



Erie DAWN

2016

Annual Report

Letter from the Director



As I was thinking about what message I wanted to have in this year's annual report I found this verse from Proverbs. It has been on my desk for almost two years and as I reread it I felt it truly is a reflection of the women in the Erie DAWN program as well as what we hope to share with them as they journey through our program. We want each woman in the Erie DAWN program to see and feel her worth. We want her to feel Valiant as she face whatever obstacles are placed in her way. We want her to feel Joyful as she sees the progress

she is making. We want her to feel Strong knowing so many people are there to support her. We want her to understand the value of being Patient because we know those whom have gone before her in the program can attest to the fact that the hard work is worth it as her life begins to change. We want her to be Loving to her family, her friends and especially to herself. We want her to be a Sharing person and give her gifts of time or treasure to her family and her community. This would not be possible without your generous support.

Sincerely,

Maureen Dunn, Executive Director

Erie DAWN Works

She is a VALIANT woman; her roots are firmly planted.

The kingdom is within; her heart, treasure filled.

She is a JOYFUL woman for whom laughter is no stranger:

A song to sing, a smile to give, a hand clasp or embrace.

She is a STRONG woman who's heart and arms

withstand the pressure and the worries that each day unfolds.

She is a PATIENT woman waiting through storm and night.

for new life, new growth, rich harvest.

She is a LOVING woman, ever giving and forgiving,

ever caring and concerned.

She is a SHARING woman who with arms stretched

gives her gifts and treasures to those near and far.

Proverbs 31

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1995 as a shared ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict, 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.

WHO WE SERVE

Erie DAWN welcomes any adult woman who meets the following guidelines:

- Is single and homeless, with or without children, and has a job earning a minimum of \$1,000 a month
- Is committed to following strict requirements
- Has rehabilitation in place for any mental health, drug or alcohol issues and is drug-free

WHY IT WORKS

Housing is the first step on the road to self-sufficiency. Through relationships with landlords, mentors, volunteers and various agencies the families receive support, resources and tools they need to achieve economic self-sufficiency and permanent housing.



“Erie DAWN gave me a place to call home. Without their support, I would not have been able to graduate college and provide my children with the best life possible.
- Jady, Erie DAWN 2015 Graduate

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Angel and her children just settled into their new home.

Housing

By providing safe, affordable housing, Erie DAWN ensures a stable environment for families to thrive and reach their goal of self-sufficiency.

- *Assist with Rent & Utilities*
- *Connect with Local Landlords*
- *Furnished Apartments*



Richard recently partnered as a landlord.



Sade and her son, Keem



Danielle and her new landlord, Mitch

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Sallie, Laurie, Robin and Brenda did an awesome job this year!



Board members Mili and Liz join artists, Brian and Lena, at the Cinco de Mayo Event.



"The after school programs really gave Kristin the confidence she needed to do well in school." - Lisa

Youth Activities

Erie DAWN plans activities, events and celebrations to make children and youth feel special.

- *After School Programs*
- *Birthday Clubs*
- *Holiday Celebrations*
- *Teen Groups*



With your help, we make every child's birthday special.



Teens connecting with teens at Bethany Center for Outreach.



After school programs help with homework and provide snacks.

Enrichment

Activities and events are planned for families to strengthen bonds, build confidence and enjoy time together.

- *Family Circles*
- *Creative Art Activities*
- *Healthy Living*
- *Tutoring*



Ellen and Bella enjoying a healthy meal.



Crystal and her son plant a garden with Keren, a LECOM student.



Andreina and her grandson enjoy Art Night.



Charity and her daughter enjoying Family Circles.

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"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 many have shown me." - Roud

Supportive

Women in the program are provided with support to attain their goals of self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

- *Budget Management*
- *Mentoring*
- *Employment Readiness*
- *Community Support*



Christy and Joyce are working with their budget coach Patty.



Adrian is grateful for her car thanks to a generous donor.



Judy, an Erie DAWN mentor, and Jady are enjoying time together.

Supporters

Through support and partnerships with many organizations, Erie DAWN is able to provide supportive and caring services to homeless women and children during each and every season of the year.

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Thank you Erie Community Foundation
 for our 2015 Helping Today Grant



Financials

The following from MONAHAN & MONAHAN, P.C., is the statement of activities of total support, revenue and expenses for Erie DAWN, Inc, for the year ended June 30, 2016.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
County of Erie - Project Reach	\$ -	\$ 135,034	\$ -	\$ 135,034
County of Erie - Drug and Alcohol	-	73,331	-	73,331
Corporate and agency grants	3,716	10,000	-	13,716
Contributions	173,146	-	-	173,146
Donated services, supplies and facilities	80,451	-	-	80,451
Rent income	22,284	-	-	22,284
Investment income, net	2,518	-	-	2,518
Other	2,876	-	-	2,876
Subtotal	284,991	218,365	-	503,356
Net assets released from restriction	218,365	(218,365)	-	-
Total support and revenue	\$503,356	-	-	\$503,356

EXPENSES	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Program services				
Supportive housing	\$ 283,570	\$ -	-	283,570
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Supporting services				
Management and general	121,466	-	-	121,466
Fundraising	37,048	-	-	37,048
Total expenses	442,084	-	-	442,084
Sub-Total (Loss)	61,272	-	-	61,272
Unrealized gain (loss) investment	(2,855)	-	-	(2,855)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	58,417	-	-	58,417
Net assets at beginning of year	311,578	-	-	311,578
Net assets at end of year	\$369,995	-	-	\$369,995



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