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No one has ever become poor by giving.

-Anne Frank

Why The Erie Community Foundation

INSPIRE

With a legacy spanning 89 years, The Erie Community Foundation has been deeply embedded in Erie's philanthropic landscape for generations. Our extensive research, partnerships with vetted nonprofits, and community engagement initiatives have solidified the Foundation as a leading charitable organization in our region. We partner with professional advisors to support philanthropy effectively, assisting in crafting tax-wise giving strategies that reflect clients' passions. From administrative support to grantmaking assistance, we handle the details, allowing advisors to focus on building relationships and meeting their clients' financial and charitable goals. At the Foundation, we go beyond traditional services, providing comprehensive support and Erie-centric expertise to ensure impactful giving.

ENGAGE

We prioritize direct and personal relationships with our philanthropic advisors, ensuring donors receive tailored guidance and ongoing support. This approach fosters trust and enables us to offer relevant advice, identify appropriate opportunities, and nurture long-term partnerships.

EMPOWER

The Foundation's mission is to **inspire**, **engage** and **empower** donors and communities across the region, today and tomorrow. Through a robust network of donors, nonprofits, community leaders, researchers, volunteers, and grantees, we collaborate to amplify the impact of philanthropic endeavors across our community. Together, we strive for inclusive and sustainable solutions to local challenges.

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency and accountability are core values at the Foundation. We provide donors with access to comprehensive information through our private portal, ensuring transparency in fund management. Our commitment to openness enables donors to make informed decisions and fosters trust.

