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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR:
Flipping through the photographs in our Annual Report brings a welcomed trip down memory lane for me.
Life often feels like it moves pretty quickly here at the SSJ Neighborhood Network, as we respond to our neighbors’ needs. Taking time for reflection is both a necessity and a source of joy.
On behalf of the Board and staff at the ‘Network, I invite you to enjoy every smiling face on the pages to come as evidence of those endless ways YOU help us continue service to our neighborhoods across the heart of Erie.
More than a report, what follows are photographs of gratitude to all who give of their time and treasure to support our mission. It is the generosity of your gifts that enables us to provide opportunity to our dear neighbors.
We are so grateful for your support.
Heather May Caspar
Executive Director

SOUP KITCHEN
More than 5,200 hot meals were served at our weekly soup kitchen held at St. Paul’s Community Center.

EMERGENCY NEEDS
Individuals and groups stocked our shelves and assisted more than 1,200 walk-in neighbors in need of everything from diapers to a listening ear or referrals.

2018-2019 FINANCES IN REVIEW
Grants, corporate contributions and private donations funded our work this year - with 380 volunteers providing 8,786 hours so nearly every penny goes to our programs!
HOUSING
48 neighbors made their homes in 9 units in our Little Italy neighborhood as part of our Genesis home ownership and affordable housing programs.

BIKES
140 bikes were given away through our programs this year, a new bicycle repair station saw a lot of use at our 436 E. 26th Street office, 102 youth participated in the Pedal Mettle program and our Trips for Kids - Erie kids took 1 field trip to Presque Isle.

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TEEN WORK EXPERIENCE
23 neighborhood teens completed a new work experience this year. They graced our neighborhood gardens, farmers market, bike programs and retail spots, earning their first paychecks, learning job skills and taking pride in jobs well done.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
These two girls showed off their new helmets and learned some new skills at the bike rodeo which drew 117 people. More than 600 joined us at 2 National Night Out evenings, 137 at block parties, and 1,479 at special events at the farmers market.
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Neighborhood Clean-Ups

Over 200 neighbors, university and high school students, ServErie and corporate groups, community service workers - and so many more volunteers helped to keep our streets, alleys and everything in between beautiful and lessened of litter.

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COMMUNITY GARDENS

Neighbors, teens and dedicated volunteers make our areas greater and greener by tending to 8 community gardens. Their beauty and abundance speak louder than any words.

LITTLE ITALY FARMERS MARKET

More than 4,000 people attended the 14 markets this year. Our teens’ urban farm booth joined 9 wonderful, regional farmers for record-breaking sales and an abundance of healthy food, education, community and camaraderie.
PUBLIC ART
Tom Ferraro and Ed Grout adorned the nearly 100-year-old cornerstone that is Larry’s Central Market with a beautiful mural featuring the owner’s family, Little Italy, St. Paul’s Church and traditional neighborhood images.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!
It would not be possible to complete our mission without the 380 wonderful volunteers who graciously donated their talent and a total of 8,786 hours of their time.

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