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Our Mission: The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern Pennsylvania, provides leadership, advocates for local residents, and partners with the broader community to develop opportunities for both personal growth and neighborhood revitalization.

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A Message from our Board Chair

Community — that sets us apart. Our 'network' is not the work we do or the services we provide, but the people we serve and the lives we touch. It is the driving force behind our mission and the source of our strength. In times of adversity, it is our community that rallies together, offering support, compassion, and resilience to our neighbors. Through our connections with one another we find inspiration, collaboration, and the ability to create positive change. Our commitment to each and every member of our community is unwavering, and we strive to create lasting connections that bring us closer together.

In a world that often feels disconnected, it is heartwarming to see the way our organization brings people together. Whether through volunteering, community events, helping families achieve home ownership, hot meals in a friendly atmosphere, or providing access to fresh, locally grown food, we are constantly reminded of the power of unity. Our roots run deep, and we take pride in being woven into the fabric of this vibrant community. Together, we can continue to grow, support, and uplift one another, creating a community that is strong, resilient, and truly rooted in love.

Phil Temple, Board Chair

To be rooted is perhaps the most important and recognized need of the human soul. - Simone Weil

From our Executive Director

A French philosopher and activist, Simone Weil wrote that human rights can only be meaningful if others fulfill their obligation to respect them. She explored the life-giving spiritual, political, and cultural energies which must be nurtured so people may lead lives full of love, joy, and spiritual growth.

For an organization known for gardens, it's easy to attach metaphors about 'roots' and 'growth' to our mission of service. In a modern world where societal and political obligation for the respect of basic human needs like food, warmth, sleep, health, rest, exercise, and fresh air falter, Weil's words – written in 1943 – remain a call to action.

We hope the following pages provide bright spots of hope. SSJNN's work is rooted in, and fed by, the generosity of so many. This enables us to add those life-giving energies which nurture the growth of our 'dear neighbor.' Our obligation is paramount. Thank you for supporting our mission and our work – the need now is greater than ever.

Heather May Caspar Heather Caspar, Executive Director



On the cover:

10 Years of the Little Italy Farmers Market

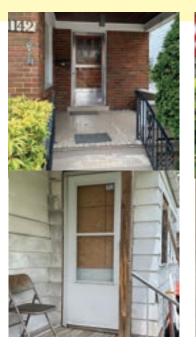
The 10th year of the Little Italy Farmers Market kicked off on June 26, 2023. What began with a passion, our teen workers, and a few local farmers grew immensely in the past decade. The mission stays rooted in providing healthy, affordable, and local produce to the people of Erie as well as bringing our neighbors together.

Supporting Women-Led Households

After completing regular surveying of our neighbors in the summer of 2022, we discovered that 70% of folks we served live in women-led households at or below the poverty line. Thanks to a first-time investment from the Erie Women's Fund Furchak-Ferko Grant Program, we launched a home repair mini-grant initiative for these neighbors. Open to both renters and homeowners, the results of these small grants were transformational.







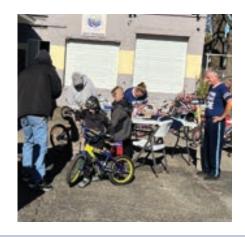


Building Bike Culture in Erie

This year, we continued momentum and distributed 215 bicycles, mainly to refugee and New American families. As the program continues to evolve, we aim to promote alternative transportation, green infrastructure, and quality of life in Erie through biking. Youth enjoyed a beautiful bike trip as part of our Trips For Kids chapter work to Presque Isle.







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Federal Hill Murals

It is impossible to miss the two new murals at the intersection of 26th and Peach Streets! Completed by artists Max Gonzales and Shane Pilster, the murals honor the history and bright future of the Federal Hill neighborhood. We extend appreciation to our building business partners of Dapper Don's and Hoffman's United on the north side and Ink Assassins on the south side.





Save the Date!

We are back with our 17th Annual Guess That Tune Gala this May 11th at 5pm! Join us at the Bayfront Convention Center with Special Hosts Mayor Joe and Rhonda Schember for a "flower power" themed evening you won't want to miss. Live music, dinner, themed baskets, silent auction, and our signature music trivia game will help us fuel our mission for the year to come! More details at www.ssjnn.org/gala.



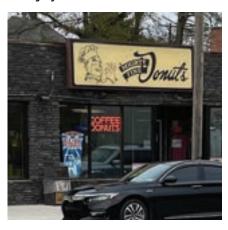


Neighborhood Revitalization

10 locations received face lifts, including private homes, but also some of our hallmark neighborhood businesses. You may have noticed improvements at Enrique's Southeast Mexico Taqueria and Tortilleria in Little Italy, Europa Deli on Federal Hill, and Mighty Fine Donuts at the busy intersection of 26th and Parade Streets. Take a walk by any of these 3, grab a treat, and enjoy.







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Welcoming Neighbors Back

In mid-2022, we collectively made the decision to reopen all our spaces to the community after the worst parts of the pandemic passed. Met with great zeal, our offices are now buzzing with youth in after school tutoring and families learning to repair bikes. The weekly soup kitchen transitioned from take-out only to offering both sit-down and take-out meals. We are so grateful to be together again.







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New Chapter of Investment

SSJNN embarked on a new six-year cycle of funding with our tax credit partners through the PA DCED Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP). A joyful event in Little Italy was held in May of 2023 with partner Highmark Health and their subsidiary United Concordia Dental. Together, we honored Bhutanese refugees Anil and Dirpa Pradhan, who graduated from the NPP-funded Genesis Home buying Program in 2020. We are grateful for Highmark Health and United Concordia Dental, as well as Marquette Bank for their new, 6-year NPP commitment. And for our single-year, NAP partners as well, Erie Insurance and Northwest Bank.

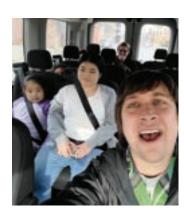


Ford Friendship Van Donation

Persistence pays off! In our eighth year of applying, SSJNN was selected by Erie Ford dealers to receive a new 2022 Ford Transit Van. Our staff and dedicated volunteers for our first 22 years have used their own personal vehicles for all kinds of essential activities to support the community gardens, soup kitchen, youth programming, and more. This is a wonderful step forward for the organization.







Small Business Program Launch

With the support of Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), we launched a new program to provide capacity building and technical assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs in our footprint. Small business development specialists, Paramount Pursuits, Inc., have served as a great partner to provide direct coaching to the eight businesses within our service area, including Enrique's Southeast Mexican Taqueria and Tortilleria, who hosted the public announcement (below). A first in the community, this small business partnership program is offered in both English and Spanish.





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Youth Travel Club

At the beginning of 2023, Youth Program Coordinator Connor Herron took advantage of our new van and launched SSJNN's first youth travel club. Youth involved in any program were invited to join and it was an immediate success. Some of the first trips included the playground at Presque Isle, an educational workshop at Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier, and an art lesson at Erie Clay Space.









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Urban Agriculture Initiatives

SSJNN received significant support from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for our urban agriculture projects to reduce food insecurity. Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding visited us to celebrate Urban Agriculture Week. Additionally, we were awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Farm Bill to transform Namaste Garden to Anthony's Garden to honor our beloved late youth worker Anthony Cortes.





Youth Work Experience

For the season, 12 teens were hired to work in the community gardens, urban farm, and Little Italy Farmers Market. This includes extensive education about urban agriculture but also many other critical skills like maintenance, personal growth, and customer service, all taught and mentored by our outstanding garden coach volunteers.











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Grants, corporate contributions, private gifts from generous donors, in-kind donations, and volunteer hours help to stretch every dollar. We've struggled along-side our neighbors this year, with inflation causing expenses to outpace our income for the first time in years — even as individual needs have grown. Would you help us continue to provide the same level of service to our neighborhoods?

Make Your Donations Go Further

Did you know that many companies match donations made by their employees to SSJNN? Some local eligible companies include Erie Insurance, Wabtec, LORD, and Eriez. Contact Jennifer Kennedy, Donor Relations & Volunteer Coordinator, at 814-454-7814 x 206 or jkennedy@ssjnn.org to coordinate your matching gift.

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Our volunteers bring our mission of revitalizing a neighborhood and empowering its people to life. Over 330 volunteers served a total of 6,366 hours this year, exceeding our pre-pandemic numbers! We extend our appreciation to you for your time and effort to our organization, our neighbors, and our wider community. Interested in getting involved? Call Jennifer Kennedy at 814-454-7814 or sign up at www.ssjnn.org/volunteer.







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After a combined 17 years of tireless service to making a lasting difference in our neighborhoods, Lora Caldwell and Margarita Dangel both retired in 2023. Their heart, compassion, and zeal for SSJNN's neighbors, volunteers, donors, and more cannot be commended enough and they are dearly missed. Join us in wishing them peace and loving kindness in their forward journey!

Lora Caldwell



















Margarita Dangel















