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**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS
OVER \$184,000 IN GRANTS TO ERIE COUNTY NONPROFITS**

Sandusky, Ohio, April 10, 2023 — At its March meeting, the Erie County Community Foundation’s Board of Directors awarded over \$184,000 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 Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority’s purchase of a new single door freezer for the Erie County Senior Center; Family Health Services’ Erie County Medical Center renovation project; 2023-2024 artistic expenses for Firelands Symphony Orchestra; Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky’s Early Intervention and Family Engagement Pilot Program; OHgo’s Pantry Supply project; replacement windows for the Vermilion History Museum; and support for Sandusky Education Foundation’s Over the Horizon of Lake Erie public art exhibit.

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 28th 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 this fall, with an application deadline of August 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 2023 Round 1 Grants Cycle

Animal House Sober Club	Margaretta Township Firefighters Association
Bellevue City Schools	Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio	OHgo
Downs on the Farm	OhioGuidestone
Erie County Agricultural Society (Erie County Fairboard)	Perkins Township
Erie County Economic Development Corp.	Project Noelle
Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority	Sandusky Education Foundation
Family Health Services	Sandusky State Theatre
Father's Heart Ministry	St Peter Catholic Church and School
Firelands Habitat for Humanity	The Road to Hope Inc.
Firelands Symphony Orchestra	United Church Homes
Humane Society of Erie County	United Way of Erie County, Inc
Huron Public Library	Vermilion History Museum
	Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana

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