

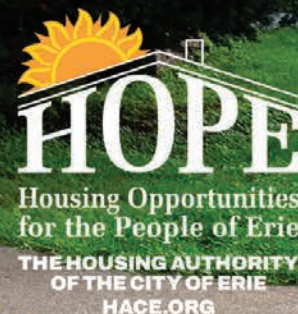
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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



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# 2024 CALENDAR





## As we look back on 2023

it has been a year of programmatic successes, including earning Awards of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies for our Food Insecurity Programs. These programs include partnerships with the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Erie Food Rescue Program, and the HACE Inter-Agency Team that offer programs and events designed to improve access to quality food choices and reduce food insecurity suffered by many residents. Activities include delivering food boxes to seniors, the Produce express program, dinners and lunches for adults and children, and the same-day delivery of ready-to-eat food products. HACE staff estimate that over 500 individuals and families are taking advantage of these programs every month.



HACE currently provides Housing or Rental Assistance to over 3,100 individuals and families every year. We provide this assistance to over 300 new individuals and families yearly through our public housing, multi-family, and Housing Choices Voucher program every year.

2023 has been a year of multiple construction projects that improve HACE properties and bring our properties up to modern-day standards, and, in most cases, reduce yearly maintenance costs. Construction projects during the past 12 months have included complete bathroom renovations at over 60 Harbor Homes residences, roof replacement at the Pineview Housing Development, sealing and striping of HACE parking lots, replacing windows and doors at Friendship Apartments, replacing entry doors at Harbor Homes and Harbor Homes Annex

Apartments, floor replacement throughout public housing, installation of new furnaces and central air conditioning at Better Housing, installing metal roofs at over 20 scattered site units, and making ready over 225 apartments for individuals and families moving into their new homes.

Many thanks go to our hard-working and passionate staff and Board of Directors who live the HACE Mission of providing Safe, Quality, and Affordable Housing that leads to Economic and Family Self-sufficiency.







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## ELLEN CURRY FOUNDATION

The Ellen Curry Foundation was created by former HACE Board member Ellen Curry, who, upon her death, left the bulk of her estate to create a program to provide scholarships for children residing in public housing or Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 homes to have the opportunity to attend private schools. The Foundation later expanded by creating the Louis J. Tullio Scholarship to assist youth in attending college. Pictured are the recipients of the 2023 Louis J. Tullio Scholarships along with Ellen Curry Foundation Board members Jessica Horan and Michael R. Fraley.





# JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18 HACE Board Meeting	19	20
21	22 HACE Board Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



## FOOD INSECURITY PROGRAMS

Every month Housing Authority staff and our partners from the HACE Inter-Agency Team deliver and serve food to over 500 individuals and families. Lunches and dinners are served daily at the YMCA Kids Clubs and the John F. Kennedy Center. Food Boxes and food express programs deliver between 150 and 200 staples, including canned foods, milk, desserts, fresh fruits, and vegetables, to over 150 residents at the John E. Horan Garden Apartments and Eastbrook. Senior Boxes with essential food items are delivered monthly to over 125 residents at the four HACE high-rise buildings. HACE staff and the GECAC HomePlus Program partner with the Food Rescue Program to deliver ready-to-eat food items to over 80 Schmid Towers and Friendship Apartment residents on a weekly basis. Lastly, HACE staff partner with groups including Michael Making Lives Better, Widget Financial, Onex Industries, and Grace Baptist Church to provide holiday meals to senior and disabled residents.

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# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents' Day	20	21	22 HACE Board Meeting	23	24
25	26 HACE Board Meeting	27	28	29 Leap Day	1	2



# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICE AND PROBATION SERVICES PROGRAM (C.O.P.P.S.)

Since 1999 the Housing Authority has partnered with the City of Erie Police Department to provide community policing to every Authority neighborhood and high-rise building. This partnership has produced a dramatic decline in criminal activity in HACE communities. C.O.P.P.S. officers have become a positive presence in HACE communities, conducting bike and walking patrols along with daily drive-throughs of all HACE communities. They are a fixture at HACE community events, including monthly delivery of food and participation in summer youth activities, including the Learn to Fish and Golf Programs, and serving as cooks at the Annual Family Picnic. Every two years HACE provides the City of Erie with a new C.O.P.P.S. vehicle. Pictured are long-time Quebec officers Tom Borrelli, Mike Roofner, and Sgt. Tom Covatto.





# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1	2 Read Across America Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Start of Daylight Savings Beginning of Ramadan	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 First Day of Spring	20	21 HACE Board Meeting	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Easter	HACE Board Meeting				Good Friday	



# THERAPY DOGS PROGRAM

HACE partners with the Erie County Library and Therapy Dogs United to bring HACE youth together with Therapy Dogs as part of a monthly reading program. The goal is to encourage youth who might not want to read in front of a group to read to their furry friends who are certified as Therapy Dogs and taught to help the children to relax and want to read out loud.





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HACE Board Meeting

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Earth Day  
HACE Board Meeting

Arbor Day

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## FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM (FSS)

For the past 20 years HACE FSS staff have worked with public housing and Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8 participants to improve their economic and family self-sufficiency. FSS caseworkers assist residents in addressing financial difficulties including debt and poor credit scores, provide classes on developing savings accounts, improving employment, the intricacies of home ownership, and improving educational and job skills. Pictured is FSS graduate Josanie Delvalle-Maldonado and her children at their new home that was purchased with help from funds she received from her FSS Escrow Savings Account. In 2023 13 participants graduated from the FSS Program, with three purchasing their first home. Since the inception of the FSS program, 165 participants have graduated and 54 have purchased their first home.



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HACE Board Meeting

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Memorial Day

HACE Board Meeting



# HOUSING AUTHORITY GARDENS

Hundreds of HACE residents plant beautiful and productive flower and vegetable gardens in every HACE Community. For over 30 years HACE has sponsored an Annual Flower and Vegetable Garden Contest that recognizes HACE residents for their efforts in beautifying HACE communities. Pictured is the 2023 Flower Garden winner Yevgeniya Zvyagintseva who lives in the HACE community of Harbor Homes Annex.





# JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day			Juneteenth	First Day of Summer HACE Board Meeting		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	HACE Board Meeting					





## 25TH ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Over 1600 HACE residents attended the 25th Annual Family Picnic at Waldameer amusement park. Residents receive an all-day ride ticket, a commemorative t-shirt designed by a young HACE resident, access to a social service area with over 20 agencies advertising their services and providing information and gifts, plus a picnic grilled lunch cooked by C.O.P.P.S. program members and served by HACE Inter-Agency Team members. Pictured are the members of the HACE Inter-Agency Team who, through their hard work, make the picnic successful, and Ronisha Drew and her daughter who attended the 2023 picnic.



# JULY

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Parents' Day



# RODGER YOUNG POOL

The Housing Authority partners with the City of Erie Parks and Recreation Department and the YMCA of Greater Erie to offer open swimming and swimming lessons to the surrounding community and, in particular, public housing residents. Transportation is provided to the Rodger Young pool for young residents living in the John E. Horan Garden Apartments, Bird Drive, Agnes Priscaro Apartments, Erie Heights, and Pineview.

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# AUGUST

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HACE Board Meeting

HACE Board Meeting





## FAMILY SUCCESS

2023 John E. Horan Memorial Scholarship recipient Chrinesse Mpunga and her mother Michou Ntambwe, a recent graduate of the HACE Family Self-sufficiency Program, are pictured in photos highlighting the successes they have achieved on the journey they are currently on. Ms. Ntambwe is in the final stages of receiving her bachelor's degree in early childhood development from West Penn University. Ms. Mpunga is in her first year of law school at George Washington University. Both mother and daughter immigrated from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and have been on a path to success utilizing the HACE Family Self-sufficiency Program, the Summer Internship Program and the Ellen Curry Foundation and Louis J. Tullio Scholarship Program.





# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8 Grandparents' Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 First Day of Autumn	23 HACE Board Meeting	24	25	26 HACE Board Meeting	27 Native American Day	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5





## HOLIDAY EVENTS

Throughout the year HACE sponsors events for residents of all ages. These include Meet Your Neighbor Days, National Night Out, Senior events including health fairs, bingo and holiday parties/dinners and multiple youth recreational activities including Learn to Fish and Golf Program, Nature, Art, and Music Camps, trips to special events including the Erie Playhouse. Pictured here is an inter-generational activity where youth from the YMCA dressed up for Halloween and went to three HACE High-rise buildings for an evening of trick or treating followed by hot cocoa and cookies.



# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 Rosh Hashanah	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Yom Kippur
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 HACE Board Meeting	25	26
27	28 HACE Board Meeting	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2





# DAFMARK CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM

HACE has always understood the value of bringing the creative arts to youth. Young people succeed at a higher level when they have access to creative arts. Our partnership with Dafmark matches youth with programs in music, fine arts, ceramic arts, drama, performance arts, and dance. Youth learn the importance of creativity and taking a project to its completion. They have an Annual Show where participating youth display and sell their artwork. Dafmark was recently awarded a 21st Century grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to expand its services to include educational support. Pictured here are two youth working wood and ceramic sculptures.





# NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 HACE Board Meeting	22	23
24	25 HACE Board Meeting	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30




## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

HACE prides itself in offering daily and weekly activities for our high-rise apartments senior and disabled residents to participate in recreational, health education, and special interest activities. These include bingo, arts and crafts, movies, health education presentations, recreational outings, community meals, food insecurity programs, and our summer picnic, which this summer was held at Nick's Place in Edinboro. Our residents take pride in decorating their community rooms and living spaces as this photo shows. Every year over 100 residents participate in a door decorating contest during the month of December.



# DECEMBER

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
		New Year's Eve				
				HACE Board Meeting		First Day of Winter
				Hanukkah First Day of Kwanzaa		





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