

2019

# ANNUAL REPORT

EAST END UNITED  
COMMUNITY CENTER



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# 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mr. Aaron Lantz

Mr. John Purcell, Esquire

Mrs. Joan A. Tracy

Rev. Douglas Wright

Rev. Dr. Gary Yarbrough

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## 2019 MLK DAY

"The story is still being written..."

Every year we celebrate the strength and beauty of our community and the notion that we become stronger together. This year Rev. Johnson from Third Presbyterian Church shared important thoughts with us as he spoke at our breakfast. "Through the years our nation continues to struggle," remarked Johnson. "Some say the more we change, the more we stay the same. Isn't it interesting that our nation claims to have put to death many of the societal injustices that our nation is gripped by - you know, the isms: genderism, racism, sexism and the like. It's interesting with all the claims that we have put these to death, we have still not had a funeral." Johnson said the story is still being written. "We are still struggling to make a country and its people awake," Johnson spoke on the benefits of gathering together people who live in a community who can work together to share ideas and make a difference. "We create a place where we love to live and where the dream does not die." Speaking of dreams... our kiddos were so excited to be invited the following month to celebrate black history month at Nemaocolin where they enjoyed a private tour and gourmet meal cooked by world renowned chefs!

## OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Alvin Moore has been proudly serving the East End United Community Center for over 24 years. Over the years he has witnessed and experienced the many changes a small community based organization is destined to undergo. Alvin often speaks about those who came to the center as children and show up at the doors a decade or two later with children of their own. It is truly a blessing to have his longevity, patient spirit and wealth of knowledge about the history of the EEUCC. We thank him for his many years of service and look forward to many more!



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## MILTON HERSHEY

Each spring and summer we are paid a visit by a group of great kids engaging in service learning projects from the Milton Hershey School. Students and staff visit with EEUCC youth, stepping outside of their day-to-day routine by giving back through a variety of activities. This year, students and staff taught youth how to hand tie blankets and plant a garden. Fun was had by all!

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Fayette County Community Action Agency's Neighborhood Partnership Program sponsors EEUCC's newest initiative "It Takes A Village Reading Program" where youth in our after school program hear from local business owners and various individuals serving the community about their career paths. We have had a range of guest; from Dr. Ben Baker, owner and lead vet at Alpha Veterinary Services to our local Uniontown Police Department and EMS come to the center to read a story to the kids and share with them what they cherish and what they are challenged with regarding their careers.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Ms. Tina Tucker, EEUCC's Board Member at Large, working to complete her MA in Counseling completed an internship with us as she created group therapy sessions for youth teaching them skills on how to understand and process their emotions. Youth participated in fun activities that allowed them to express the challenges of adolescence all while building self-confidence and stronger bonds with one another.



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## FISHING ANYONE?

What a treat! This spring we took a trip up the mountain to do some trout fishing with our friends from the Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited! The kids learned how to hook bait, reel in a line, and catch and clean a fish. There is nothing like the great outdoors and we are forever grateful to those who reach out to us and assist in providing our students with life changing opportunities such as these!



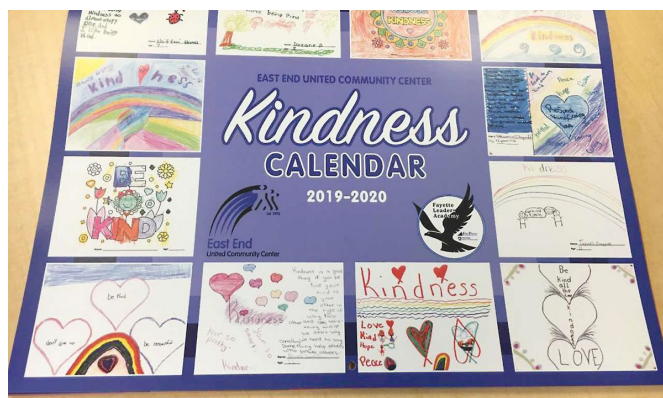
## SLEEPING BEAUTIES

Thanks to the coordinating efforts of volunteer and Board Member Mrs. Terry Burden and several volunteers, a group of students from our after school program took a trip into Pittsburgh to see Sleeping Beauty at the Benedum. This was the first time they saw a live ballet and they learned so much! From patience to etiquette, the kids had a once in a lifetime, new and exciting experience. They were the sleeping beauties on the bus ride home. We can't wait to see the next show!



## FAYETTE LEADERS

Youth in our after school program are enjoying increased learning opportunities thanks to the 2019 Fayette Leaders Academy. In collaboration with sponsors and community mentors, the academy provided the classroom with new carpeting, furniture, lighting and technology that includes a 3-D printer, additional printer, two computers and four tablets with four sets of headphones. They created a library area with a new rug, books and bookshelves as well as STEM activities. Youth participated by creating a kindness calendar to thank donors for their support.





## 2019 SILVER GEN

Silver Generation is a group of seniors (ages 55+) from the East End community and beyond who meet in fellowship each week to plan activities and events that support community building efforts throughout the East End. This year, our group grew as we began taking monthly trips to experience the region such as a visit to Pittsburgh's Botanical Gardens and a tour and tasting at Christian Clay's Winery. We are looking forward increasing opportunities for community building, cultural exposure and networking next year!



## LITTLE LEGENDS ON THE RISE

Little Legends Daycare and pre-school program provides quality care and early education to dozens of children and families. This year, with the support of PA's Early Learning Resource Center we have risen to a Stars 2 certification and we are well on our way to certifying as a Stars 3 site. This certification provides us with credibility and resources to continue providing our kids with quality early education opportunities, paving their way to a successful future.



## MEET OUR DAYCARE DIRECTOR

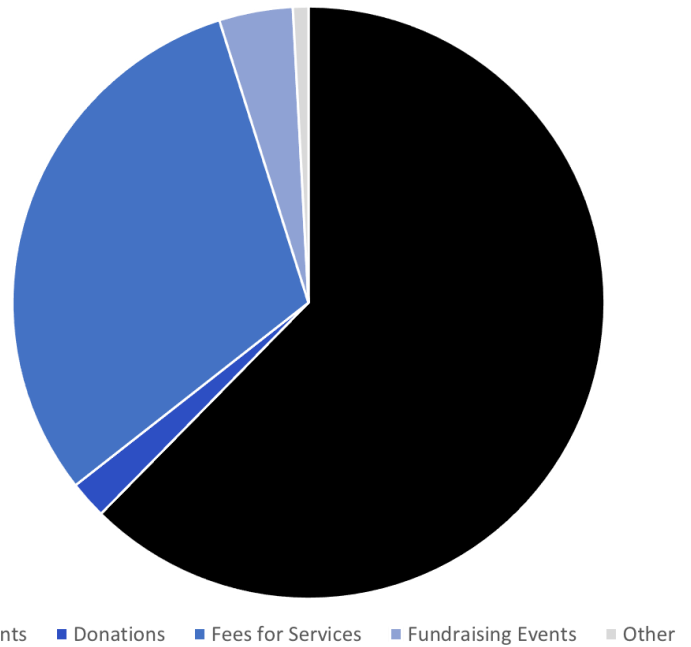
Ms. Lauren Porterfield came to the East End United Community Center in April of this year with a BA in Human Development and Family Studies from PSU, after 1.5 years of working with youth at Chestnut Ridge as a mental health counselor and 5 years of experience working in childcare. Lauren was immediately drawn to the opportunity of working in an organization that provides support to the whole family. "I believe that incorporating emotional and social learning skills into a young child's life is crucial for a healthy and stable lifestyle later on in their adolescent and adult years." Lauren has a profound ability to work well with others, is extremely organized, and holds a high level of compassion for people. Her expertise, experience and positivity is priceless!



## 2019 Year in Review

# TOTAL REVENUE

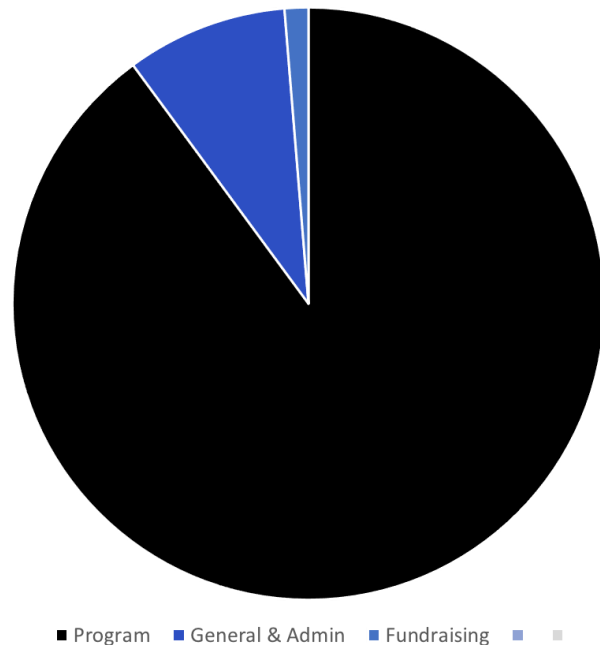
GRANTS	\$565,674
DONATIONS	\$18,660
FEEES FOR SERVICES	\$278,544
FUNDRAISING.	\$36,490
OTHER	\$7,669
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$907,037</b>



## Overview of 2019

# EXPENSES

PROGRAM	\$844,536
GENERAL & ADMIN	\$82,669
FUNDRAISING	\$12,186
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$939,391</b>





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