



YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Because of YOU, St. Martin Center continues to help Erie community members move from moments of need toward long-term success.



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Your generosity makes it possible to provide **critical services** while giving individuals and families **the tools they need to build brighter futures.**

The past year brought challenges for many in our community. Rising costs and increasing needs placed additional strain on families across Erie. Yet through it all, St. Martin Center remained steadfast in our commitment to serve — made possible by supporters like YOU.

This year, we strengthened our mission: **to assist Erie community members and empower them, through education and support, to achieve long-term success.** Your support allows us to do more than respond to immediate needs — it helps us invest in lasting change.

As part of this focus, we pair financial assistance with education. When individuals receive support, they also gain access to financial literacy guidance that helps them manage resources, make informed decisions, and work toward long-term stability.

There is a well-known saying: *"If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he eats for a lifetime."* Because of YOU, we do both — providing help when it's needed while equipping families with the knowledge and skills to thrive.

This year, that commitment helped community members reach life-changing milestones, including several families who achieved the dream of first-time homeownership.

Thank you for making this work possible and for believing in the potential of the Erie community.



16 FAMILIES BECAME FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS

Because of **YOU**, and with support from a grant provided by Catholic Charities, individuals and families are gaining the education, guidance, and financial assistance they need to achieve the dream of homeownership. The following stories highlight the real impact of that support.



MARI & JACKSON

*"We are extremely grateful not only for the assistance provided to help offset closing costs, but for the information and support we received throughout the process. The one-on-one helped **build our confidence** in budgeting and managing our finances for the future."*

*"The class and one-on-one session gave me valuable insight and practical tools to prepare for buying and maintaining a home. I gained a **clearer understanding** of credit, budgeting, home expenses, and the responsibilities of homeownership."*



DARRYL L.



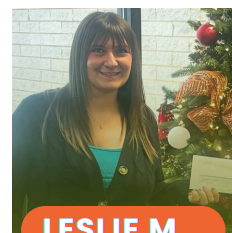
SARAH S.

*"Natasha helped me budget and **feel confident** about buying my home. 10/10 highly recommend!"*



IVAN C.

*"I really **appreciate the help** from St. Martin Center. You helped me with a down payment for my first home."*



LESLIE M.

*"I'm **so appreciative** of the assistance. My daughter and I would not have been able to purchase a home without St. Martin's."*

\$241K

allocated to help families

30

kept their homes

229

avoided eviction

266

attended financial literacy classes

230

children enrolled

at our Early Learning Center, a Keystone STARS 4-rated center that provides quality education for children.

291,716

pounds of food distributed

Our food pantry remains one of our most vital services, it was utilized **10,305** times last year.

19,823

persons served among **3,075** households



PreK Graduates

"Just heard about it from calling around. Ended up loving it. Kids want to come everyday. They love their teachers."
Melissa & Tim M.



Our food pantry simply couldn't operate without the dedication of our volunteers. They are the backbone of this essential service, ensuring families receive the food they need. We are grateful for them.

Want to get involved?

Whether you have a few hours a week or just one day a month, you can make a huge impact on families in need. Contact Alma at 814-452-6113 ext. 215.

Thank you

This year's impact belongs to YOU.

Because of YOU, families received food, education, and support during difficult times. Your generosity brought hope and lasting change to our community. Thank you for making this impact possible.

106

volunteers

3200

hours donated

TURN YOUR TAXES INTO COMMUNITY IMPACT

Through Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), businesses can receive up to 95% in tax credits while supporting St. Martin Center. These credits are flexible and can be used, carried forward for up to five years, sold, or passed through to shareholders or partners.

Last year, **\$115,000 in NAP contributions** helped St. Martin Center provide financial education, housing support, and pathways to long-term stability for Erie families.

If you own a business, consider turning tax dollars into lasting impact in our community.
Contact Michele to learn more at mbagnoni@stmartincenter.org or call 814-452-6113.

OUR MISSION

Our purpose is to assist Erie community members and empower them, through education and support, to achieve long-term success.

OUR VISION

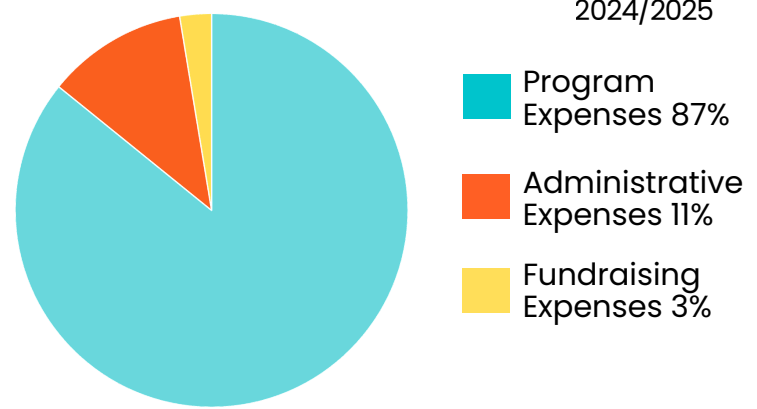
In the future, we want to see Erie residents in need transforming their lives, moving from surviving to independently thriving.

WANT TO HELP? SCAN TO DONATE!

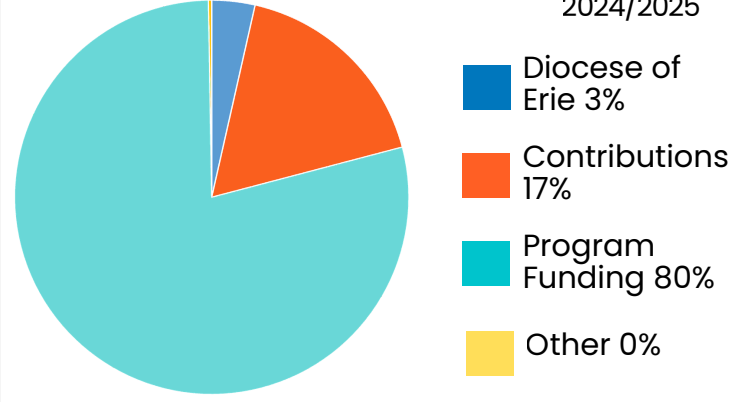


WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY
June 6th
Penn State Behrend
Lace up your sneakers and join us for a beautiful morning walk in support of St. Martin Center. It's a quick and meaningful way to make a difference — **100% of the proceeds benefit SMC.**
LEARN MORE AND REGISTER YOUR TEAM
at www.smcerie.org!

EXPENSE CATEGORIES 2024/2025



SOURCES OF INCOME 2024/2025



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Additional details can be found on www.smcerie.org or follow us on Facebook!

Pre-Purchase Home Buying Series May 9th & June 20th

- Learn about:
- Role of attorneys, inspectors and more
 - How to choose a realtor
 - Home-buying assistance programs
 - How to read all the paperwork involved

Thrive on a Dime: Budgeting for Success May 11th & June 8th

Get help in understanding what is a budget, how it relates to your income and expenses; Provides tools for tracking and managing expenses; Explore how to prioritize spending on a tight budget.

"When I first sat down I wondered what I could truly learn from this class in such a short time. There is so much I have learned and now I feel there is more to learn being disabled is not the end it's the start of a new financial life. Thank you!"
Dishelle J



Erie Gives Day

Be part of this 24-hour giving event! Every gift of \$25 or more made will receive a prorated match. Corporate partners and ECF will cover ALL online fees and sponsor the Bonus Bucks, ensuring even more of your donation goes directly to making a difference.

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October 8th
Perry Hi-Way Social Hall

Doors Open at 4:30
Bingo Starts at 6:00
Games of Chance, Cash Prizes, Purses, Tools, Basket Raffle, Floor Prizes, Technology Prizes.
Tickets go on sale late summer.
Proceeds benefit St. Martin Center.



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