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**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS
OVER \$213,000 IN GRANTS TO HELP ERIE COUNTY THRIVE**

Sandusky, Ohio, November 10, 2022 — At its October meeting, the Erie County Community Foundation’s Board of Directors awarded over \$213,000 in charitable grants to several Erie County non-profits, schools, and municipalities. Notable among these grants are a number of exciting projects intended to further Erie County’s social and economic impact, including Ability Works, Inc.’s enhanced outdoor service areas for developmentally disabled children; City of Vermilion’s Sherod Park ADA-compliant playground; Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky’s Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow after school program community garden; OHgo’s Project Happy Teen and Neutral Gifts for older child clients; and Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio’s food distribution to Erie County.

The Erie County Community Foundation’s Board of Directors and staff are proud to grant funds for these and other diverse projects intended to build community and address Erie County’s most pressing needs.

The Erie County Community Foundation focuses its efforts on several priority areas, including:

- ensuring a healthy and vibrant Lake Erie, and improving public accessibility to it and its waterways
- addressing workforce gaps and creating employment opportunities
- removing barriers to transportation
- addressing hunger and homelessness
- providing high quality food for all
- broadening access to mental health and addiction services
- supporting seniors and their caregivers
- creating neighborhoods that thrive
- supporting Erie County’s children – from improving access to childcare to providing creative and experiential education opportunities

Now in its 27th year, the Erie County Community Foundation has awarded more than \$8M in community grants to organizations in Erie County. For organizations and individuals wishing to create a lasting impact in Erie County through charitable giving, the Erie County Community Foundation will offer another round of grants next spring, with an application deadline of February 1, 2023. For complete application process information, please visit www.eriefoundation.org/community-grants. or call 419.621.9690.



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Organizations Awarded in the 2022 Round 2 Grants Cycle

Ability Works, Inc.
American Red Cross North Central Ohio
Back to the Wild, Inc.
Boots to Grasses Therapeutic Horsemanship Program
Cancer Services of Erie County
Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County
Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo
Cinderella's Closet Northeast Ohio
City of Vermilion
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
CAC of Erie, Huron & Richland Counties, Inc.
Edison Local Schools
EHOVE Adult Career Center
Erie County Juvenile Justice Center
Erie Shore Network, Inc.
Firelands Habitat for Humanity
Firelands Symphony Orchestra
Girls Scouts of Northeast Ohio
Hospice of the Western Reserve/Stein Hospice
Kiwanis Club of Sandusky
Lake Erie Foundation
Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky
New Jerusalem Baptist Church
OHgo
Sandusky Area Maritime Association
Sandusky City Schools
Sandusky Community Celebrations Council, Inc.
Sandusky Concert Association
Sandusky State Theatre
Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio
Spirit & Truth Ministries of Sandusky
The Old House Guild of Sandusky
The Salvation Army
United Church Homes
Vermilion History Museum
Village of Milan
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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