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Educating our neighbors and the next generation at Prince of Peace Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Q Academy

Prince of Peace Center has expanded our male youth mentoring program - Q Academy – to three additional schools in Mercer County including Greenville Area School District, Lakeview School District and Farrell School District. We have also added additional grade levels in Sharon City School District to now include grades 8-11.



The innovative educational and mentoring program is designed to support underserved male youth in grades 7 through 12 who lack the presence and influence of a positive male role model in their lives. The program was piloted in Sharon City School District in the 2025–2026 school year with 19 students. Enrollment has grown to approximately 100 students in just year two! The educational curriculum includes social emotional learning, hands-on life skills and job readiness / career development.

The ultimate goal of Q Academy is to build confident, capable and community-minded young men who will become the next generation of our workforce and leaders in the region.

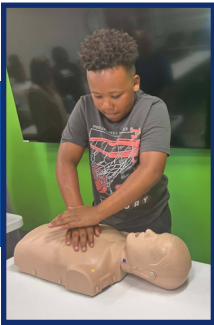
"The program is not afraid to discuss difficult topics and the opportunities that are available to me have been nothing short of amazing" – Q Academy student

Walking With Moms In Need

Prince of Peace Center recently launched a local chapter of Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide initiative of the Catholic Church that increases support for pregnant and parenting moms in need. Some of the support and resources includes financial assistance to secure stable housing; transportation; educational classes that include topics like Parenting Wisely, Pregnancy Wellness and Healthy Parenting; monthly baby care items and essentials; and feminine hygiene products, breast pumps and supplies.



"...I will forever be grateful this program has started in our community. So many mothers, including myself, are able to have relief and have them to turn to when times are rough..." – Enrolled Mother



AWESOME and Mindful Youth

AWESOME (Assistance With Education, Shelter, Organization, Money management and Employment) are adult education classes covering practical life skills and mental/ emotional wellness topics, focused on maintaining stability and encouraging self-sufficiency beyond the level of living in constant crisis.

Mindful Youth is an educational summer program designed to provide area youth with positive, interactive experiences that promote emotional well-being, healthy decision-making, leadership, creativity and positive relationships.

Both AWESOME and Mindful Youth classes are facilitated by experts and leaders in the community and are offered as both one-day and three-day classes throughout the year.

"I liked learning CPR because when you babysit, it's good to know" – Mindful Youth student participant

Knowledge is power—and education is the key that unlocks possibility. At Prince of Peace Center, our educational programs equip children, individuals and families with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make positive choices and strive for independence. When we invest in education, we empower individuals to do better and believe in what is possible for their lives. Your financial support helps make these opportunities accessible to those who need them most. **Together, we can give the gift of knowledge, open doors to opportunity and empower our neighbors to reach their full potential.**

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Success Stories

Through our **Walking with Moms in Need** program, T., who was eight months pregnant, faced an eviction notice that threatened the stability of her family. Our program paid the outstanding balance, preventing eviction and ensuring that she and her son could safely remain in their home. This assistance provided much-needed stability as she prepared to welcome her new baby.



Testimonials

"Prince of Peace Center programs create opportunities for growth, connection, and lasting friendships."

Katie Gassner, Growing Wellness LLC



Prince of Peace Center, an affiliate of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Erie, we are witnesses and servants of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to provide support for the economic, emotional and spiritual needs of those willing to work to build self-sufficiency.

Committed to the sacredness of human life and the betterment of society, we affirm the dignity of those in need by responding with compassion to their basic human needs through advocacy, education and empowerment.

Our services are committed to strengthening families, building community and reducing poverty among people of all ages, faiths, races and backgrounds.