



Frequently Asked Questions about Erie Women's Fund (EWF)

What is the benefit of joining EWF?

You will have the opportunity to attend education sessions, events and become a part of a network of women whose mission is to increase awareness about our community, and use that awareness to drive positive change.

Why wouldn't I just donate directly to my favorite charities, instead of giving to EWF?

Your charitable dollars will go further when combined with the gifts of others. Join EWF to become part of an empowering group of women whose collective efforts create powerful change.

Can only women join?

EWF is intended to be a giving vehicle for women.

Does EWF only prioritize women and girls?

Our mission is to "Empower Women and Families" – ALL members of families.

What has EWF accomplished in the last 5 years?

Our first major grant helped establish Erie Together, a joint venture between the Mercyhurst Civic Institute, GECAC and United Way of Erie County. By uniquely addressing poverty at both the individual and systemic levels, Erie Together helps low income families find their way out of poverty. In 2019, our grant to ECAT helped to provide a location at the old Wayne Elementary School and a full-time position in order to get the program started. ECAT will soon be able to offer programs targeted to the unemployed adults in the City of Erie to find their place in the City's rebirth. We have made grants to more than a dozen other local nonprofits - for a complete list, please see the next page.

How do I get involved?

(Step 1) The first step is to become a member! EWF has four levels of individual annual membership: Platinum (\$2,500), Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500), and Bronze (\$250). A Group Membership enables ten women (or less) to join together for \$1,000 annually.

(Step 2) Volunteer on one of our five committees!

(Step 3) If you don't have time to volunteer, you can absolutely join EWF without a time commitment (see Step 1, Membership Levels). We understand our supporters are THE most important part of our success, and sometimes you just cannot do it all. We encourage you to be as involved as you are able.

What is the benefit to joining on Erie Gives Day?

When you join on Erie Gives Day, your gift is eligible for a prorated match. Simply log on to www.ErieGives.org and search for Erie Women's Fund. It's that easy!



Full Listing of Erie Women's Fund Grants 2008-2020 Over \$700,000 in Total and Still Giving!

- Achievement Center
- Bayfront Center for Maritime Studies
- Crime Victim Center
- Door Student Services
- Erie County Technical School Foundation
- Erie Center for Arts and Technology (ECAT)
- Early Connections, Inc.
- EmergencyCare
- Erie DAWN
- General McLane Foundation
- Girl Scouts of Western PA
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hamot Health Foundation
- House of Mercy
- International Institute of Erie
- Mercy Center for Women
- Mercyhurst University and Civic Institute (Erie Together)
- Millcreek Education Foundation
- Multicultural Community Resource Center
- Multicultural Health Evaluation Delivery System (MHEDS)
- Mystic Mountain Training Center
- NAMI of PA, Erie County Affiliate
- The Porreco College
- The Sight Center of Northwest Pennsylvania
- SafeNet
- Salvation Army
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network
- St. Martin Center, Inc.
- The Upper Room