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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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



“ We are building peaceful, connected, thriving neighborhoods in the Martindale-Brightwood Community.

- Edna Martin Christian Center

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Organization Overview

In our eighty-fourth year of service in Martindale-Brightwood, the Edna Martin Christian Center team continued to walk alongside our neighbors, providing programs, resources, and encouragement that support their goals for stability and growth. Requests for assistance remained high, especially for food and financial supports, reflecting the continued need within our community and EMCC's commitment to respond with compassion and excellence.

Throughout 2024, EMCC focused on strengthening both our organization and our partnerships. We purchased our first lots through our Community-Based Development Organization subsidiary, expanded wellness initiatives for staff, and supported the successful completion of an updated Martindale-Brightwood Quality of Life Plan—a community-driven roadmap that will guide neighborhood priorities for the next five years. With the community's QoL Plan as a foundation, EMCC's board and leadership team completed a Strategic Plan refresh that will guide our work through 2030.

Grounded in faith and guided by vision, EMCC continues to blend proven approaches with innovative new strategies—empowering residents and partners alike to build a peaceful, connected, and thriving Martindale-Brightwood.



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.



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.



Our Core Values

Faith: Grounding our ministry in faith with a love for our neighbors and hope for a brighter future. Servant Leadership: Demonstrating our leadership through serving the community with humility, compassion and excellence. Equity: Fostering a sense of belonging and ensuring access to resources for all who benefit and serve. Community: Amplifying community voice to galvanize actions towards social and economic justice. 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

School-Aged Youth Program

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

Martindale Brightwood Education Zone / Family Success

- 117 Enrolled families have received supportive services
- 217 Parents/caregivers have increased participation in children's learning activities
- 288 families have attended a social capital event, family engagement event, or community event

Community Solutions and Entrepreneurship Center

- 36 new participants enrolled
- 12 participants received business start-up funds (loans, grants)
- 20 participants developed a business plan and pitch

Community Services

- 1627 residents accessing food resources
- 197,500 pounds of food were distributed
- 744 residents accessing financial- barrier- removal supports
- A total of \$298,570 in barrier-removal assistance was provided

Career Education and Training Academy / Center For Working Families

- 83 members achieving employment
- 91 members achieving education goal
- 40 members increasing income
- 52 members increasing net worth
- 83 members increasing credit score

YES Program

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

Senior Angels

- 58 seniors engaged in quality of life-affirming activities
- 30 seniors received regular wellness checks
- 6 received a Thanksgiving Dinner
- 22 attendees and nine shut-in Angels received Christmas gifts provided by staff, partner, and board member donations
- 58 received prepared meals, congregate meals, pantry bags, and commodities
- 32 seniors (on average) attend BINGO

Childcare Ministry

- 37 young children enrolled in Edna Martin Childcare Ministry (ages 6 weeks-2 years)
- 70 children enrolled in the Leadership & Legacy Preschool (ages 3-5 years)
- 22 ECE students enter Kindergarten on time

“EMCC is proud to serve as a backbone agency for residents and friends of Martindale-Brightwood.”

- Barato Britt



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Edna Martin Highlights

Christmas

EMCC hosted several Christmas events in 2024, including our Winter Wonderland, YES Indy Holiday Celebration, Holiday Store, Christmas Night of Lights, and Senior Angels Christmas Party. Winter Wonderland, provided by Parents As Teachers, Family Success, and Childcare, welcomed 56 participants.

Our Simply Santa event, supported by community partner Easterseals, was also part of the celebrations. YES Indy Holiday Celebration saw 7 participants, while the Holiday Store served 30 people through our social services program. Christmas Night of Lights had 5 attendees, and the Senior Angels Christmas Party hosted 22 seniors.



Juneteenth

The week leading up to Juneteenth, we hosted a community arts and music night featuring special speakers, choirs, praise dancers, local art, and vendors.

Continuing a yearly tradition, students, staff, and community members came together for a one-mile Peace Walk through the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. Inspired by our students, the walk serves as a meaningful way to stand against racism and violence while promoting peace and community connection.

Thanksgiving

On November 26, 2024, we were privileged to serve over 500 free, hot Thanksgiving meals to the community during our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. All EMCC staff helped make the day possible, what a great day of service and celebration!

In Family Success, we hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the community, while both 37th Place and LLA centered the month around Thanksgiving with special meals for all the children. From November 18–22, 2024, teachers planned a variety of arts and crafts activities, which the children really enjoyed, making the month a fun and festive celebration of gratitude.





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Organizational Sustainability

Income	2024	2023
Support & Revenue		
Contributions	\$275,410.29	\$225,830.14
Grants	\$5,275,902.50	\$ 6,972,709.89
Service Revenue & Program Fees	\$18,471.03	\$ 123,547.45
	\$1,424,208.96	
Total Support & Revenue	\$6,993,992.78	\$7,322,087.48

Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$6,306,951.12	\$7,990,919.97

Other Gains		
Gains (Losses) on Investments	-\$433,808.78	-\$369,125.26
Net Income (loss)	-\$235,023.71	-\$1,056,166.92

Total Change in Net Assets	\$668,810.24	\$725,898.24
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$20,423,960.93	\$16,761,008.12
Net Assets, End of Year	\$21,092,771.17	\$17,486,906.36

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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 2024 (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 SIKICH, CPA LLC.

