

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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1968-2018

*Mission: To Empower the Edison Neighborhood to maximize the quality of life and sense of community.*



## 1,855 Free Flats

Flowers and Vegetables were given to residents to plant throughout the neighborhood.

## 190 Helped with Housing

Including home ownership, home repair, landlord and homeless issues

## Janet Germain

Won the Dick Bass Volunteer of the Year Award for 2018

## 1,077 Pounds Of Food

Collected for our Annual Holiday Food Drive

Edisonneighborhood.com  
<https://www.facebook.com/edisonkzoo/>

833 LIKES on Facebook

## 207 HOT SPOTS

Quality of life crimes that were anonymously turned in

## 92 Tools Loaned

through our Tool Share Program

## 6 Edison Voice Newspapers

Printed, emailed and distributed throughout the city

## 5 Clean Ups

Special thanks to all of you who helped our Neighborhood stay beautiful

## 5 Garden Club

5 residents hosted and shared their gardens with the community

## 19 Households

Participated in Edison Building Blocks. They accomplished 29 home improvement projects and volunteered 489 hours

## 11 Community Connections Meetings

Special Thanks to our speakers from: City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Show Me the Money, Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, County Treasurer, Borgess Health, Family Health, United Healthcare, Read & Write Kalamazoo, Majyck Radio

## 204 Attendees National Night Out

with several organizations, KDPS Officers attending. Free food, information, activities, and a prize drawing were the highlights.

## 11 Board of Trustees Meetings

Thanks to the 2018 Board Members for their service and dedication to our neighborhood.

## 113 Events

Our Community Room hosted family and friend gatherings

## 635 Volunteers

Volunteers completed 2,155 hours of volunteerism in the neighborhood. We would like to thank each and every one of you for contributing to making our neighborhood great!

## Financial Donors/Supporters

We couldn't accomplish all that we do without the generous grants and donations from all over Kalamazoo. Thank YOU!: Chuck & Peggy Vliek, Kalamazoo Social Media, Linda Snyder, Kalamazoo County Land Bank, Leslie Neuman, Stryker Johnston Foundation, Allegra Footprint Fund, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), On The Ground, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Chemical Bank, Building Blocks of Kalamazoo, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, City of Kalamazoo, Fetzer Institute

## Partners and Other Accomplishments

We know we couldn't accomplish all that we do without our amazing partners. Thank YOU Partners!: To the many organizations who helped our residents get back home with heat and clean water after the horrendous floods. To Kalamazoo County Land Bank for helping us fix the wall and install a new mural in Washington Square above Howards Party Store, for hosting a multitude of Art Hop and other events in Washington Square. To AARP for doing free taxes for Edison Residents and for giving us four amazing AARP Volunteers to train. To KPEP for the amazing job you did rehabbing the Race Street House to help us generate some income. To Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety for attending our Community Connections Meetings every month and for organizing an amazing Trunk-Or-Treat on Stockbridge Ave. To Building Blocks of Kalamazoo for granting us two sites and training four amazing people how to supervise and/or organize a project. To Gary & Vik who made renovations to the Howards Party Store easy by being so flexible, and letting the construction crew and artist use their roof. To Wenke Greenhouse for your Good Neighbor Days donations of flowers that keep the flowerpots in Washington Square full of colorful blooms. To Layla's Cool Pops for feeding all of those people for Holiday's in the Square and for being the newest business in Washington Square. To the City of Kalamazoo Community Planning and Development who helped the neighborhood accomplish a new Neighborhood Plan. To Patrick Hershburger who painted an amazing mural on the Edison Place Building so far up in the air. City of Kalamazoo and Youth Opportunities Unlimited for hosting 8 Summer Youth Employment Programs in the neighborhood. To Impact Kalamazoo for helping our low income residents get some much needed home repairs. To Fido Motors for being our first KIVA loan and expanding your space to accommodate more residents. To Dormouse Theatre for hosting two fundraisers for us. To LISC- Sonja and Chuck I couldn't have survived this year without your continued support and wisdom.

Lastly, but definitely not least, special thanks to you who quietly go about your day picking up trash, helping a neighbor, planting flowers, and all the other amazing things you do without any regard for fame or acknowledgment..... You are truly the reason Edison is such a great neighborhood

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### Celebration! 1968-2018

The Edison Neighborhood Association celebrated it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. For 2018 our prizes for all our events were \$50 cash. Don't miss your opportunity to be a winner in 2019. You just have to show up to the meeting and activities to get your name into the prize drawings.

## Get Involved

If you'd like to learn how to make a financial or in-kind contribution, how to get involved in any of the programs, projects or services or how to become a Board of Trustees Member here at the Edison Neighborhood Association please contact:

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