



My School Cares

The mission of Erie Homes for Children & Adults (EHCA) is to assist people with disabilities to live rich and fulfilling lives.

EXPERIENCING

EHCA can offer students:

- A** A presentation with speakers from the agency, including one of the agency's residents or program participants, to demonstrate how to interact with someone who has a disability.
- B** An educational overview of some of the common forms of disability or disorders.
- C** A chance to see adaptive equipment or communication tools in use, so they can understand how someone with a disability can still function with assistive aids.

LEARNING

Teachers can incorporate the EHCA partnership into their curriculum! Students can research a type of disability or a specific diagnosis and write a report on their findings. EHCA will even post the best essays on their Web site! Students learn how to best utilize technology into the research and practice writing skills in their report or other assignments. Teachers could also plan a math lesson involving the funds raised: students can count money, work with percentages in determining how much of the collected money benefits EHCA programs, and practice adding dollars and cents.

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“The students almost immediately see past the individual’s disability and relate to that person based on interests and similarities.”

*~Karen A. DiMichele,
Perry Elem. 5th Grade Teacher*

HELPING

Students can FUNdraise for EHCA! They can sell hoagie coupons or choose a fundraiser of their own! They will learn the importance of charitable giving and how to make an appropriate sales ask. The money raised will benefit the **School Age Program** at EHCA, a before-school, after-school, and summer day program for children with and without disabilities. EHCA can incent the top fundraising class with an ice cream party **or** the top three fundraisers with a special treat! EHCA can accept the check at a formal check presentation in the school, giving EHCA representatives the chance to thank the students for their hard work personally. The photo will even be submitted to the Erie Times-News for inclusion in the Community Album! Students will also get to share what they learned and hear how the money they raised will be spent, so they can fully feel the reward of their efforts.