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ANNUAL REPORT

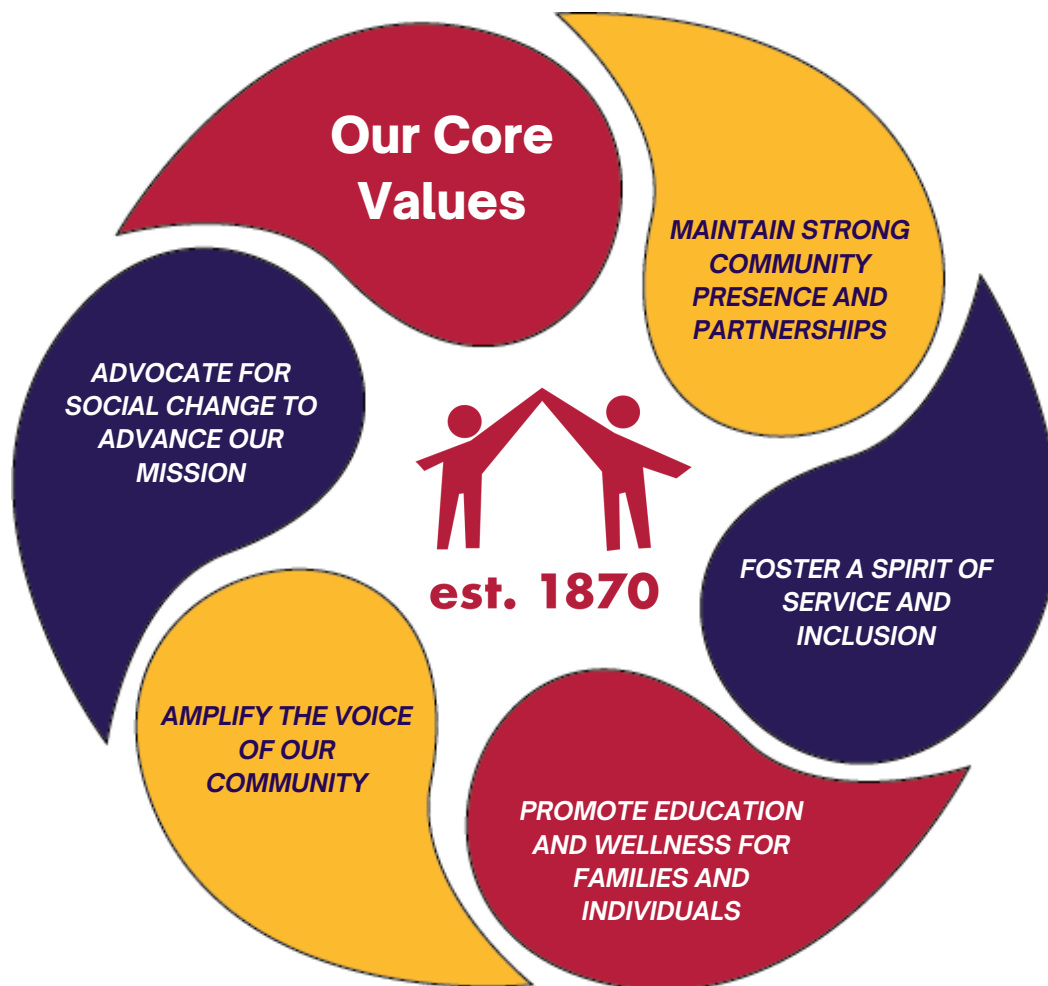
2023

OUR VISION

A HOME WITH NO BORDERS, IMPACTING LIVES TO CREATE POWERFUL COMMUNITIES.

Our Mission

TO EMPOWER OUR COMMUNITY—LATINX IMMIGRANTS ALONGSIDE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OF ALL BACKGROUNDS—THROUGH EDUCATION, ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES AND ADVOCACY, WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A 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.

Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we look back on the past year at Erie Neighborhood House, we are proud to share the significant strides we have made in our ongoing commitment to serve Chicago's immigrant and low-income communities. Throughout the year, we have continued to make bold and innovative strides in our work, and we are thrilled to celebrate the many successes we have achieved. Erie House is proud to be a vital, innovative, and engaged presence in the West Town, Near West, Humboldt Park, and Little Village communities of Chicago. We are honored to announce that we have officially welcomed close to 1,500 program participants into our home through direct service and supported over 20,000 individuals through general outreach, a testament to the enduring relevance of our mission.

As we continue to evolve and grow, we are excited to share some of the exciting developments we have seen this year. One of our proudest achievements has been the establishment of Erie Neighborhood House as an Illinois Welcoming Center for immigrants and refugees. This initiative and network of organization across the State aligns perfectly with our founding principles and highlights our unwavering commitment to building a more just and inclusive society by providing holistic case management and eliminating systemic barriers in accessing services

Our focus on empowering low-income families & individuals through education and essential resources remains unwavering, and we are thrilled to report that this year has seen the realization of several key milestones. We have expanded our workforce development program, providing even more opportunities for individuals to build critical skills and achieve economic empowerment. We celebrated 40 years of mentorship in our TEAMS program and 30 years of Youth Options Unlimited developing youth leadership and making post-secondary education the norm. And Erie House is now a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) counseling agency working with unhoused individuals and families.

Looking ahead, we recognize the crucial role our partners will continue to play in our journey. As we embark on the next phase of our mission, we are confident in your continued support as we strive to deliver quality programs and services for children, youth, adults, and families, expand our footprint in Little Village and beyond, and advocate for our community's needs on both local, state and national platforms.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community and for standing with us in our mission.



CRISTINA DE LA ROSA,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



NICOLAS GUZMAN,
BOARD PRESIDENT



Year of Empowerment!

Community, Collaboration & Innovation

For more than 150 years, Erie Neighborhood House has been addressing the evolving needs of immigrant and low-income communities in the spirit of settlement houses. Working alongside individuals and families, we provide holistic multigenerational support to ensure they thrive, creating powerful communities. Recently, there has been an increasing need for financial stability among the individuals and families who visit us.

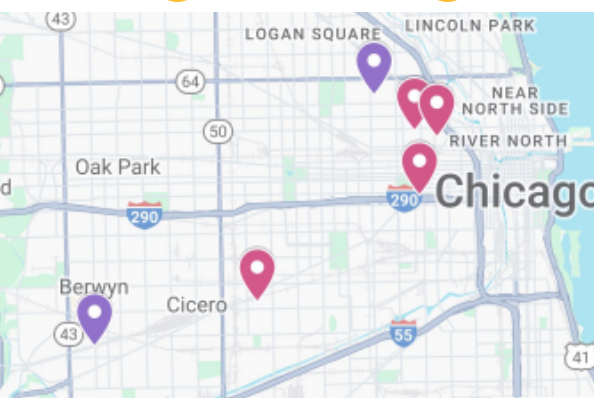
This year, we were selected to partner with UPS to expand our Workforce Development program by taking an innovative approach, empowering individuals with new skills, creating job opportunities, and providing financial stability for themselves and their families.



New Arrivals & Sanctuary City

Since August 2022, Erie House has welcomed more than 1,295 new arrivals who have been bussed to the City of Chicago. The State of Illinois has officially recognized Erie House as an Illinois Welcoming Center, which acknowledges our continuous commitment to welcoming and supporting individuals and families who are new to our community and state.

As an Illinois Welcoming Center, Erie House serves as a hub of information, assistance, and community support for those who are seeking a new home in our Sanctuary City.



20,000

individuals reached through general outreach which provides much needed resources and support.

1,491

individuals & families served through our programs,

100%

of our seniors graduated and were accepted into college.



CRISTIAN ALCAYAGA

Art & Empowerment through ESL



January
2023

CHICAGO IS NOW HOME

In late January, Cristian arrived in Chicago from Chile. Immediately, he embarked on a mission to find employment and settle into his new home.

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Eager to enhance his English skills, Cristian reached out to Erie House and was connected with Linda, a volunteer ESL tutor. Linda and Cristian began weekly sessions focused on improving his English proficiency.

ART AND HVAC SCHOOL

Simultaneously, Cristian pursued a passion for digital art, with encouragement and support from both staff and volunteers at Erie House. Expanding his skill set further, he enrolled in HVAC classes, aspiring to become an HVAC service technician. Currently, Cristian is on a multifaceted journey, simultaneously honing his language skills, pursuing artistic interests, and working towards a career in HVAC.

SUPER MERCADO

After some time, he secured a job at a supermarket, where he encountered a co-worker who introduced him to Erie House, an institution that offered English language learning opportunities.

WEEKLY CLASSES

They engaged in discussions and wrote about the book they were reading. Additionally, Linda taught Cristian common English phrases and words, while also reviewing new vocabulary he encountered throughout the week.

Present Day

“I loved learning to talk about my digital art in English.”



Financial Highlights

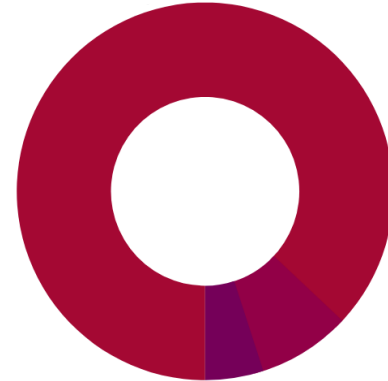
Complete Fiscal Year 2023 audited financial statements are available at eriehouse.org/impact

Where Funds Come From



76% - Government Fees/Grants
 15% - Private Contributions
 04% - Special Events
 03% - Miscellaneous Income
 02% - Other Income & Program Fees

How Funds Are Used



85% - Programs
 10% - Fundraising
 05% - Management & General

Statement of Activities as of June 30, 2023

Revenue	2023	2022
Private Contributions		
Foundation, Corporations and Trusts	1,386,347	2,332,324
Individuals & Board	123,746	174,511
Congregations	1,108	176
Donated Goods & Services	121,138	137,874
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago	34,998	35,001
Government Fees/Grants	8,639,423	6,800,143
Special Events	460,608	463,862
Other Income and Program Fees	204,354	127,088
Investment Return, net	349,148	(421,512)
Miscellaneous Income	15,557	31,382
Total Revenue	11,336,426	9,680,849
Expenses		
Programs	9,711,916	8,809,990
Management & General	1,151,631	1,041,018
Fundraising	602,198	587,355
Total Expenses	11,465,745	10,438,363

VOLUNTEERS & IN-KIND DONATIONS

Our volunteers are a vital part of the heart of our organization. Together with staff, we work alongside our participants to empower them with new skills, creating powerful communities.

Over
450

volunteers donated their time, skills, and passions with Erie House.

14

Corporate and Community Partners volunteered to make snack packs, make garden beds, and much more.

Over
1,100

Backpacks and toys were donated to support our students and families.

If you are interested in volunteering or supporting one of our drives, please contact us at volunteer@eriehouse.org.

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Satellite Locations

Jose De Diego Community Academy - After School

1313 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago IL 60622
(312) 975-2637

City of Berwyn (Health & Leadership Program)

1313 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago IL 60622
(312) 975-2637

Erie House Locations

West Town - Community Center

1701 W. Superior St., Chicago IL 60622

West Town - The House

1347 W. Erie St., Chicago IL 60642

Near West

1634 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60612

Little Village

4225 W. 25th St., Chicago IL 60623

For more info, call: (312)563-5800