a year and a half for his mentors and peers to see. "His choices of attitude and behavior were not going to allow him to continue the program if he wasn't willing to change," recalls RoseMarie Lackey, the director of the Urban University program. Jaylin had a decision to make, and his decision changed everything. Throughout his 8th grade year, Jaylin began to transform his attitude. He became more aware of his words and their ability to build people up or tear them down. He began showing respect, acting out of kindness and even went out of his way to be helpful. "If it weren't for Urban University, I would probably be with most of my friends, staying behind and being held back in school," Jaylin said. "I am thankful for the opportunities that Urban University gave me. Thankful that they gave me a chance."

Jaylin graduated from the Urban University program this year, and is enrolled to serve as a Junior mentor in the Fall.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Based on Unaudited FYE 9/30/2019



137,435

MEALS PROVIDED

46,048

VOLUNTEER HOURS
RECORDED FOR A
TOTAL SAVINGS OF

\$368,384

10

WOMEN LIVING AT
GRACE HOUSE

16,059

SHELTER BED NIGHTS

68

CRISIS REQUESTS
FULFILLED THROUGH
OUR THRIFT STORES
FOR A VALUE

\$6,963

495

MEN SERVED
THROUGH OUR
SAMARITAN CARE
EMERGENCY SHELTER.

64

URBAN YOUTH WERE
SERVED THROUGH THE
URBAN UNIVERSITY
AFTER SCHOOL AND
SUMMER WORKSHOP
PROGRAMS

21

NEW LIFE PROGRAM
GRADUATES

86

MEN SERVED
THROUGH OUR NEW
LIFE PROGRAM

5,069

DONORS GAVE TO THE
ERIE CITY MISSION



FINANCIALS

Based on Unaudited FYE 9/30/2019

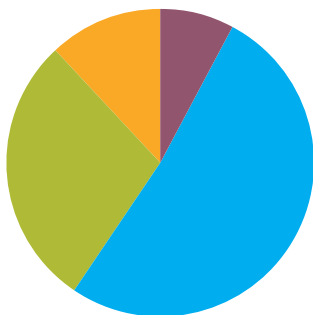
Your faithful generosity is why the Mission can meet the needs of so many men, women and children who are hungry, homeless and hurting.

Your support offers hope for today, hope for tomorrow, and hope for eternity. Your giving transforms lives.



88%

OF FINANCIAL GIVING GOES DIRECTLY TO THE LIFE-TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRAMS THAT HELP TO FEED, SHELTER AND MINISTER TO MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MOST NEED, RIGHT HERE IN ERIE.



2019 TOTAL EXPENSES

REVENUES

Individuals, Churches, Businesses, Foundations, Other	\$1,930,634
*Social Enterprise/Program	\$867,308
Government	\$109,000
Events, net	\$52,524
Total Public Support/Contributions	\$2,959,466

EXPENSES

Prevention	\$200,765
Intervention	\$1,313,403
*Social Enterprise/Program	\$728,390
Development	\$298,903
Total Expenses	\$2,541,461

* Includes Thrift Stores/Donation Center

WE PRESS ON

The Erie City Mission honored four major donors for their financial contributions through the naming of the Mission's Dining Hall, Chapel, Courtyard and Tower Cross on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. Among those honored were: Thomas B. Hagen, for the 250-seat dining hall now named Hagen Hall; Leroy and Ray McGarvey, both former chairmen of the Erie City Mission board of directors, for the outside Tower Cross on 11th and French Streets; the Mary Jane Chapel, dedicated to the late Mary Jane Surgala on behalf of her dear friend Mary Lincoln; and the Wabtec Courtyard, dedicated to the past and present employees of Wabtec Corporation.



Major donors are honored during a naming ceremony at the Mission. [Back] Stephen Westbrook, Alan Hamilton, Thomas B. Hagen, Keith McGarvey, Leo Heintz, [Front] Mary Lincoln, Virginia McGarvey, Emy McGarvey-Dougan



Tower Cross plaque honoring Leroy McGarvey and Ray McGarvey, past chairmen of the Erie City Mission board, is revealed to McGarvey family. [L-R] Gary Dougan, Emy McGarvey-Dougan, Virginia McGarvey, Keith McGarvey.



Thomas B. Hagen stands inside the newly expanded dining hall, now named Hagen Hall.



Mary Lincoln stands in front of the framed plaque dedicated to her dear friend, the late Mary Jane Surgala, who was an advocate for the sick, homeless and poor of New York City. The plaque hangs in the Mary Jane Chapel.



Alan Hamilton, Wabtec Senior Vice President, Equipment Services, stands in front of the plaque located in the Wabtec Courtyard.

OUR MISSION

RESTORING HOPE, TRANSFORMING LIVES

OUR VISION

CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF NEW LIFE,
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOPELESSNESS,
BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LEO HEINTZ, CHAIRMAN

ALAN HAMILTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN

GREG PAULDING, TREASURER

ALBERT GANZER, JR., SECRETARY

JOSEPH KUVSHINIKOV

MARSHA MARSH

DOUG NELSON

MARSHALL PICCININI

D. RICK PROKOP

BENJAMIN WILSON



PO Box 407, Erie, PA 16512-0407 • (814) 452-4421 • www.eriecitymission.org

Erie City Mission is a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Financial reporting is from FYE 9/30/2019. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request. A digital copy of this annual report can be downloaded at <http://www.eriecitymission.org/news-and-events/publications>.