



# HOMELESSNESS ENDED, HOPE RESTORED

Because of you, EUMA made homelessness rare, brief, and one time in the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

## RARE

Keep people out of the homeless system.

## BRIEF

Rapidly move people from homeless to home.

## ONE-TIME

End the cycle of homelessness.



**143 families** permanently housed.



**76 families** with **153 children** were sheltered at The Refuge.



**261 individuals** filled **4362 beds** between Nov 17 and April 6 at Our Neighbors' Place.



**20 Veterans** were sheltered at Liberty House. 11 Veterans moved into permanent housing.



**56 transition age youth** were served through EUMA housing services. A majority of these youth are aging out of foster care. Read more about transition age youth on the next page.



**Acquired 14 additional rental units** that will house transitional age youth and individuals.



**Over \$43,000** worth of clothing and household items were given to **832 individuals and children**.



**1 new program!** Bridge of Hope: bridging families experiencing homelessness and church families.

## EUMA's Total Impact in the 2021-2022 fiscal year



EUMA served over **1,000 adults** and **600 children**.



EUMA met 49% of all winter shelter needs in Erie County.



**More than 400 adults and children** moved into permanent housing.



61 COVID positive individuals were safely isolated.



**August 9**  
**8 AM - 8 PM**

Read more about Erie Gives on the back.

*Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself."*



## A Message From Kurt

EUMA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I rejoice and say thank you! **Thank you for the way you pray, give and engage with your EUMA knowing in so doing you are loving your neighbor!**

For youth aging out of foster care, families with children, veterans and literally thousands of our neighbors in need – in Erie AND in Albion, Corry, Edinboro, Girard, Union City, Waterford – all places where our neighbors are experiencing a housing crisis and where your EUMA has provided care - you are being Jesus. Together, we are making homelessness

rare, brief and one-time. Together we really are ending homelessness AND being Jesus to our neighbors experiencing a housing crisis.

**On Erie Gives Day, Tuesday, August 9, EUMA has an ambitious goal of raising \$100,000** through Erie Gives. \$100,000 to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time for our neighbors in greatest need.

**Thank you for giving – thank you for ending homelessness with your EUMA!** To learn more, visit us online at: [EUMA-Erie.org](http://EUMA-Erie.org)

# PREVENTING YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

Are you sitting down?  
**You should be.**

Did you know that **1 out of every 4 youth** leaving the foster care system will become homeless within four years of them aging out at 18? Each year in the United States around 23,000 youth, age out of foster care.

**Each year, nearly 6,000 youth, age 18-24, will be homeless.** For many youth aging out of foster care in Northwest Pennsylvania, a housing crisis is true for them as well.

At your EUMA, we stand and say, "this is unacceptable" and with your help are taking action. **EUMA is committed to making homelessness rare** by keeping youth OUT of the homeless system. What started with the donation of a two-unit four bedroom family home – the DeFazio House of

**of temporary and permanent housing** for youth aging out of foster care and others.

In supportive and independent living programs, **youth have a safe place to live while they work, volunteer and/or continue their education.**

One of our 18 year old independent living residents came to my office. He was all smiles. He said, "Guess what!?" Returning his smile I said, "What?" **He said, "I got a full time job!"** I invited him into my office. I congratulated him and asked for job details. I thanked him for the many hours he has been volunteering at EUMA and told him how very proud I am of all he has accomplished. With our partner, Family Services of NWPA, you are keeping youth out of the homeless system by providing case management supports and a safe commu-

nity in which they can learn how to live independently and transition to a permanent home of their own.



As we were talking, Tucker reached into his wallet and handed me a card. I asked, "What's this?" He said, "Turn it over." I did and read in bold letters: "YOU MATTER."

**Friends, because of the way you pray, give and engage with your EUMA, know: YOU MATTER.** Thank you for making homelessness rare for youth aging out of the foster care system.

For more information on how you can donate property to help end homelessness right here in NW Pennsylvania please contact me at: [KCrays@EUMA-Erie.org](mailto:KCrays@EUMA-Erie.org) or give me a call at (814) 456-8073, ext. 102.



Prayer located on W. 8th Street in Erie – has grown to include **29 units**



# NEWS AND UPDATES

**EUMA has recently acquired 2 more buildings** | The acquisition of Haven House (W 9th St) and Living Grace Apartments (W 8th St) will give EUMA 14 units to house individuals that would otherwise be homeless.

**Erie Gives** | \$100,000 to end homelessness! With the pro-rated Erie Community Foundation match, you raised over \$92,000 last year. Join us in reaching our 2022 Erie Gives goal off \$100,000 that really will end homelessness for families with children, veterans, youth and singles right here in Erie County!

**Ride for the Refuge** | September 5, 2022 – Shades Beach in Harborcreek, PA | Mark your calendars! EUMA's 23rd annual, Ride for the Refuge is back – IN PERSON! Pedal with a purpose and end homelessness for families with children at EUMA's The Refuge emergency shelter!



## Prayer Requests

Please lift up EUMA as we move forward with our new partnership with Bridge of Hope. Pray that the right family would be partnered with the right neighboring volunteers.

Pray for EUMA staff as a whole. That each person would be a display of God's character, filled with compassion and wisdom as we serve others.

## END HOMELESSNESS BY VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering with EUMA is more than just sharing your time and passion, it's about working as the hands and feet of Jesus, loving our community well, and restoring hope to those that are hurting and broken. This summer we have had dozens of volunteers working alongside our staff and those that we serve to create safe, organized, and dignified environments that EUMA can use to end homelessness.

More than 30 youth and adult volunteers were sent to us by one of the churches that we regularly work with, The Cross | Erie who hosts mission trips for multi-generational groups that will work with non-profits. All together they completed more than 180 hours of work and are pictured here in this newsletter!

There are many more volunteers that work with us throughout the year, assisting in the office, supporting the Veterans at Liberty House, caring for the families at The Refuge, and coordinating free goods at The Rainbow.

If you would like to volunteer, please email us: [info@euma-erie.org](mailto:info@euma-erie.org) !



## EUMA'S 26TH ANNUAL REFUGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

THANKS TO YOUR PARTICIPATION AND DONATIONS, YOUR EUMA RAISED

**\$20,305**

FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. THANK YOU!





# Give to EUMA through Erie Gives

## Give Online

1. On Aug. 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., go to [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org);
2. Enter "EUMA" or "Erie United Methodist Alliance" in the Nonprofit Search field;
3. Follow the prompts to complete your donation.

## Mail in donation

1. Donate to EUMA by check (contributions of \$25 or more);
2. Checks must be accompanied by the Foundation's Check Contribution Form (available at [www.EUMA-Erie.org](http://www.EUMA-Erie.org));
3. Make your check out to the "Erie Community Foundation" and mail it to them by Aug. 8 at: 459 W. 6th St., Erie, PA 16507.



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Rainbow Connection Thrift Store  
Providing necessities to those in  
need

Rapid Rehousing  
Quickly moving people  
from homeless to home and  
helping them stay there

The Refuge  
Homeless shelter for families  
with children

This Erie Gives Day *make homelessness rare, brief and one-time* right here in Northwest Pennsylvania by helping your EUMA reach our \$100,000 goal!

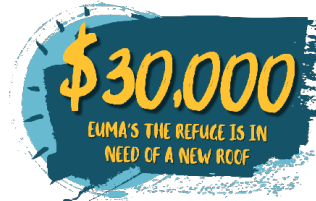
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When it rains...

**Three of EUMA's temporary and permanent housing residence roofs are in need of replacement.** It does pour sometimes at your EUMA and know you can protect families with children, youth and others at any one of EUMA's The Refuge, Journey Home for youth aging out of foster care and a new acquisition, an 11-unit called Living Grace Apartments. **Your Erie Gives gift will help us replace all three roofs** and give those living there a safe, comfortable and dry place to call home.

For more information about how you can replace a roof, please contact us at [KPeppers@EUMA-Erie.org](mailto:KPeppers@EUMA-Erie.org) or by calling us at (814) 456-8073, ext. 105.

## What your donations will go to:



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