



*Cultivating.
Breaking.
Building.*



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

"WRITE THE VISION AND MAKE IT PLAIN ON TABLETS,
THAT HE MAY RUN WHO READS IT."
HABAKKUK 2:2 (NKJV)

Letter from the CEO



The Erie City Mission: 107 years of restoring hope and transforming lives, in the name of Jesus Christ. It has been my privilege to lead this great organization into the future.

Nearly ten years ago, a vision was cast to revitalize our aging facilities and build a Mission campus as a foundation for future ministry—to care for the marginalized and those in desperate need in our City. We recommitted to our 2015 charge to remain Rooted in Christ—and our roots have gone deep at the corner of French & 11th Streets. We now have 94 newly constructed residential beds for Samaritan Care and the New Life Program, a new Kitchen, an expanded Dining Hall, a beautiful Chapel, and increased office and meeting spaces—ALL built for the sole purpose of serving our guests and participants with increased dignity, quality and love.

And we have a renewed Vision for the future:

Cultivating a Community of New Life - where hurting individuals are not defined by their past and the truth of new life in Christ is preached. That “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (II Cor. 5:17, ESV)

Breaking the Cycle of Hopelessness - where those trapped in poverty and addictions see a brighter future. “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11, NIV)

Building the Kingdom of God - as only God can provide ultimate hope. “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Col. 1:13, NIV)

This is truly Our City, Our Mission and together we can continue to touch the lives of those who come to us seeking a brand-new day. 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

The Corner of French and 11th

What began as a dream nearly 10 years ago, is now a reality—a revitalized Erie City Mission campus at the corner of French and 11th Streets. With the completion of a new Kitchen, expanded Dining Hall and Chapel in the Fall of 2018, the Mission has expanded its services to feed the hungry and restore hope in our city. The transformation of our campus sets our vision for the future; to Cultivate a Community of New Life; Break the Cycle of Hopelessness; and continue to Build the Kingdom of God.



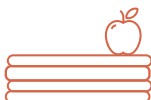
Cultivating a Community of New Life

Numbers based on FYE 9/30/2017



\$1.98

Cost of a meal at the Erie City Mission



832

Hours each New Life Program Man receives of addictions and recovery education



79.7%

Average Samaritan Care Shelter Beds filled



\$11.10

Cost for one bed night in our Samaritan Care Men's Shelter



\$85.07

Daily cost for one woman at the Grace House (New Life Program for Women)



\$24,000

Amount of EITC funding received for the Urban University Youth Programs



\$13,112

Annual cost of one New Life Program spot.



57,780

Customer visits to our Thrifty Shopper's, located in Erie and Girard.



646

New Donors



6,525+

Work hours New Life Program, Men contribute annually to four different Mission departments.



5,424

Donors gave to the Erie City Mission

Breaking the Cycle of Hopelessness

HOMELESS

"I really didn't believe a homeless shelter helps you; until I got here."

LeJuan, arrived at the Erie City Mission on June 20, 2018, upon his release from prison. He had no money and nowhere to go—he was homeless.

"When they say 'shelter' where I'm from, it's not a place you want to go," shared LeJuan. "It's just a place to sleep. There is no growth. I didn't want to be around that."

Growing up in Boston, homeless shelters were considered a place to go as a last resort—places of uncleanness and crime. So, when he was referred to the Erie City Mission Samaritan Care Shelter, he had reservations.

With no other options, LeJuan entered the shelter knowing things in his life needed to change. "Nobody knows me out here, so this is a new beginning no matter what. It isn't about impressing anybody, or trying to be down with somebody, it's time for growth."

NOT HOPELESS

"I am so grateful for the Erie City Mission," said LeJuan. "For them to help me like they did...I never knew that people really care about you like that." With the help of Curtis Jones (program coordinator) and Eddie Martin (case manager at the Mission), LeJuan received more than just a warm bed and a hot meal; he was provided the tools and resources he would need to get back on his feet again. "I understand it's their job to help, but they don't have to take personal interest in you. For them to take personal interest in me, when I don't know them, it gets me really emotional."

"LeJuan is the success that all case manager's work for," says Eddie Martin. "We worked out a plan, and he followed that plan. I believe his future is going to be very bright."

With a connection to resources through the Samaritan Care Shelter program, LeJuan was able to secure a job, get his first apartment, and begin to set goals for his future—an achievement he would not have thought possible four months ago. "Having your own is worth fighting for," explains LeJuan. "They gave me a chance. Without a helping hand I couldn't succeed with a job or anything else I had been trying to do on my own."



It is because of your support that LeJuan and others like him, are able to experience more than just a safe place to sleep and hot meals to eat—they are given hope for a better life. Thank you.

Building the Kingdom of God

*Projected numbers for FYE 9/30/18

152,490

Meals provided

17,354

Shelter bed nights

511

men were served through our Samaritan Care Emergency Shelter.

32%

of shelter guests returned for a second stay.

83

Veterans received emergency shelter

44

The average age of a man in our shelter.

23

Men graduated from the New Life Program

11

Woman graduated from the New Life Program at Grace House

16

Women were served through our New Life Program for Women at Grace House

34,259

Volunteer hours recorded for a total savings of

\$274,068

507,620

lbs of linens were baled & sold at \$.13 per lb

\$120,261

was raised for the Erie City Mission during Erie Gives 2018 by 563 donors

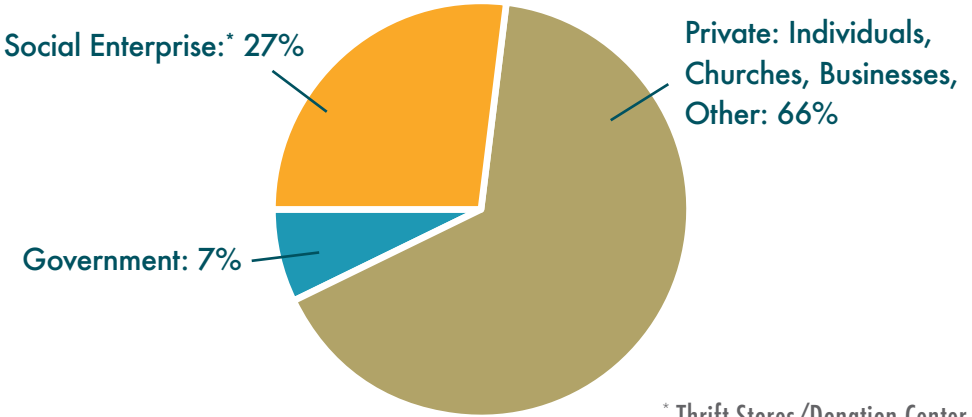
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Urban youth were served through the Urban University After School and Summer Workshop Programs



Revenue

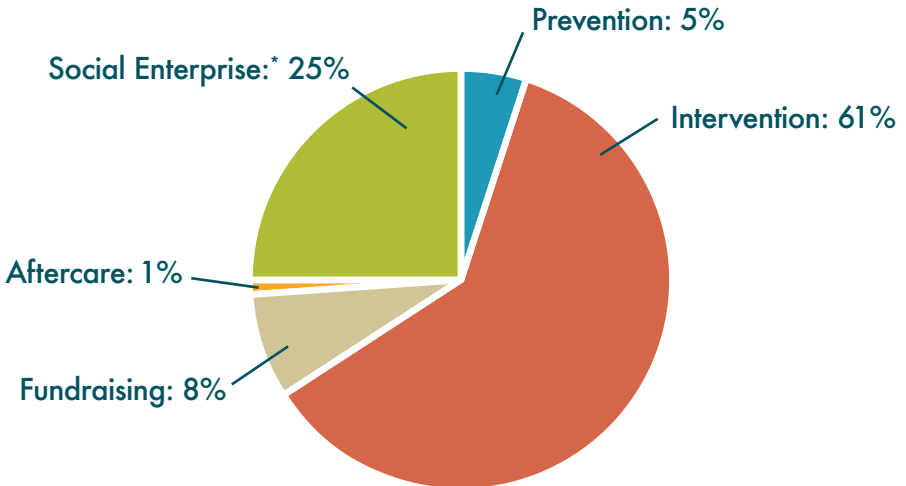
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* Thrift Stores/Donation Center

Expenses

Based on FYE 9/30/2017



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OUR MISSION

Restoring Hope, Transforming Lives

OUR VISION

Cultivating a Community of New Life,
Breaking the Cycle of Hopelessness,
Building the Kingdom of God

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