

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

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

VISION

Empowering the community to foster a better life for all.

2021-2022

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LEADERSHIP

An engaged, informed, and enthusiastic CEO and board members working as a team are essential to the success of GECAC. The board and its committees focus on organizational oversight and developing policies that the CEO is then charged with implementing.

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DANNY JONES CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CHRISTINE RUSH 2021-2022 CHAIRPERSON



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TRIPARTITE BOARD STRUCTURE



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.

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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.

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TOTAL #18,362

AGING SERVICES 16,259 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 247 clients

Rent/Mortgage Assistance
Utility Assistance

EDUCATION SERVICES 426 clients

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

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES 190 clients

Getting Ahead
New Choices
Senior Community Service Employment Program
Summer Jobs & More
Work Certified
Work Ready

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES 1,240 clients

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

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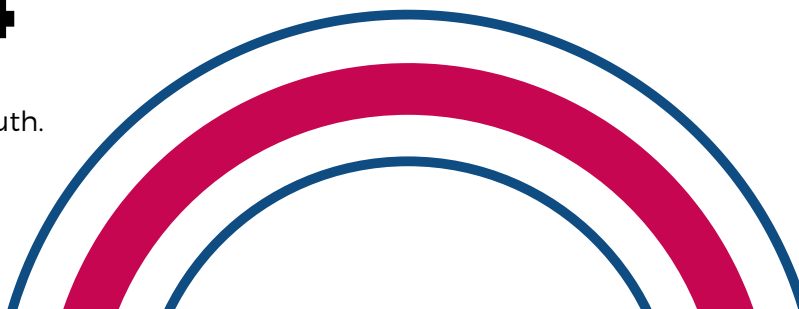
Number of GED students and testers.

#144

Number of
Summer JAM youth.

#1,187

Number of Older Adult
Protective Services
investigations.



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FINANCE

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](#).

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REVENUE

	2021-2022
Community Support	\$913,878
Earned Income	\$3,662,873
Government Grants	\$10,468,045
Other	\$17,292
Total	\$15,062,088

EXPENSES

	2021-2022
Aging	\$9,394,220
Education	\$746,024
Employment & Income	\$1,502,974
Housing	\$400,003
Re-Entry	\$105,575
Admin & Fundraising	\$2,284,681
Total	\$14,433,477

BALANCE SHEET

	2021-2022
Liabilities	\$2,908,618
Net Assets	\$9,067,167
Total Assets	\$11,975,785

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.

99.9%

GECAC's revenue from public support.

\$5

For every \$1 in Community Service Block Grant funding, GECAC leveraged \$5 in nonfederal resources (state, local and private).

\$14M

The majority of GECAC's revenue is invested back into Erie and the surrounding communities.

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