

GREATER ERIE COMMUNITY
ACTION COMMITTEE



ANNUAL REPORT



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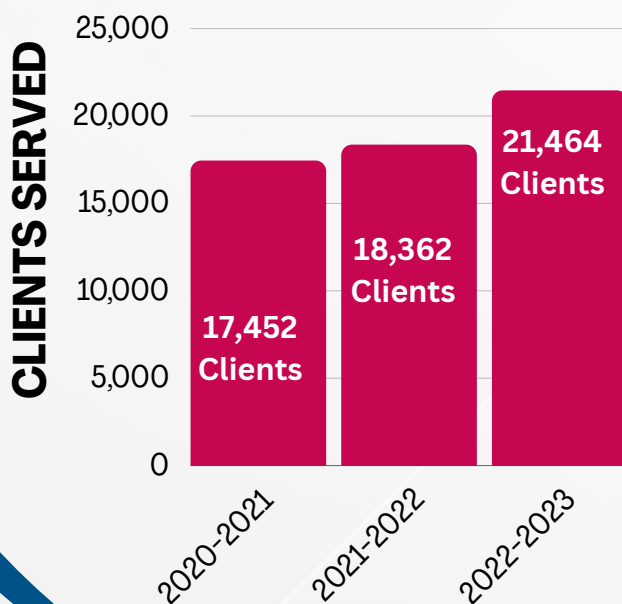
VISION

Empowering the community to foster a better life for all.

MISSION

The Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC) will eliminate poverty in Erie County through empowerment, education and community partnership.

- In 1964, the Economic Opportunity Act was signed into law by President Johnson creating the nationwide initiative known as Community Action.
- GECAC was incorporated in 1965 and designated by both the City and County of Erie as the Community Action Agency for Erie County.
- GECAC was officially recognized as a private, 501(c) 3 non-profit organization with its local board of directors.



**GREATER ERIE
COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE
18 WEST 9TH STREET
ERIE, PA 16501**

LEADERSHIP

The Board of Directors is made up of volunteers with a wide variety of business and other relevant experience. GECAC's fifteen-member Board of Directors has a tripartite structure, a requirement for all Community Action Agencies nationwide:

1/3 Elected Public Officials: elected officials currently holding office or their representatives.

1/3 Private Sector: representatives of business, labor, and other major groups and interests in the community.

1/3 Low-Income Representatives: elected to represent the low-income population in Erie County.



Danny J. Jones
Chief Executive Officer



Terry Lang
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2022-2023

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PROGRAMS

GECAC's programs provide workable solutions that connect more families to opportunity and empower older adults to live safe and fulfilling lives—making Erie County a better place to live for everyone.

AGING SERVICES

18,773 Clients

Aging Assessment
Caregiver Support
Domiciliary Care
Foster Grandparent Program
HomePLUS
In-Home Care Services
Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Meals on Wheels
Older Adult Protective Services
PA Medicare Education & Decision Insight
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Senior Center—Corry
Senior Center—Erie West
Senior Center—North East
Senior Center—Northwestern
Senior Center—R. Benjamin Wiley Central City
Senior Center—Tri-Boro
Senior Center—Union City
Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
Senior Helpline

HOUSING SERVICES

309 Clients

HUD Counseling
Rent/Mortgage Assistance
Utility Assistance

EDUCATION SERVICES

455 Clients

Adult Basic Education
College Scholarships
GED Testing Center
K-12 Tuition Scholarship
Upward Bound

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

170 Clients

Earn + Learn
New Choices
Senior Community Service Employment Program
Work Ready

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

1,757 Clients

Food Bags
Giving Tree
Poverty Simulation
Spring Spruce Up
Warming Erie County

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

OCTOBER 1, 2022-SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

GECAC is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. GECAC is committed to operating with transparency and sharing the meaningful impact of our work with our customers, volunteers, supporters, and the public. Visit gecac.org to view our [IRS Form 990](#).

REVENUE

Community Support	\$738,628
Earned Income	\$3,771,684
Government Grants	\$9,123,058
Other	\$17,620
Total	\$13,650,990

EXPENSES

Aging	\$8,704,175
Education	\$652,754
Employment & Income	\$831,974
Housing	\$865,849
Admin & Fundraising	\$2,202,585
Total	\$13,257,337

BALANCE SHEET

Total Liabilities	\$3,746,864
Equity	\$9,413,394
Total Assets	\$13,160,258

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

CSBG provides core funding to GECAC to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families to become self-sufficient. Because the CSBG funds the central management and core activities of GECAC, our organization is able to mobilize additional resources to combat the central causes of poverty.

GECAC IS AUDITED BY THE FIRM ROOT, SPITZNAS & SMILEY, INC. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

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