

*I need your help.  
You can bring hope to the  
hopeless this Christmas.  
Please give today.*



Dear <<First Name or Organization Name>> and <<First Name>>,

December X, 2021

**I saw him too. The Veteran with too many clothes on. He was holding a sign that said,  
“Vet - Please help. Hungry and homeless. Losing hope.”**

I drove past the old comforters.

They are tied to a section of chain link fence near a railroad bridge.

***They don’t really form a tent and in this weather what does it matter?***

I heard a young woman with mental illness and addicted to drugs lives there.

I spoke with a Mom. Her two young children were crying in the background.

She told me her boyfriend kicked her out – literally, right off the porch of their home.

**Through her tears, she said, “I’m scared. I don’t know where to turn.”**

**Who has time to hope for a brighter tomorrow when you need to:**

*Find a place to stay and get something to eat...find shelter for the winter while wrestling  
with the demons in your head...protect yourself and your kids from an abusive partner?*

**It’s so very hard...AND YET, when you give, EUMA is able to move our neighbors  
in need from homeless to HOME – from hopeless to HOPE in a brighter tomorrow.**

**For so many of our homeless neighbors, the struggle to survive the day...  
to keep themselves and their children safe today...is...everything.**

*Nearly 500 years before Jesus’ birth, Zechariah prophesied – he said to  
a desperate people – a people without hope: “...a King will come. Righteous and  
victorious...riding on a donkey. He will proclaim peace to the nations. He will free  
those who struggle from the waterless pit.”*

*Zechariah said: “Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope.”*

**Thanks to you, for our homeless neighbors, we ARE a fortress of HOPE!**



## HELP OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Your donation will help us meet the challenges we face as we continue to provide safe shelter and services to those experiencing a housing crisis. Thank you for the enclosed tax-deductible gift of:

☐ \$1,000 / Hope Bringer

☐ \$500 / Home Maker

☐ \$125 / Homeless Hero

☐ \$64 / Fortress Builder

☐ \$32 / Shelter Champion

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Make this gift monthly. Become a Heart to Heart Member**

Visit [EUMA-Erie.org](http://EUMA-Erie.org) for  
Online Giving options

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## EUMA's Veteran Services | Bring HOPE to Veterans!

Each year, for over 40 Veteran headed households – EUMA is a fortress. With your help Liberty House is a place of protection and peace – a place to receive the armor and support needed. Together we really are moving Veterans from homeless to HOME – from hopeless to HOPE in a brighter tomorrow!

**Tonight, for the man who once stood on the corner with a cardboard sign that said, "Losing hope," EUMA is a fortress to him and 11 other men.**



## EUMA's Our Neighbors' Place Bring HOPE to Chronically Homeless Men and Women!

When all traditional shelter beds are full. After you've been banned from all other shelters. Thanks to you, there is a place for our neighbors in greatest need to get out of the cold – to find safety and rest – care and compassion.

For the woman who tied old comforters to a chain link fence...who called the place near the railroad bridge, "the place I stay," EUMA's Our Neighbors' Place is the shelter of last resort, for her...and up to 34 of her neighbors in greatest need.

**That's why I need your help today –  
we can't be a fortress – we can't bring HOPE –  
without you. Please give, as you are able, today.**

**Know, when you invest in your EUMA we return to our  
fortress, prisoners of HOPE!**

Warm Regards,  
Kurt B. Crays, MDiv.  
Executive Director

**P.S. Help EUMA be a fortress of HOPE for so many of our homeless neighbors.  
Merry Christmas and thank you for giving today!**

## EUMA's The Refuge Bring HOPE to Families with Children!

Whatever your family looks like, when homelessness strikes, EUMA's The Refuge is just that – a refuge – a fortress. Last year alone, you ended homelessness for the woman and her children fleeing domestic violence and 51 other families including 101 children. Just yesterday, I celebrated with a Mom, Dad and their three children as they were getting ready to move into their new apartment!



I'm giving by:

\_\_\_ Check (Please make checks payable to: EUMA)

\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Am Exp \_\_\_ Other (name: \_\_\_\_\_)

Amount to charge card: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My employer participates in a matching gift program: \_\_\_\_\_  
company name

All gifts to EUMA are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law according to 501(c)3 regulations.  
Any funds raised over and above those shared above will be used to end homelessness through other  
EUMA programs.



**THANK YOU FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS TODAY!**