



Community of Caring

# CARING NOTES

OCTOBER 2025

*"Love can change the world"*



## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Have you seen the vibrant "Harvest Moon" glowing in the sky? When I think of how it lights up the sky, I see it as lighting up the way for those who might be sleeping outside. We hope no one has to sleep on the street in Erie...but they do.*

*Community of Caring is here for those seeking a haven for the night or longer... so we can work on whatever they need to get them into permanent housing.*

*Thank you for the help you give as we work daily to keep those who come to us for shelter, food, clothing, or someone to help them get their birth certificates and ID. You are our "Harvest Moon", that shines brightly giving hope to those in need.*

*With much Gratitude,*

*Chris*

## MAKE AN IMPACT

- Support our Mission...**"to meet basic human needs in a loving way."**
- Volunteer your time.
- Be aware of the struggles and the needs of the homeless.
- Provide items on our needs list below.

### COC NEEDS LIST

- ❖ Laundry Detergent
- ❖ Disinfectant spray
- ❖ Bathroom cleaner
- ❖ Dish Soap
- ❖ Paper products
- ❖ Feminine products
- ❖ Razors
- ❖ Deodorant



## FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS:

- It is unfair to assume that all homeless individuals actively and consciously choose homelessness. **THEY DON'T!**
- Many homeless do have jobs - but still cannot afford rent!
- In a recent study 49 % of homeless people were the victims of a violent attack.

## *No Place like Home!!! – A story of Hope!!!*

I want to tell you a story about Toby ... A shy feeble fellow who had no place to call home... he was scared when he thought about being homeless. Over the last few years, he had several strokes, and his health was not good. The staff at CoC knew he was a resident that needed their help to save his life. With the help of our staff and staff at CCBH and ECCM – they helped him through the obstacles that had been holding him back from securing permanent housing. Then it happened, he got a call that there could be a place in a group home. He was so excited to be able to visit the site that it melted the staff's heart. When he saw the home, he smiled from ear to ear. After the group home staff met Toby, they knew he was the right fit to complete the group and make it a family. One of his dreams was to have his sister visit him in his own home and soon that will happen. Toby says, thank you to all who helped him get his new place. And YES, you were one of those who helped – by supporting Community of Caring – you are changing lives – one at a time.

## URGENT

**Volunteers needed at the COC food pantry - Call Vee at 814-315-8324**



For more information about Community of Caring or to donate go to [www.cocerie.org](http://www.cocerie.org) or use our QR code