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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS  
\$194,705 IN GRANTS TO ERIE COUNTY NONPROFITS**

**Sandusky, Ohio, October 31, 2023** — At its October meeting, the Erie County Community Foundation’s Board of Directors awarded \$194,705 in charitable grants to over 30 eligible 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 support for American Red Cross North Central Ohio’s Erie County Blood Drives; Bowling Green State University’s Keep McBride Arboretum Beautiful and Engaging project; Cancer Services of Erie County’s Transportation for Erie County Cancer Patients; City of Sandusky Fire Department’s Roper Lock Box Initiative; City of Sandusky Parks & Recreation Department’s Eclipse 2024: Total Eclipse of Sandusky; Hospice of the Western Reserve’s In-Home, Pre-Hospice Palliative Care for Erie County Seniors; Margaretta Local Schools’ New Perspectives at Margaretta High School; OHgo’s Project Happy; Second Harvest Food Bank’s Food Distribution to Erie County; and others.

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:

- removing barriers to transportation
- providing job training or skill development programs that specifically address Erie County’s workforce gaps
- creating new opportunities for employment
- supporting Erie County’s children – from improving access to childcare to providing creative and experiential education opportunities
- broadening access to mental health and addiction services
- creating a community without stigma for those seeking mental health and substance abuse treatment
- providing creative educational and experiential opportunities for children that will help meet current academic standards, encourage strong physical and mental health, and/or offer means of artistic expression
- ensuring a healthy and vibrant Lake Erie, and improving public accessibility to it and its waterways
- providing access to healthy, highly nutritive food for all
- supporting seniors and their caregivers
- creating neighborhoods that thrive
- addressing poverty through hunger and homelessness relief, case management, and educational forums



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Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 2024. For complete application process information, please visit [www.eriefoundation.org/community-grants](http://www.eriefoundation.org/community-grants) or call 419.621.9690.

### **Organizations Awarded in the 2023 Round 2 Grants Cycle**

American Red Cross North Central Ohio	Kinship, Inc. dba Kinship House
Anthony's Villa Inc	Law Enforcement Foundation
Bowling Green State University	Main Street Vermilion
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio	Margaretta Local Schools
Cancer Services of Erie County	New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
Care and Share Inc. of Erie County	OHgo
Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo	Open Doors Academy
City of Sandusky Fire Department	Peds on Wheels
City of Sandusky Parks & Recreation	Ritter Public Library
Erie County Family and Children First Council	Sandusky City Schools
Erie County Health Department	Sandusky State Theatre
Erie County Public Defender's Office	Second Harvest Food Bank
Erie Shore Network, Inc.	Spirit & Truth Ministries of Sandusky
Harbourtown Fine Arts Center	The Salvation Army
Hospice of the Western Reserve / Stein Hospice	United Church Homes
Huron Public Library	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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