

# 2004-2005 Annual Report

Each fiscal year, EECM presents a detailed report of its activities. Once again, donors, volunteers, and other supporters can rest assured that their faith in us has been well-placed. The numbers speak for themselves.

**EECM Hunger Services** provide for some of the most basic of people's needs, nourishing not only their health and well-being, but also their sense of hope.

- During this past year, the **EECM Soup Kitchen** served 27,793 lunches to people needing a hot, nutritious noonday meal. This is an average of 106 people served per day, 2,316 per month.
- Through the **Food Pantry**, 5,023 households, an average of 418 per month, received emergency groceries and resource information.
- Homebound / elderly who are unable to prepare their own meals received 21,010 meals through **EECM's Meals on Wheels**. Meals are provided to approximately 87 clients daily.
- Assistance was provided to 85 people to help them complete applications for the **Dollar Energy** program.

**EECM Housing Services** continue to be sorely needed. Occupancy at the Men's Shelter, for example, frequently exceeds the number of beds the facility was designed to hold.

- The **Men's Shelter** provided 12,311 nights of shelter to 546 men ages 18-79. At least 148 were military veterans, and at least 119 had mental health problems or issues. Services include hot evening meals, breakfasts, shower and laundry facilities, and case management.
- By the time they left the Shelter, 137 men had income from employment.

- Nineteen men participated in **Bridge Housing**, a 12-month program for homeless men making the transition from emergency shelters to independent living.
- **PennFree Housing** served 39 adults, 11 of whom had children. This 12-month program provides housing and support for men and women recovering from substance abuse.
- **Safe Haven** assisted eight chronically homeless, mentally ill men, providing housing and support.
- **The Drop-In Center** welcomed homeless and mentally ill people each weekday, giving them a place where they could socialize, enjoy snacks, and obtain assistance from EECM case managers and staff from local medical and social service providers.
- At the **Orr Compassionate Care Center**, 145 men and women received non-medical respite care for a total of 3,531 nights. These are people who were unable to return to their residences when they were discharged from a hospital.

**EECM Children & Youth Programs** are designed to help young people succeed in school, explore personal interests, and avoid substance abuse and violent influences.

- **School Programs** reached out to more than 900 at-risk elementary, middle, and high school students, providing tutoring, recreation, life skills, alcohol / tobacco / drug prevention, and violence prevention activities.
- **Summer Day Camp** provided education and fun for 250 active youngsters during the program's five weeks.
- Approximately 15,000 people attended the two-day **E-Fest** arts and musical festival which was planned and produced by 11 specially trained high school students.

## Year Ended June 30, 2005

