



Erie DAWN Annual Report 2012-13

Making a difference with a hand up, not a hand-out.

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1995 as a shared ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, the Sisters of Mercy, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, Erie DAWN addresses the underlying root causes of homelessness by working with women to build assets—both tangible and intangible—for their future.

Our goal is to provide homeless women and their children with a home, while giving them the support, resources, and tools they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Erie DAWN has developed relationships with Erie-area landlords and various agencies to provide services for over 500 women and children.

A New Beginning

Carol

One of our success stories this year is Carol, a current program participant. Carol found Erie DAWN after leaving an unhealthy relationship with just her clothes. She often slept in her car or stayed at a friend's house or with her children, until she moved into a cockroach-infested motel room. Carol thought she would never find herself in this situation. But, even while having a good job and being sober, Carol was in extreme debt with no savings.



Erie DAWN helped Carol to learn about money and find an apartment. Since then, Carol has gained confidence, paid down her debt, and put money in savings. Now, Carol is getting ready to graduate from our program and move into permanent housing. Carol's story reminds us why we remain committed to helping women make positive changes in their lives and what a difference a helping hand can make.

By the Numbers

Participants

19 Adults • 22 Children
Ages 1-61

Domestic Violence

43.6% experienced domestic violence within the year prior to entering the Erie DAWN program.

Prior Living Situation

48% doubled up with family
17% were in emergency shelter
15% moving from house to house
10% transitional housing
10% other

100%
EMPLOYED

100%
PAYING RENT
& UTILITIES



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Statement of Activities

The following is the statement of activities of total support, revenue and expenses for Erie DAWN, Inc., for the year ended June 30, 2013.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
County of Erie - Project Reach	\$ —	\$ 114,946	\$ —	\$ 114,946
County of Erie - Drug and Alcohol	—	26,121	—	26,121
Corporate and agency grants	33,395	—	—	33,395
Contributions	80,365	—	—	80,365
Donated services, supplies and facilities	61,777	—	—	61,777
Rent income	23,984	—	—	23,984
Investment income, net	7,793	—	182	7,975
Other	1,486	—	—	1,486
Subtotal	208,800	141,067	182	350,049
Net assets released from restriction	141,067	(141,067)	—	—
Total support and revenue	349,867	—	182	350,049
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Supportive housing	239,955	—	—	239,955
Supporting services				
Management and general	97,506	—	—	97,506
Fund raising	19,845	—	—	19,845
Total expenses	357,306	—	—	357,306
Sub-total (Loss)	(7,439)	—	182	(7,257)
Add: Unrealized gain (loss) investment	7,364	—	—	7,364
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(75)	—	182	107
Net assets at beginning of year	198,098	—	2,376	200,474
Net assets at end of year	\$ 198,023	\$ —	\$ 2,558	\$ 200,581

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



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Growth and Opportunity

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Challenges, Implications, and Goals

Challenges of 2012-13

- ✓ Working against the tide of poverty, homelessness, lack of affordable housing, and lack of living wage jobs
- ✓ Challenging to find women who can meet minimum requirements of Erie DAWN program
- ✓ As the demand for affordable apartments increases, it is harder to find landlords that can afford to offer apartments to us at reduced rate.
- ✓ The increase in homeless youth calls us to want to assist in this area

Implications for Erie DAWN

- ✓ Address community issues, not just homelessness: poverty, homelessness, living wages, affordable housing, abuse, substance abuse
- ✓ Stay connected and updated with community agencies for referrals

Goals

- ✓ Move more people through transitional housing
- ✓ Seek funding to move more families into permanent housing
- ✓ Offer Financial Social Work to enhance the chances of being able to sustain permanent housing
- ✓ Involve Board in Resource and Development
- ✓ Offer outreach that can serve as homeless prevention
- ✓ Continue to be viewed as a model program among local agencies

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