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ECGRA eNewsletter

December, 2015

Dear --FNAME--,

We're grateful for the nonprofits and businesses we support. Erie has seen many seasons of transition, but organizations like yours always come together to serve, inspire, and reinvent. Thank you for all you invest to make this community what it is today and for aspiring to build a healthy Erie for tomorrow.

We look forward to partnering with you in 2016. To better serve you and the community, we've made some changes to our grant calendar. Please note the timeframe change of Mission Main Street Grants from spring to fall.

- Special Events Grants Open January 14
- Multi-Municipal Collaboration Grants Open April 14
- Community Assets Grants Open July 14
- Mission Main Street Grants Open October 13



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We've improved our online application system. If you have applied for a grant with The Erie Community Foundation, you will have no problem transitioning to our new application - the systems are nearly identical.

We will offer grant application workshops for each of our 2016 grants in order to introduce you to the new system. The Special Events Grants workshop will be held January 20, 2016 at 5240 Knowledge Parkway, Erie 16510. The session will be offered at two different times - from noon-1:00 p.m. or from 5:00 -

6:00 p.m. Light meals will be served at both sessions. RSVP to [dianek@ecgra.org](mailto:dianek@ecgra.org) to reserve your spot.

Watch for other grant workshop dates coming soon.

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ECGRA's Youth & Education Impact Area originated in 2014 with the Summer Jobs & More program. This impact category is designed to educate Erie's young adult workforce, strengthen schools and employers, and abate poverty.

In keeping with this commitment, on November 12 The Erie Community Foundation and ECGRA announced their joint investment in four Shaping Tomorrow projects focused on education and training for youth and adults, healthcare for underserved neighborhoods, and character development for inner-city students:

\$400,000 to Erie's Public Schools for Tech After Hours, a workforce development program that will provide in-demand job training and placement to out-of-school youth and displaced adult workers;

\$250,000 to Gannon University for GO College, which prepares Strong Vincent and East high school students to enter a post-secondary institution or branch of the military;

\$200,000 to Primary Health Network to expand school- and neighborhood-based health centers to two new facilities; and

\$150,000 to All About Character, Inc., a 37-week character-education curriculum taught in Erie city schools by Pennsylvania State Troopers and Erie City Police Officers.

We hope you and yours have a happy holiday season and return to work in 2016 refreshed and ready to do what you do so well - tackle our region's challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

**Perry Wood**  
Executive Director

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