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\$1.4M St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project Update

Thanks to Our Donors, We've Made Over \$1.3M of Improvements to Sarah Reed's St. Ann's Campus Since Summer 2022!

With a century of history behind us and a bright future ahead, we are deeply grateful to the many individuals and organizations who have stepped forward to support the multi-phase *St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project*. Having started my career at the Children's Center right here at St. Ann's, located at 1020 East 10th Street in Erie, I know firsthand the challenges faced by the children and families we serve—and how vital this campus is to their healing and success. Thanks to your incredible support, we have made significant progress in preserving and revitalizing this historic campus, from major work on the building's windows, doors and masonry to the recent repaving of our parking lot. **These projects are about so much more than maintaining a building—they are about creating a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where the young people and families who walk through our doors every day can feel valued, cared for and ready to learn, grow and thrive.** Every project you have helped make possible strengthens this special place and helps ensure that St. Ann's can continue to serve children and families for generations to come.

I'm incredibly grateful to our **303** St. Ann's supporters who have helped us make **\$1.3M** in necessary improvements since Summer 2022! Your investment in the mission and vision of Sarah Reed means the world to us. Because of your generosity, we are able to offer innovative, compassionate care to our youth and families and strengthen the Pulaski-Lighthouse neighborhood we proudly call home.

To all of our donors—thank you! Your support has made a lasting impact on our St. Ann's Campus, and we are committed to building on that legacy and ensuring a bright future for years to come. If you would like to tour the St. Ann's Campus or learn more about supporting its continued preservation, I invite you to reach out to Gary Bukowski, Associate Vice President of Development, at (814) 835-7602 or GBukowski@SarahReed.org.

Thank you for being an important part of our St. Ann's Campus legacy and for helping us ensure this special place continues to serve children and families for generations to come.



Dr. Adrienne Dixon
President and CEO
Sarah A. Reed Children's Center

Sarah Reed Hosts ECGRA Press Conference & Receives \$55,000 Anchor Building Grant



We were thrilled to welcome the **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA)** to our St. Ann's Campus on October 1, 2025, for their announcement of \$570,000 in community investments through the Anchor Building Grant Program!

Sarah Reed Children's Center was honored to receive a \$55,000 Anchor Building Grant to support Phase 2 of our exterior masonry restoration project, which began July 31, 2026, and was completed August 21, 2026.

Preserving this historic campus means preserving a place where children feel safe, supported, and inspired to learn.

Thank you, ECGRA, for investing in the future of our children and our community!

Historic Door Project: Honoring History, Enhancing Safety



Before...



During...



After!

As part of our \$103,996 Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) project, six original wooden doors on the first floor of St. Ann's Campus have been carefully restored, while 23 new doors have been installed throughout the building. The project was made possible through the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)** and the generous support of **UPMC Health Plan, Erie Insurance, C.A. Curtze Co., and ERIEBANK**.

Steve Rimpa and his team at **Schutte Woodworking, LLC** meticulously preserved the craftsmanship and character of the historic doors, while **Frontier General Contracting, Inc.** installed the new doors using the same custom stain to create a seamless, cohesive appearance throughout the campus. Together, these improvements honor the rich history of our 100-year-old building while enhancing its safety and security for the children, families, staff, and visitors who walk through these doors every day.

Every enhancement creates a stronger foundation for the life-changing care and educational opportunities our children receive each day.

Community Partners Help Preserve St. Ann's Campus



ERIEBANK representatives **Katie Jones**, Regional President; **Allison Hodas, CTP**, Vice President of Commercial Banking; and Sarah Reed representatives **Dr. Adrienne Dixon**, President and CEO; **Ron Rodney**, St. Ann's Campus Supervisor; and **Gary Bukowski, MA, CFRE**, Assistant Vice President of Development, celebrating *ERIEBANK's* NAP investment in the *St. Ann's Campus Centennial: Preserving the Legacy Project*.

We are grateful to the following partners for their commitment to our *St. Ann's Campus Centennial: Preserving the Legacy Project*:

- **UPMC Health Plan**
- **Erie Insurance**
- **C.A. Curtze Co.**
- **ERIEBANK**

Together, these investments helped fund essential improvements, including the restoration of six historic wooden doors, installation of 23 new doors, and a new campus fence as part of our ongoing adaptive reuse efforts.

Thank you, NAP partners, for helping us preserve the past while building a brighter future for all those we serve!



2026 Summering Safely Program

3rd Annual Summering Safely Event Brings Community Together to Support Youth



Left to right: **Jim Wertz**, Erie County Councilman; **Curtis Lofton**, Summering Safely Program Coordinator; **Dr. Adrienne Dixon**, Sarah Reed President and CEO; **Ron Rodney**, St. Ann's Campus Supervisor; **Rev. Denise Whitaker**, Shiloh Baptist Church; **Elizabeth Hirz**, Erie County District Attorney; **Christine Rush**, District Judge; and **Gary Bukowski, MA, CFRE**, Sarah Reed Assistant Vice President of Development.

We were honored to host our *3rd Annual Summering Safely* event on May 28, 2026, at the St. Ann's Campus. More than 60 students participated in this annual program, hearing valuable insights and encouragement from community leaders as they prepared for a safe, positive, and successful summer.

Thank you to our distinguished speakers:

- **Daria Devlin**, Mayor, City of Erie
- **Christine Rush**, District Judge
- **Elizabeth Hirz**, Erie County District Attorney
- **Rev. Denise Whitaker**, Shiloh Baptist Church
- **Dr. Adrienne Dixon**, President and CEO, Sarah Reed
- **Ron Rodney**, St. Ann's Campus Supervisor
- **Curtis Lofton**, St. Ann's Campus Staff Member and Event Organizer



Mayor Daria Devlin

ECGRA Grant Supports Phase 2 of St. Ann's Campus Repointing & Masonry Restoration



Thanks to a generous **\$55,000 Anchor Building Grant** from the **Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA)**, Sarah Reed is continuing the restoration of the historic St. Ann's School through the expertise of the team at **Northwest Restoration, Inc.** Building on the success of Phase 1, this recently completed phase includes masonry repointing, exterior cleaning, foundation repairs, and other preservation work to protect the building's historic character. They even refreshed our flag pole with a new coat of paint! This effort is part of our ongoing **\$1.4 million St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project**, launched in 2022 to preserve this treasured school for future generations. Since then, more than 400 children and 1,000 families have benefited from the programs and services provided on the St. Ann's Campus.

We continue to be grateful to ECGRA for its continued investment in preserving this historic Erie landmark and supporting the children and families we serve.

Community Comes Together to Support St. Ann's Students



Presque Isle Chapter, DAR



The Knights of Columbus



City of Erie Community Service Fund



Jeff Mientkiewicz (at right)

The children and families at our St. Ann's Campus continue to be surrounded by an incredibly caring community. Throughout the year, local organizations and individuals continue to step forward to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. **The Presque Isle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** and the **City of Erie Community Service Fund** generously help fulfill Christmas wish lists, helping ensure our students experienced the joy of the holiday season. **The Knights of Columbus** demonstrate their unwavering support by providing much-needed back-to-school supplies and warm winter coats each year, helping children feel confident and prepared for the school year ahead. We are also deeply grateful to local artist **Jeff Mientkiewicz**, who generously donated a beautiful rendering of our historic St. Ann's Campus. His artwork captures the character and legacy of this special place and serves as a lasting tribute to the children and families we have been honored to serve for more than a century.

To each of these generous supporters—and to our many other friends, volunteers and donors who stand beside us—thank you for helping us create brighter futures for the children in our care.

Sarah Reed Wins 2024 Greater Erie Award for Adaptive Reuse of St. Ann's School



On October 10, 2024, Sarah Reed was honored to receive **Preservation Erie's 2024 Greater Erie Award for Adaptive Reuse** in recognition of the transformation of St. Ann's School. The award was a meaningful milestone as we prepared to celebrate the building's 100th anniversary in 2025. It reflects the momentum of our ongoing \$1.4 million St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project as we continue to beautify, enhance, and preserve this historic campus for future generations!

"The transformation of this building over the past four years has been nothing short of remarkable. What had once been an aging, inadequate building has changed into a vital community resource, not only providing needed services for children in poorer neighborhoods but also becoming a blueprint for what the future of a community can be. St. Ann's provides education, counseling, community assistance, and its physical transformation has enlivened the surrounding neighborhood. **St. Ann's has become the model of what a well-planned physical restoration coupled with needed services can look like.** Thanks to the efforts of the staff at the Children's Center and their many partners, the St. Ann's School proves that blight can be made beautiful and restorative to children, families, and their community."



The late Blane Dessy
Former Board Chairman
Sarah A. Reed Children's Center



A Legacy Preserved: St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Timeline (2022–2026)

ST. ANN'S CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT: PHASE 1

Major accomplishments included:

- *St. Ann's Garden Revitalization Project (Began in Summer 2022 and Ongoing)*
- *Pulaski-Lighthouse Summer Youth Program (Summer 2022)*
- *Library Collection Expansion (Began in 2022 and Ongoing)*
- *New Classroom Technology and Furniture (Began in 2022 and Ongoing)*
- *New HVAC System (Fall/Winter 2023)*
- *IT Infrastructure Upgrades (Began in 2023 and Ongoing)*
- *Phase 1 of Exterior Repointing & Improvements (Spring 2024)*
- *New Roof Over School and Gym (Spring 2024)*
- *Inaugural Summering Safely Program for Students (Spring 2024 and Ongoing)*

**FUNDS
RAISED:**

\$600,000

ST. ANN'S CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT: PHASE 2

Major accomplishments included:

- *Created New Sensory Room and Calming Classroom (Fall 2024)*
- *Added 3 New Classrooms to Meet Student Demand (Fall 2024)*
- *Honored by Preservation Erie with a 2024 Greater Erie Award for Adaptive Reuse for our ongoing restoration and preservation of the historic St. Ann's Campus (Fall 2024)*
- *58 New Windows, 5 Infill Panels and 20 Surface Window Sills (Spring 2025)*
- *Interior Corridor & Stairwell Renovations to 1st 2nd Floors (Summer 2025)*
- *Interior Carpeting and Flooring Improvements (Summer 2025)*
- *6 New Handrails at Campus Entryways (Summer 2025)*

**FUNDS
RAISED:**

\$401,818

ST. ANN'S CAMPUS ENHANCEMENT: PRESERVING THE LEGACY

Major accomplishments included:

- *23 New Interior Doors Installed on 1st & 2nd Floors (Spring/Summer 2026)*
- *6 Original Wooden Classroom Doors Preserved on 1st Floor in Newly Established Heritage Hallway (Spring/Summer 2026)*
- *Parking Lot Repaved (Summer 2026)*
- *New Wooden Campus Fence Installed (Summer 2026)*
- *Phase 2 of Exterior Masonry Repair and Restoration (Summer 2026)*
- *Celebrated the Centennial of the St. Ann's Campus – 100 Years of Educating Erie's Youth*

**FUNDS
RAISED:**

\$233,700

TOTAL RAISED TO DATE: \$1,235,518

#DONORS: 303

A Finishing Touch for the St. Ann's Campus

The final piece of our \$250,000 of Summer 2026 improvements is complete! The team at **Erie Fence, Inc.** worked diligently to remove broken and damaged sections of fencing around the campus and install new wooden fencing. As part of the project, the team even removed a tree that had fallen onto a section of the old fence!

We're so grateful for their hard work and the amazing job they did helping to make our campus safer, more secure and even more beautiful. Thank you, Erie Fence, Inc.!



Help Preserve St. Ann's Future Through a Planned Gift

For generations, St. Ann's Campus has been a place of hope, healing and opportunity for children and families. As we work to preserve this special campus, we invite you to consider leaving a lasting legacy. A planned gift to Sarah A. Reed Children's Center can help secure the future of St. Ann's and ensure it remains a place where children can grow, heal and thrive for generations to come.

Interested in learning more? Contact Gary Bukowski to explore ways you can make a lasting difference, or visit sarahareed.plannedgiving.org.



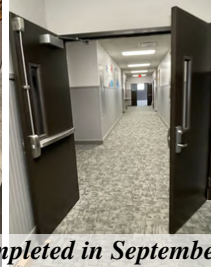
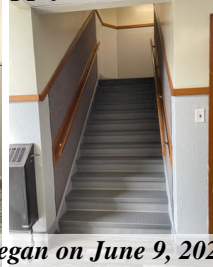
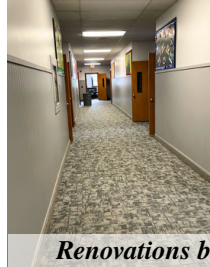
The St. Ann's Campus Got a Refresh During Summer 2025—Inside and Out

We're excited to share that more than \$400,000 in improvements were completed during Summer 2025 as part of our *St. Ann's Campus Enhancement: Phase 2* efforts! These improvements included new carpeting, updated wall paneling, fresh paint, new flooring throughout the stairwells and staircases, new windows and new exterior railings.

This work would not have been possible without the generosity of our community of donors, including **UPMC Health Plan, C.A. Curtze Co., ERIEBANK** and **Knox Law** through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program; a *Shaping Tomorrow Grant* from **The Erie Community Foundation**; generous gifts from the **Henry A. & Mary J. MacDonald Family Foundation** and the **Britton Family Foundation**; and donors who supported this project through our **2024–2025 Annual Fund for Excellence, 2024 Erie Gives Day, the 2024 B&L Wholesale Supply Golf Outing** and the **2024 Erie Insurance Charity Golf Outing**. We are incredibly grateful to every donor, foundation and community partner who helped make these improvements possible! We would also like to thank the teams at **Frontier General Contracting, Inc., J's Flooring Center, Perry Construction Group, Inc.,** and **B&L Wholesale Supply/SRS Building Products** for their work to make it all happen!



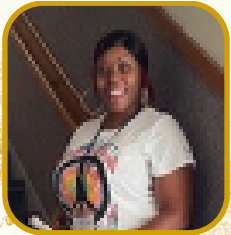
Before...



Renovations began on June 9, 2025, and were completed in September 2025.

“Without knowing who will walk through our door each morning, we await them with a smile and a ‘Good Morning’ that’s not always reciprocated, rather exchanged for a mumble, grumble, or maybe even ignored. **Some of our students don’t get off to a great start each day and face challenges we have never encountered.** So, imagine the feeling on the day when a student makes eye contact, then another day they mumble an angry ‘Hi,’ then a quiet ‘Good Morning’ ... But then an actual smile!

Despite the limited time we have with our students, our goal is to be supportive role models, leaving a lasting impact on them and the community. **Being someone on the front line, wanting to make a difference in the lives of our at-risk and vulnerable population is an extremely tough job.** It takes special people without a doubt, but with that it requires financial support to keep the wheels turning behind the scenes, allowing us to provide students with our best as they so deserve.”



Wanda Goodwine
Behavioral Counselor
St. Ann's Campus



St. Ann's Campus Celebrates Four 2026 Graduating Seniors



A big congratulations to the four St. Ann's Campus students who graduated this year and proudly received their **Erie High School** diplomas! These students worked hard and persevered to reach this important milestone while participating in our Sanctuary Based Learning Program and Sanctuary for Education and Learning Fundamentals Program, which serve more than 120 Erie students each year. As they look toward the future, one of our graduates plans to attend Erie County Community College this fall!

We are excited to see what's next for all four of these young people and wish them continued success on their journeys.

Paving the Way: St. Ann's Parking Lot Gets Much-Needed Makeover

In August 2026, a long-awaited improvement became a reality at our 101-year-old St. Ann's Campus—a newly repaved parking lot, made possible by a generous \$40,000 contribution from the **Henry A. and Mary J. MacDonald Family Foundation** as part of our *St. Ann's Campus Enhancement: Preserving the Legacy* efforts. The previous parking lot had deteriorated, with potholes and areas of missing asphalt creating a significant safety concern for the children, families and staff who use our campus daily. The new parking lot provides a safer, smoother and more aesthetically pleasing entrance to the St. Ann's Campus. A special thank-you to the team at **Joseph McCormick Construction Co., Inc.** for their hard work in bringing this important project to life!



Before...



After!

A Legacy Made Possible by Many – Because of You

Since 1986, this historic building has been part of the Sarah A. Reed Children's Center family. For decades, it has stood proudly on Erie's East Side, continuing a legacy of serving children and families. But after many years, this remarkable building needed new life.

In the summer of 2022, we began to see its future differently. We saw more than an aging building in need of repair. We saw possibility. We saw an opportunity to preserve its history, honor its past, and transform it into a place that could once again meet the needs of a new generation of children.

Today, the transformation is evident.

Historic features have been preserved. Spaces have been renewed. And an old school building has been given a vibrant new purpose.

But the most important transformation cannot be captured in photographs.

It is found in the children who now walk these halls and in the families whose lives are touched by the programs offered here each day.

Because of you, we have given new life to a building that has meant so much to generations of families.

You did more than restore a historic building. As our Founder Sarah A. Reed said over a century ago, "It's easy to estimate the values of the property. But who can estimate the good it has done or follow its far reaching influences? Volumes would not tell the story of all the lives it has helped."

You helped renew its purpose, preserve its legacy, and put its soul back into St. Ann's.

For that—and for believing in the children and families who will benefit for generations to come—we offer our heartfelt thanks.



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On May 29, 2025, Gary Bukowski, MA, CFRE, associate vice president of development at Sarah Reed, was invited to share the success of our impressive St. Ann's Campus Enhancement efforts at the Historic Preservation Month Celebration hosted by the City of Erie's Historic Review Commission.

If you would like to make a gift to preserve the future of our St. Ann's Campus, please visit www.sarahreed.org/donate or contact Gary Bukowski, MA, CFRE to discuss ways you can make a difference.

Would you like a tour? Let us know! We'd love to show you the progress we've made and share our plans for the future!

Expanding Our Students' Horizons



In October 2025, eight students from our St. Ann's Campus and staff attended the 12th Annual Manufacturing Day at the Bayfront Convention Center, engaging with vendors, robotics, and hands-on experiences. The students had such a wonderful day of learning and interacting with their peers, educators and professionals in the local manufacturing field!

*"Since Summer 2022, it's been difficult not to notice the ongoing improvements to our St. Ann's Campus. It's become completely revitalized inside and out, giving our staff an improved facility to carry out our mission in and our students a brighter, more comfortable environment to learn in. Prior to 2022, when some of our students would have a "bad" day or moment, they would often act out their frustrations by kicking a door or a wall or making negative comments about the building's condition. As the appearance and amenities improved, those behaviors subsided greatly. **I believe, along with our staff members' efforts, that an improved building has had a positive impact on our students' progress and growth both emotionally and academically.** Recently, the mother of a student was very impressed by the interior environment of our school, calling it "quaint" and "cozy."*

As a 27-year employee of Sarah Reed, I have seen the transformation of this building and am very appreciative of the efforts that went into this. I now see it as the "crown jewel" of the Pulaski-Lighthouse neighborhood!"



Ron Rodney
Director of Integrated Schools
& Supervisor of the St. Ann's Campus

