

Erie DAWN Annual Report 2013-14 Making a difference with a hand up, not a hand-out.



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 selfsufficiency and permanent housing.

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

Painting by Heather Cash



We have <mark>housed</mark> 20 homeless women

and their children. Their apartments are safe, affordable, furnished homes provided by landlords that support Erie DAWN.



We have assisted women in obtaining

employment in the medical field, service industry, and manufacturing industry.

We have worked with our women to promote financial stability through Financial Social Work courses, budgeting, debt reduction, and credit repair.



We have referred our women to other service agencies, such as CareerLink, Dress for Success, CCIS, LIHEAP, and GECAC, to help meet their needs.

## **Denise's Story**

"If I can do it, anyone can do it. We all struggle, but it's what you do with that struggle that matters."

At 50 years of age, Denise was finally ready to make a change. She endured a mother's worst nightmare; the



loss of two of her sons while she struggled with addiction. She left the Pittsburgh area to enter a drug rehabilitation program here in Erie. After successful completion of that program, she stayed for a short time at the Mercy Center for Women before getting her own apartment through the Erie DAWN program. Denise is now in a lovely furnished apartment that she can now call home.

Denise is now 13 months clean and sober. She works full-time in the health care field and is very involved with her church. Her attitude of gratitude will serve Denise very well as she moves forward on her journey of self-reliance. "Erie DAWN has helped me realize that if I believe in myself I can accomplish anything, the fact that other people believe in me gives me hope and lifts me up. I am grateful for the kindness so may have shown me."





## Erie DAWN Annual Report 2013-14 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, 2014.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
County of Erie - Project Reach	\$ —	\$ 124,731	\$ —	\$ 124,731
County of Erie - Drug and Alcohol		20,670		20,670
Corporate and agency grants	12,735	_		12,735
Contributions	84,170	-		84,170
Donated services, supplies and facilities	71,597	-	_	71,597
Rent income	21,656			21,656
Investment income, net	5,371	-	101	5,472
Other	2,928	-	_	2,928
Subtotal	198,457	145,401	101	343,959
Net assets released from restriction	145,401	(145,401)	_	
Total support and revenue	343,858	_	101	343,959
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Supportive housing	249,655	-	_	249,655
Supporting services				
Management and general	98,6 <mark>5</mark> 6	_	_	98,656
Fund raising	20,994	-	_	20,994
Total expenses	369,305	_		369,305
Sub-total (Loss)	(25,447)	_	101	(25,346)
Add: Unrealized gain (loss) investment	15,978	_	_	15,978
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(9,469)		101	(9,368)
Net assets at beginning of year	198,023		2,558	200,581
Net assets at end of year	\$ 188,554	\$ —	\$ 2,659	\$ 191,213

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



Thank you to our grantmakers, donors, and supporters.

Dr. Amy Cuzzola-Kern

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