1941 Edna Martin starts a Christian day care in a one-room rented apartment (with no plumbing) on Roosevelt Avenue. Two young girls are first to benefit.

1942 Now beyond capacity, the rented apartment is no longer practical or affordable. Daycare relocates to a large tent.

1946 Martin’s work gains support of Indianapolis Baptist Churches, designated as a Home Mission, officially named East Side Christian Center, and relocates to a three-room house (still without plumbing) on Martindale Avenue across from IPS #27. After-school programs begin, children’s choir started.

1949 The number of kids multiplies. Center buys a house and two empty lots on Arsenal Avenue. Finally, there are toilet facilities. An addition would be built at this site later, and another house on the block would be bought for use as a second-hand store.
1954–'55
Playground equipment added. Sewing and Cooking classes started. VBS boasts 600 hot meals and 29 conversions. A study in the 1950s reveals that neighborhood delinquency rates dropped dramatically, Edna Martin given much of the credit.

1957–'60
Center nursery school becomes licensed. More than 2,400 attend programs. 2,000 meals a month served on a budget of $100. Indiana Bell donates colorful phone wire so kids can weave baskets.

1965
Center builds its own building at 1970 Caroline Avenue. Edna Martin receives honorary doctorate from Franklin College.

1967–'68
Programs include tutoring, housekeeping, sewing, cooking, arts & crafts, music, parolee supervision, 39 clubs, 9 study classes, 4 basketball teams, and a library.

1970
Soul Ark, a separate program just for teens, opens in its own building on Roosevelt Avenue. 1,001 kids attend Center's Christmas party.

2016
Consolidated Statement of Activities

**INCOME**
Unrestricted Support and Revenue
- contributions $228,305
- grants 618,343
- in-kind donations 730,185
- United Way 112,146
- United Way Capital Projects Fund 57,873
- program fees, subsidies 784,344
- other income 15,764
- assets released from restriction 499,338
- total unrestricted income $3,046,298

**EXPENSES**
- community services $570,898
- Edna Martin Childcare Ministry 408,341
- Keystone Catering 100,864
- Leadership & Legacy Academy 670,512
- total program expenses $1,750,615
- management & general 434,990
- fundraising 110,998
- total supporting expenses $545,988
- Total of All Expenses $2,296,603

**change in unrestricted net assets** $749,695

**Temporarily Restricted Funds**
- grants 709,524
- investment income 348
- assets released from restriction (499,338)
- Change in Temporary Restricted Funds 210,534

**Permanently Restricted Funds**
- grants 4,500,000
- Total Change in Net Assets 5,460,229
- net assets, as of Jan. 1, 2016 1,321,134
- NET ASSETS, as of Dec. 31, 2016 $6,781,363

2015

**INCOME**
Unrestricted Support and Revenue
- contributions $436,076
- grants 150,285
- in-kind donations 105,372
- United Way 122,561
- United Way Capital Projects Fund 16,763
- program fees, subsidies 608,996
- other income 21,197
- assets released from restriction 451,322
- total unrestricted income $1,912,572

**EXPENSES**
- community services $656,358
- Edna Martin Childcare Ministry 391,304
- Keystone Catering —
- Leadership & Legacy Academy 517,272
- total program expenses $1,564,934
- management & general 355,081
- fundraising 94,899
- total supporting expenses $449,980
- Total of All Expenses $2,014,914

**change in unrestricted net assets** ($102,342)

**Temporarily Restricted Funds**
- grants 550,707
- investment income —
- assets released from restriction (451,322)
- Change in Temporary Restricted Funds 99,385

**Permanently Restricted Funds**
- grants —
- Total Change in Net Assets (2,957)
- net assets, as of Jan. 1, 2015 1,324,091
- NET ASSETS, as of Dec. 31, 2015 $1,321,134

**How we spend your dollar**
- program services, 76.3%
- fundraising and development, 4.8%
- management and general expenses, 18.9%
Many charity watchdog groups, including the Better Business Bureau and the Charities Review Council, say that fundraising expenses should be no more than 35% of total expenditures. EMCC fundraising expenses are less than 5%. Another important benchmark is that at least 65% should be spent on program activities. At EMCC, 76% goes directly to our ministries.

Edna Martin Christian Center’s finances are audited by GRNWALT CPAs, Inc. of Indianapolis.

Social Services:
- 2,650 residents had basic needs met, such as food, clothing, rent assistance, and utility assistance.
- 82,200 meals served.

Leadership & Legacy Youth Program:
- 74% of regularly attending students earned a grade of “C” or better or increased their English-Language-Arts grade. 67% did the same in math.
- EMCC now partners with 16 public, private, and charter schools.

Senior Angels Program:
- 142 senior citizens received services.
- 53 senior citizens attended regular exercise activities.
- 12 senior citizens mentored high school students.

Center for Working Families:
- 208 members received financial counseling services.
- 188 members improved their FICO credit scores.
- 54 were placed in 68 jobs, with an average hourly wage of $10.67.
- 55 members enrolled in Bridge (refresher courses to qualify for vocational skills training).

Edna Martin Childcare Ministry:
- Over 100 students served.
- Approved On My Way PreK & Indy PSP provider.
- 100% of staff earned 20+ hours of continuing education required by Paths to Quality (PTQ).
- All staff certified in Pediatric and Adult CPR and First Aid.
- All students assessed for development and/or Kindergarten Readiness.
- Successfully matriculated 24 students from PreK to Kindergarten.
- Added resource area for small group and individual learning.
- Successfully passed annual PTQ inspection to renew Level 3 status.

1974
Suffering from cancer, founder Edna Martin passes away at the age of 76. East Side Christian Center renamed the Edna Martin Christian Center.

1995
Dozens of EMCC kids attend summer camp at Indian Creek Baptist Camp, and have continued every summer since.

2013
Center relocates to 37 Place, a more visible, more central location in the heart of Martin-dale-Brightwood.

2015
After operating without interruption for 74 years, the Edna Martin Childcare Ministry becomes certified Level 3 FSSA Paths to Quality daycare.

2016
After-school programs move to newly acquired facility on Ralston Avenue. Recently the home of Jireh Sports, this former Mobile Oil processing facility offers lots of room to grow in the 23,240-sq. ft. building on a 13-acre site.
Mission Statement:
“The mission of the Edna Martin Christian Center is to bridge cultural, racial, and economic differences in order to support and nurture the people in the community by providing holistic programs that empower, encourage, and engender a vision of hope.”

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

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