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1. **Mail:** Check made payable to: Erin's Purpose, PO Box 555, Bloomfield, IN 47424
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I don't know if you noticed, but the youth center got a new roof! We were so very blessed with this roof. Our roof was made possible by businesses, local community members and churches, all pitching in to make sure the youth center was covered. The day the roof was installed, the person installing it sent me a picture. I sat and stared at it. We had chosen dark red, which is what was installed. But wowza, it was SO RED! I stared at the picture and then I said "God, I appreciate that roof – but wow, it is so red – what will people think when they drive by it?" (Remember – we are only human). Right then, I felt God tell me – *"it doesn't matter what people think or what the roof looks like – it's what will happen under the roof that is important. I've got this house covered."*

And then I got this text...



I absolutely love the color of our roof.



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Dec/Jan Outreach

- We collaborated with the Greene County Department of Child Services and community members/organizations to help local youth at Christmas
- "Ding Dong Ditched" families in the Bloomfield community with a "Family Game Night" gift basket,
- Made 3 counseling referrals – and have officially started counseling in the house.
- Assisted with the purchase of Christmas gifts for a teen who had spent 2 weeks in the hospital.
- Purchased gloves for every elementary student at Bloomfield School to have their own pair to be left at school.
- Public speaking – Bloomfield Mental Health Green Night Game
- Relationship building with a family in Vigo County who lost their teen to suicide on Christmas Eve.
- Relationship building with a teen who has contemplated suicide (**– I do NOT consider relationship building an "outreach" program. I consider these relationships and the most cherished and important thing we do. I just want you to be aware of what we are doing.**)

Erin's Purpose
Statement of Income and Expenses
2020

Income Total: \$39,016.00

- Charitable donations: \$20,442.00
- Facebook donations: \$3,147.00
- Fundraisers and grants: \$15,267.00
- Refund for Piano Lessons: \$160.00 (Terri accidentally paid for piano lessons out of Erin's Purpose PayPal account) ←-I'm human, haha)

Expense Total: \$12,597.00

- Fees & Permits: \$316.00
- Outreach: \$3,725.00
- Advertise/Promotion: \$1,851.00
- Office: \$339.00
- Fundraiser expenses: \$310.00
- Supplies: \$483.00
- Insurance: \$1,620.00
- Utilities: \$486.00
- Repairs/Maintenance: \$1,594.00
- House purchase: \$1,713.00
- Miscellaneous: \$160.00 (Terri accidentally paid for piano lessons out of Erin's Purpose Paypal account)

Net Balance 12/31/2021: \$26,419.00

Mortgage:

- Purchased November 2020: \$50,000.00
- Payments made: \$1,000.00
- Payoff 12/31/2020: \$49,165.97

The Bigger Picture

\$26,419.00 Balance
~~-\$49,165.97~~ Just the mortgage alone (not including utilities)
--22746.97 (We appreciate your continued Support!)





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In 2016, my friend Ashley and I did a church special. We sang "Flawless" by Mercyme – we reached out to people in the church and asked them what their "flaw" is. I remember sitting at the dining room table and writing them all out. I asked Erin what her flaw was and she said "I get my feelings hurt too easy". I remember kinda chuckling at that and thinking "isn't that the truth". On that following Sunday, Ashley and I pinned them on the cross that morning before church and then we watched as people walked in and stared at the cross and then we sang our hearts out. I know we both wanted everyone to *feel* something – to know that I felt something. After that Sunday – about a week later, I walked into Erin's room and I saw everyone's "flaw" tacked up on her wall. I thought that was the oddest thing. After a few weeks, I made her take them down – against her will. When Josh and I cleaned out Erin's room after she died, I found everyone's flaws tucked away in her underwear drawer. This is something that I've always done and I've told my girls that you always keep the important things in the underwear drawer. I held everyone's flaws in my hands and looked at them and I realized then why it was so important for her to tack their flaws up on her wall. Because she felt understood. And perhaps it was a comfort to her – remembering those flaws up on that cross. I ended up packing everyone's "flaws" in with her other important things in storage – I just couldn't bear to throw them away. The only one I threw away was one of the ones that read "Control". I knew it wasn't needed anymore – I realized that God is the only one ever in Control. I ask you to look at the picture above – if you see a flaw that you are familiar with – just know that God's in control; He holds you in the palm of his hand.

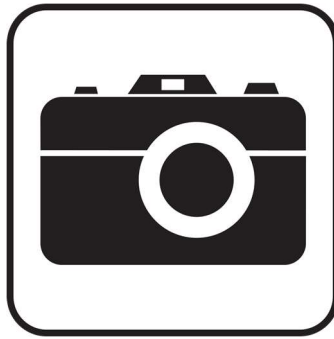
Love,
Terri

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"

Mercyme Flawless: <https://youtu.be/wjLILPZderk>



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It's cold outside but our hearts are warm! Erin's Purpose is honored to be gifting a pair of gloves to each student in the elementary classrooms. It has been recommended that each student keep their pair of gloves here at school and keep them in a space that is for their own personal use to help prevent sharing and spreading germs.

"I have written your name on the palms of my hands" Isaiah 49:16