



# Bethany Outreach Center

Helping to restore hope through life change

**2019**  
**The Annual Report**

**Over 250 YOUTH were POSITIVELY INFLUENCED by service learning projects & programs offered at our center.**



Ivy Iszkula, age 7, donated 179 pairs of gloves to Bethany Outreach Center. She collected from classmates, her church, family, friends and neighbors.



**Got Gloves!** More than 1500 pairs of hands covered this year! A very special thank you to Erie Day School, Luther Memorial Academy and Ivy Iszkula for helping our **Executive Director**, Ms. Mabel Howard to reach her goal of 2000.



**Additional program highlights include, but are not limited to serving the following in need through:**

**The Food Pantry:** There were **4,208 visits** to our pantry serving **484 family members**.

**The Clothes Closet:** There were **3,916 visits** made to our closet by **1,655 unduplicated family members**. We received over **43,400 pounds of clothing and household goods**.

**The Annual Turkey Man Drive:** Made possible by Second Harvest Food Bank, Erie Insurance and a wealth of volunteers throughout the community who believe in the importance of helping those in need. In November, **65** volunteers came to unload the truck and distribute food including turkeys to **153 families** in efforts to help them to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner at home.

**\*More than 860 households** took advantage of programs at the center in **2019**. Over **184 unduplicated** volunteers gave **6,494 hours** of their time to make a difference in the lives of those in need. In addition, we had an average of **51 volunteers per month** who gave an average of **540 hours per month** to IMPACT the lives of the families we serve at **BOC 254**.

**Corporate Matches:** Erie Insurance, GE Community Foundation, Thrivent Choice Program, Erie Community Foundation

**Service Learning Project Partners who've shared their Time, Talents and Treasures:** Second Harvest Food Bank, Country Fair, Erie Insurance, Lord Corporation, Cornerstone Construction, Pathstone, Mercyhurst University BTG Program, Penn State Extension Nutrition Links, LCBA Branch 49, Erie City Mission, Rock Of Ages Compassionate Ministries, Millcreek Kiwanis, Crime Victims Center, Saint Vincent Mobile Van/Medcorp, Panera Bread, Life Works, WQLN, AmeriHealth Caritas, Early Connections, Hooked on Books, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, St. Bens Education Center, Crop Walk for Hunger, Hamot Health Foundation, Erie Day School, Barber National Institute, M.A.B.E.L. ~Mind And Body Education Link, Women of ELCA, BLANKS Tae Kwon Do, ServErie, Luther Memorial Academy, The Erie Community Foundation Youth Philanthropists, Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

**To ALL of our ongoing supporters:** Without you we wouldn't be where we are today. You are the TRUE blessing to the community that we serve. We thank you for your ongoing love and continued support.

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