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Annual Report

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Erie House Friends,

Over the last two years, Erie Neighborhood House and communities across Chicago have faced many challenges.

We had no idea how drastically the compounded impact of COVID would and continues to have on many aspects of our lives. While the pandemic slowed things down, we were fortunate to experience growth. We have witnessed the power of communities coming together and supporting each other to overcome obstacles and barriers.

Erie House was no different and remained faithful to our commitment to supporting immigrant and low-income communities during unprecedented times.

- **We expanded our early childhood education program to include home visits for high-risk caregivers**
- **Expanded the breadth of immigration legal services**
- **Increased our capacity to provide mental health services**

As Interim Executive Director, I was privileged to see the power of change firsthand. Witnessing our staff, volunteers, and donors rise to help create powerful communities.

Now as the new Executive Director, I'm so grateful for all those who help bring our mission to life! Your hard work, resilience, generosity, and support allowed Erie House to truly live into our vision — a home with no borders.

I look forward to continuing this legacy of 152 years of change, adaptability, and our growing, powerful communities.



Cristina De La Rosa

Cristina De La Rosa, Executive Director

We are thrilled to officially have Cristina lead Erie House into its next chapter!

Erie Neighborhood House has a long-standing history of impactful Executive Directors, and we are confident that Cristina will continue this tradition. We are excited about her next journey with Erie House, and we believe that her experience and vision will help strengthen programs, grow resources, and create an impact in our community.

We are looking forward to working closely with her as we continue to provide essential services to those in need, particularly in this ever-changing post-pandemic world. The health and safety of our participants and staff were and continue to be our priority. As we move toward Phase 5 of our post pandemic operating plan, Erie House will keep safety in mind and provide updates as they become available.

We are all aware of the challenges that we have faced over the last three years, and we are grateful to our dedicated staff and community members who worked tirelessly to keep Erie House running. As we look towards the future, we are excited about the opportunities ahead and are confident that with Cristina's leadership, Erie House will continue to make a positive impact in our communities.



Nicolas Guzman

Nicolas Guzman, Board President

About Erie Neighborhood House

Since 1870, Erie Neighborhood House has provided comprehensive support to immigrant and low-income families in Chicago needed to thrive.

Today, Erie House serves individuals and families of all backgrounds, primarily the Latinx immigrant community. Through education, legal services, health programs, and more.

Upward mobility through hard work alone is more difficult to achieve for many immigrant and working-class families. The community we serve faces limited access to affordable legal and citizenship support, high-quality early childhood education, adult education programs, and mental health services, all of which are necessary for families to thrive. We provide these essential services to our community.

Through our work, we empower the population we work alongside to build stronger communities, ultimately leading to a more just and inclusive society.

Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Access & Inclusion

Erie House believes in the importance of diversity, equity, access and inclusion. We stand in solidarity with those fighting against injustice, oppression, and systemic racism in all its forms. Our mission is to empower our community — Latinx immigrants and individuals and families of all backgrounds.

“All backgrounds” represents our commitment to inclusion across race, gender, age, religion, identity, ability and experience. We’re committed to working to unify our communities behind the shared goal of justice and equity.

Our Values

- Promote education and wellness for families and individuals
- Foster a spirit of service and inclusion
- Maintain strong community presence and partnerships
- Amplify the voice of our community
- Advocate for social change to advance our mission





Our Work

Erie House's comprehensive services are available to people of all ages, from early childhood to late adulthood. These services are offered through 14 different programs across 5 departments, all of which are designed to empower our participants to towards self sufficiency.

Our programs span a wide range of service areas, including:

Legal Services

Our in-house team of attorneys and legal representatives help clients navigate the US citizenship and immigration system, keeping families together, and allowing them to achieve a greater sense of security.

Children & Youth

We work with young people from infancy through high school graduation to equip them with tools and resources to build a bright future, including educational programs and activities, mentoring, and family support.

Adult Education & Training


Through foundational academic and professional programs like English as a Second Language (ESL), civics education, workforce development, and more, we provide the tools adults need for long-term success.

Mental Health & Community Wellness

Healthy communities are empowered communities. We make a healthy lifestyle more accessible with workshops, support groups, and counseling, all through a trauma-informed and culturally-sensitive lens.

Community Resources & Empowerment

We equip our community with the tools and information needed to thrive in the face of adversity, including "Know Your Rights" trainings, community health education, and direct outreach.



Innovators and an incubator for over 152 years.

Since the boom of the settlement house movement of the late 19th to early 20th centuries, Erie House has continued to not only provide the kinds of programs sister organizations of the era pioneered, but we have also made unique, innovative contributions to our City.

A few examples of this have been a clinic (today Erie Family Health Centers), an affordable housing development program (Bickerdike Redevelopment Corp.), and a bilingual charter school for the community (Erie Elementary Charter School).



Expanding and changing to better serve our community.

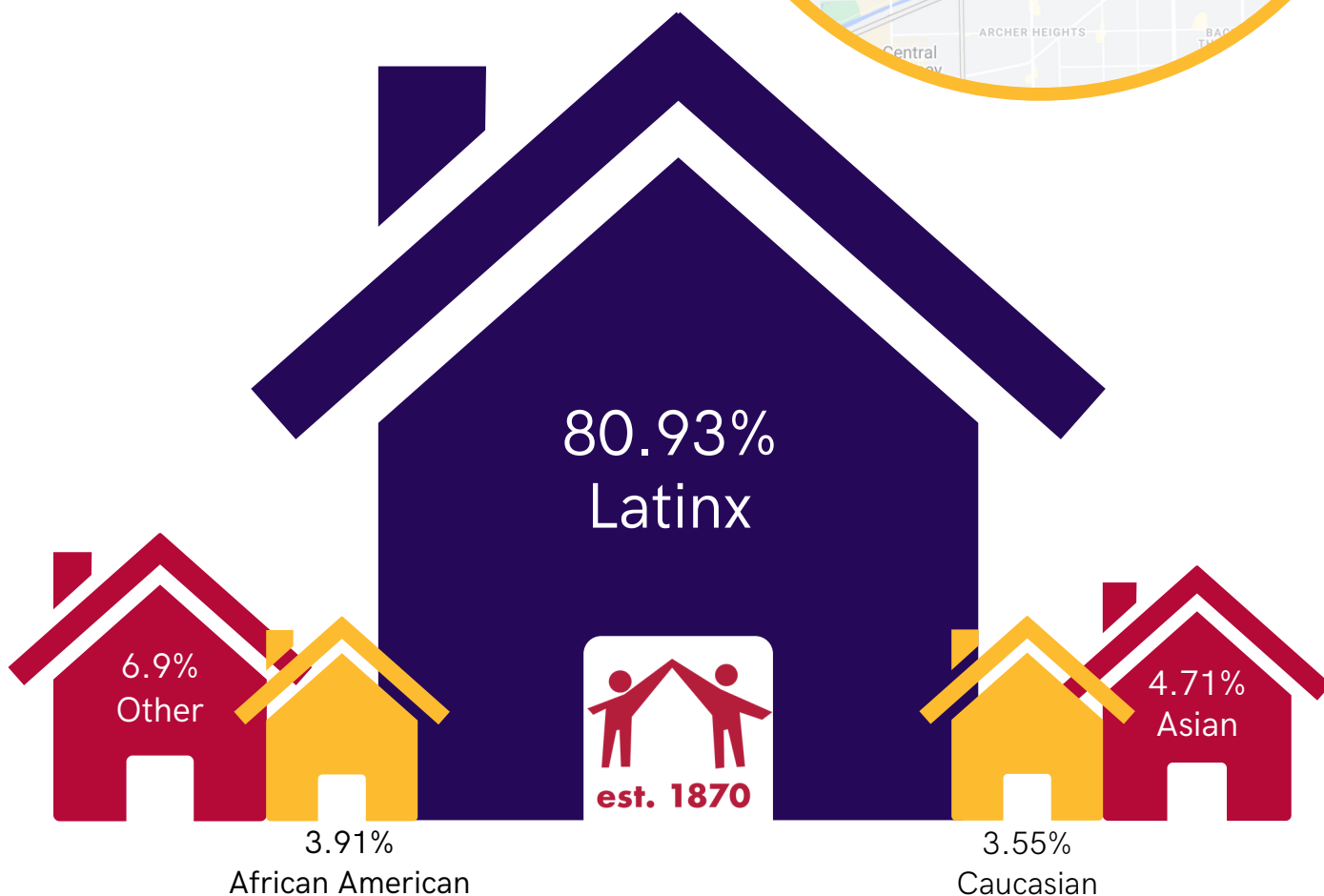
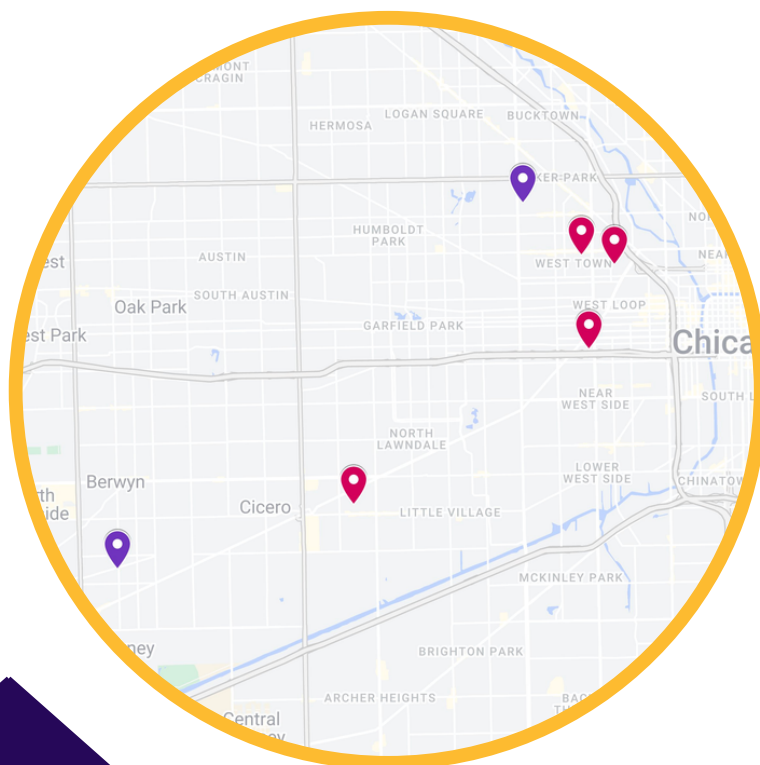
Since our inception, Erie House has provided support to immigrant and low-income families in Chicago. Today, we serve individuals and families of all backgrounds helping create a home without borders.

In recent years, we secured our newest site located in the Near West neighborhood. Our Legal Services team is now housed here, providing easier access to reach the Mexican Consulate. Additionally, another site in Near West that will expand our Early Childhood Education program, which now allows us to provide early childhood education for families with children between the ages of six weeks and five years.

In addition, we provided access to technology during the pandemic — including for our school-age participants during their remote school semester in 2021. This allowed students to continue learning ensuring they didn't fall behind.

The City and Beyond!

With six sites spread across West and Southwest Chicago, Erie House provides direct services to over **4,600** individuals and reaches an additional **13,300** people annually through educational workshops and community outreach efforts that help strengthen the community, build leadership, and encourage civic engagement.



Community Relief Fund

As we transitioned to the new normal, Erie House Program staff continued to work at adapting and meeting our participants' needs. Some worked hard from home while others came back to the office full-time. The government aid that was made available was helpful for those who could access it, but those benefits were still not available to everyone, including many undocumented families like those we serve.



The Community Relief Fund raised \$133,821 through various corporate, foundation, and individual donors, which was distributed to those Erie House participants who needed it most, to alleviate the hardships of bills, child care, and other immediate needs these households faced during the pandemic.

Parents: the first teacher

Post-pandemic, our classes transitioned from online to hybrid and in-person sessions. Our parenting group continued to support each other during the changing landscape of COVID-19. Laura G, a parent group participant, learned new skills that empowered her to communicate with her children in a new way enabling their relationship to grow stronger. She learned that her struggles were a shared experience of parenthood and that there are many ways to positively approach hard conversations with her children.



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"This program has been a positive thing in my life because I have learned different techniques that I can use to raise my children. I also love this group because it was really an open-up group where I was able to share how I felt or things I would do with my children. This group has also taught me by listening to others' experiences with their children and learning from other parents too. I would really recommend this parenting group to other people that need help with learning how to become better parents. I took this group class because being a parent isn't easy but everything starts with you and your surroundings (community, friends, and family). Erie House staff really do a good job by showing us how to become better parents and I Thank them for that."

—Laura G., Parent Group Participant

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Impacting lives, transforming communities!

Erie House is grateful for all the groups and individuals who donated their time to creating change in their community. These generous contributions included wrapping gifts for our annual Holidays with Heart event, reading stories to our youngest students, mentoring youth, aiding in citizenship interviews and applications, tutoring English, and organizing drives. By working together, we empower our participants and help them to achieve success!



of our students were matched
with mentors

Innovation with an impact!

In FY22, Erie House developed and enhanced our volunteer and in-kind donation programs allowing our corporate partners like AMA, ComEd, UPS, and John Burns Construction Company, our school community partners like UIC, Dominican University, and Benito Juarez High School to impact the lives of our participants further with the inaugural book drive, coat drive, and annual back-to-school drive and our year-round volunteer as tutors and mentors.



Over 320

Coats were distributed to
participants.



Over 780

backpacks for Erie House
youth provided



Over 340

Books were distributed to
children & youth in our programs

To learn more about volunteer or in-kind donation program, email volunteer@eriehouse.org





"Erie House feels like a second home because they have good food and games— I personally play FIFA —friends, and it feels like a family which everyone needs; you know."

— Ericson S., Youth Participant

Expanded Learning Program

Erie House stood by our students as they transitioned from remote to hybrid classrooms and then finally being back to school full-time. We continued to provide access to resources like laptops, internet, masks and sanitizer, and supported parents as we navigated the changing landscape together.

We saw how difficult it was for our eighth-graders, juniors, and seniors as they felt the disappointment of missing first dances, prom, and even graduation. Our staff worked tirelessly to provide remote college campus tours, field trips to virtual museums, and last year we were able to host a pandemic safe ceremony for our graduating seniors.

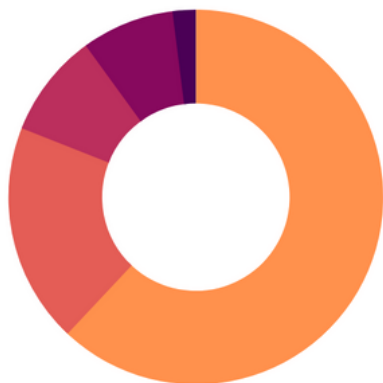
Mentors and tutors provided virtual one-on-one sessions with their mentees. They created virtual spaces where our students could be themselves and seek advice from a trusted mentor.



Financial Highlights

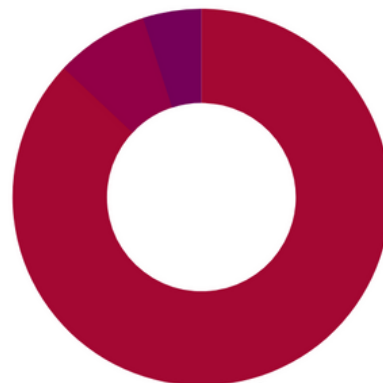
Complete Fiscal Year 2022 audited financial statements are available at eriehouse.org/impact

Where Funds Come From



70% - Government Fees/Grants
 28% - Private Contributions
 05% - Special Events
 04% - Miscellaneous Inc
 01% - Other Inc & Program Fees

How Funds Are Used



84% - Programs
 10% - Fundraising
 06% - Management & General

Statement of Activities as of June 30, 2022

Revenue	2021	2022
Private Contributions		
Foundation, Corporations and Trusts	976,541	2,332,324
Individuals & Board	538,612	174,511
Congregations	29,873	176
Donated Goods & Services	156,255	137,874
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago	48,042	35,001
Government Fees/Grants	9,801,900	6,800,143
Special Events	442,356	463,862
Other Income and Program Fees	1,253,800	127,088
Investment Return, net	748,809	(421,512)
Miscellaneous Income	-	31,382
Total Revenue	13,996,188	9,680,849
Expenses		
Programs	10,743,037	8,809,990
Management & General	481,827	1,041,018
Fundraising	525,121	587,355
Total Expenses	11,749,985	10,438,363



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Erie House Locations

Erie Neighborhood House
1347 W. Erie St., Chicago IL 60642
(312) 666-3430

Erie Community Center & Administrative Offices
1701 W. Superior St., Chicago IL 60622
(312) 653-5800

Erie House Little Village
4225 W. 25th St., Chicago IL 60623
(312) 542-7617

Near West - Legal Services
1634 W Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 384-4370

Satellite Locations

Jose De Diego Community Academy - After School
1313 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago IL 60622
(312) 975-2637

City of Berwyn (Health & Leadership Programs)
1313 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago IL 60622
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