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ANNUAL REPORT

"At the heart of Edna Martin's mission in life was her love for children."
Sister of the Solid Rock (Acknowledgements)





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Organization Overview

Who we are -- and what we do

In our eighty-second year of service in Martindale-Brightwood, the Edna Martin Christian Center team continued to work with our community residents, offering programs and resources, and exploring new strategies to meet their goals. We continued to see near-pandemic-levels of requests for support, particularly in our food pantry and social services department.

In addition, EMCC identified priorities for internal growth--from the launch of our Community Based Development Organization subsidiary, to developing a wellness initiative to support our hardworking team. Overall, EMCC spent 2023 combining proven programs with innovative new strategies in our pursuit of excellence.



Our Vision

We envision neighborhoods where individuals and families have everything they need to learn, live, work, and play in a peaceful, connected, and thriving environment.

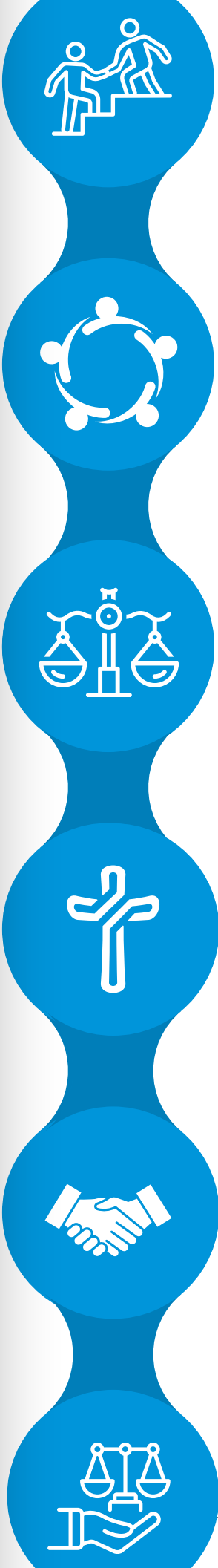
Diversity Statement

Commitment: Edna Martin Christian Center is committed to foster an inclusive environment where individual differences among us are respected, appreciated and recognized as qualities that enrich the environment in which we work and serve. In order to realize fully our mission, we are committed to actively fostering diversity, inclusion and cultural competency throughout our operational efforts.

Diversity is defined as a concept which is based on acceptance and respect. It is acceptance that each individual is unique and the individual's differences are recognized. These differences include race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, political and religious beliefs, age, the influence of one's culture, the effects of physical and mental limitations and ethnic factors which influence how one interacts. Acceptance and respect come from investigating, discussing and understanding these differences and then demonstrating one's embracement of the concept through actions.

Our Mission

To invest in the lives of all in Martindale-Brightwood and surrounding neighborhoods through community-driven opportunities that foster stability, growth, and a vision of hope.



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Our Six Core Values

What are our core values? We have six major ones!

Servant Leadership

Demonstrating our leadership through serving the community with humility, compassion and excellence.

Community

Amplifying community voice to galvanize actions towards social and economic justice.

Equity

Fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring access to resources for all who benefit and serve.

Faith

Grounding our ministry in faith with a love for our neighbors and hope for a brighter future.

Collaboration

Promoting authentic collaborations essential to achieving desired outcomes

Integrity

Holding ourselves to the highest standards in stewardship while embracing community accountability.

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Vital Statistics

Important outcomes from Edna Martin’s core programs.

Youth Program

- 228 regularly attending students in grades K-12 were served in high quality OST programs; regularly attending students are defined by those who have attending programming for at least 60 days between January 1 and December 31
- 195 students indicated that they have increased their knowledge of civic responsibility by participating in service learning, as evidenced by semester-end student surveys

Martindale Brightwood Education Zone / Family Success

- 190 Enrolled families have received supportive services
- 153 Parents/caregivers have increased participation in children’s learning activities
- 229 families have attended a social capital event, family engagement event, or community event

Community Solutions and Entrepreneurship Center

- 34 new participants enrolled
- 1 participant received business start-up funds (loans, grants)
- 10 participants developed a business plan and pitch

Community Services

- 1,811 unduplicated residents accessing food resources
- 179,820 pounds of food were distributed
- 875 residents accessing financial-barrier-removal supports
- A total of \$812,348.00 in barrier-removal assistance was provided.

Childcare Ministry

- 20 young children enrolled in Edna Martin Childcare Ministry (ages 6 weeks–2 years)
- 53 children enrolled in the Leadership & Legacy Preschool (ages 3–5 years)
- 17 ECE students achieving age-appropriate developmental milestones prior to entering Kindergarten as demonstrated by an evidence-based assessment

School-Aged Youth

- 198 students in who demonstrate increased pro-social behaviors (working well in groups, getting along with others who are different than them, and listening to others’ ideas), as evidenced by semester-end student surveys
- More than 75 families were engaged in fun, social capital building events throughout the year that encouraged academic support in school, social emotional learning and healthy living.

Career Education and Training Academy / Center For Working Families

- 71 members achieving employment
- 120 members achieving education goal
- 19 members increasing income
- 17 members increasing net worth
- 14 members increasing credit score

YES Program

- 78 new enrollments in YES program
- 47 members achieving employment
- 11 members maintaining employment for 90 days or more
- 44 members achieving a certificate

Senior Angels

- 54 seniors engaged in quality of life-affirming activities leading to social capital development
- 30 seniors received regular wellness checks
- 24 attended a Thanksgiving Dinner
- 30 attendees and nine shut-in Angels received Christmas gifts provided by staff, partner, and board-member donations.
- 75 received prepared meals, congregate meals, pantry bags, and commodities
- 65 seniors (on average) attend BINGO!
- 13 Seniors contributed to community goals through activities designed to utilize their leadership skills.

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Edna Martin Highlights

In 2023, Edna Martin Christian Center made significant strides in supporting the Martindale-Brightwood community.

Christmas

EMCC hosted several Christmas events in 2023, including our Senior Bible Study group, Family Success/MBEZ, and we even participated in the KIPP middle-school Christmas party since many of our participants attend there. Our largest party was our middle school party with 75 people in attendance, including students with parents/grandparents.

We handed out about 60 gifts to students that were donated from the Indiana Pacers. There was a nacho bar and drinks. We had cookie decorating, stocking stuffer decorating, ornament making/decorating, ginger-bread house station, and a Photo Booth.

Juneteenth

The week before Juneteenth, we held a community arts and music night with special speakers, choirs, praise dancers, art, and vendors.

As we have for 4 years, students, staff, and community members gathered together for a one-mile peace walk around the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. The Peace Walk idea came from our students, as a way to speak out against racism and violence and to promote peace and community.

Thanksgiving

On November 21, 2023, we were privileged to serve nearly 700 free, pre-packaged, hot Thanksgiving meals. This is the third year that our annual dinner has been a drive-through event. First Baptist Church of Indianapolis provided all the food, supplies, and many of the volunteers.

Other volunteers include Sigma Gamma Rho (along with their Rhosebuds and Rhowers), Free Wheelin’ Community Bikes, the Center for Research on Inclusion & Social Policy, Boy Scout Troop 123, and many EMCC staff members.

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2023 Fundraisers

In addition to raising money, Edna Martin fundraisers are an important way to introduce our ministry to new people. Here’s a recap of our 2023 fundraisers:

Walking For Dreams

Sun, May 21, 2023

Crown Hill Cemetery
Participants: 40
40 Revenue: \$3,030
Expenses: \$475
Net Profit: \$2,555

14th Annual Golf Outing

Thurs, August 24, 2023

Frederick Douglass Golf Course
Participants: 36
Sponsorships: 7
Revenue: \$6,168.00
Expenses: \$2,058.90
Net Profit: \$4,109.10

5th Annual Monopoly Tournament

Sat, October 21, 2023

Leadership & Legacy orange room
Participants: 52 (from seven states)
Sponsorships: 11
Revenue: \$6,511.00
Expenses: \$3,682.86
Net Profit: \$2,882.14



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Organizational Sustainability

Edna Martin Community Center has experienced rapid growth in recent years. We continue to identify and pursue the vital resources required to remain a leader in our community while sustaining and improving our resident-focused programs and services.

Income	2023	2022
Support & Revenue		
Contributions	\$275,410.29	\$192,643.76
Grants	\$5,275,902.50	\$5,837,680.70
Service Revenue & Program Fees	\$18,471.03	\$1,316,075.20
	\$1,424,208.96	
Total Support & Revenue	\$6,993,992.78	\$7,346,399.66

Expenses

Total Expenses	\$6,306,951.12	\$6,309,388.00
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Other Gains

Gains (Losses) on Investments	-\$369,125.26	-\$732,110.73
Net Income (loss)	-\$1,056,166.92	-\$304,900.93

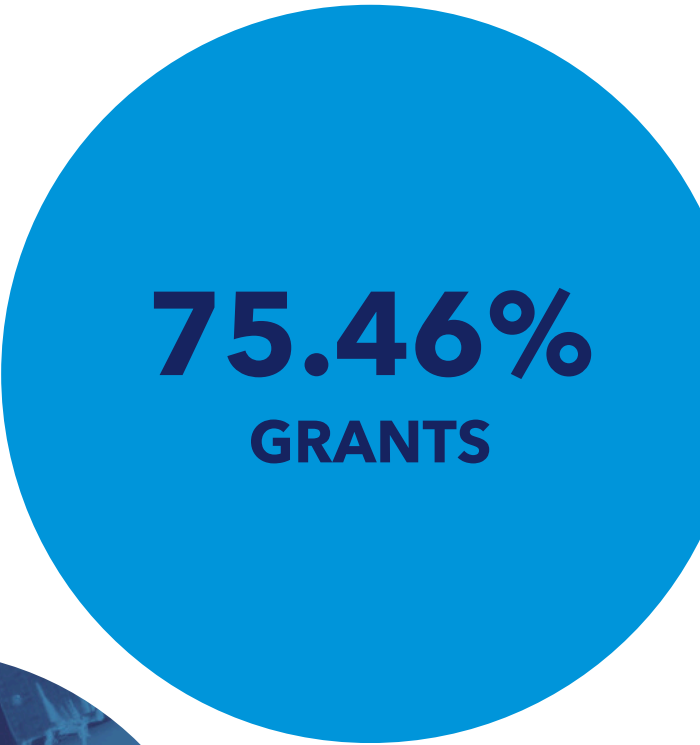
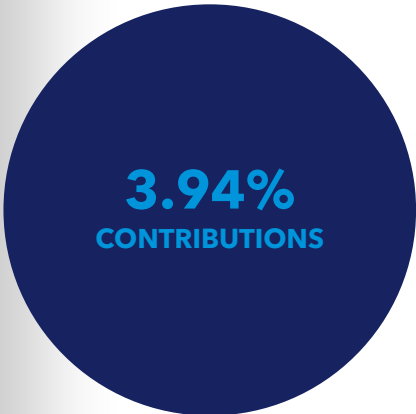
Total Change in Net Assets	\$725,898.24	\$308,099.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$16,761,008.12	\$15,884,477.00
Net Assets, End of Year	\$17,486,906.36	\$16,192,576.00

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Diverse Support

Edna Martin Christian Center continues to pursue diverse funding opportunities to invest in our families, our team, and our community.

Each dollar we received in 2023 (rounded for this illustration) allowed us to reach more neighbors and deepen our relationships:



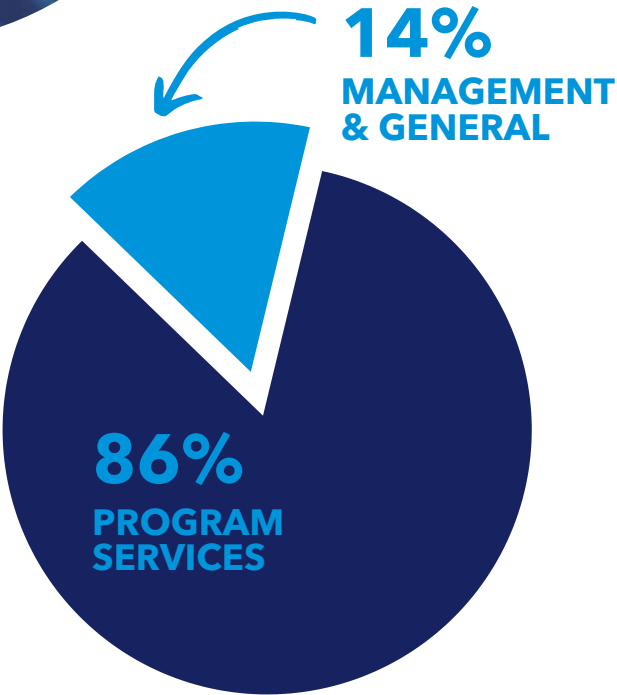
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Responsible Stewardship

The Edna Martin Christian Center is committed to focusing our time, talent & treasure on investing in people.

As a result, we pour our funding into programs, services, and the team who walk alongside our members, every step of the way.

 Edna Martin Christian Center's financial statements are audited by CLA, LLP of Indianapolis.



The image features a blue-tinted background photograph of a group of five people (three women and two men) smiling and posing outdoors. They are wearing matching dark t-shirts with a logo. In the foreground, there are tables with various items, including a white basket, a water bottle, and some papers. The text 'EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER' is overlaid in white, with a stylized cross logo to the left of the text.

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