

## National Philanthropy Day® Logistics Plus Nomination 2022

Since Logistics Plus was founded by owner Jim Berlin in 1996, the company has played an active role supporting causes and non-profits in the Erie community.



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With recent international events, that spirit of leadership and generosity has led to new work on behalf of war victims in Ukraine and their ties to northwest Pennsylvania.

Logistics Plus initiated a collaboration with local Ukraine support groups in February 2022 that continues bringing hope and relief today. Their efforts began with an online fundraising campaign for the company's workers and their families in Ukraine that has raised more than \$660,000, including an initial donation of \$500,000 from Logistics Plus.

Since then, the efforts have expanded as the Logistics Plus warehouse has become the site in this region for collecting, organizing and shipping clothing, medical supplies and other needed items to war refugees. Logistics Plus employees and community volunteers have packaged and sent three 40' containers to the war-torn region, and the company continues taking in donations at its 12<sup>th</sup> Street warehouse.

Logistics Plus has a history of responding to needs during a crisis. Its medical division donated more than \$2 million worth of PPE to organizations at the height of the Covid pandemic.

Closer to its Erie home, Logistics Plus has been a major donor to the new Erie Center for Arts and Technology, started a partnership with the Erie Sports Center to give inner-city children access to athletic programs free of charge, and sponsored the Nao Trinidad of Spain, a visiting vessel in the Tall Ships Festival.

Logistics Plus is a major sponsor of the Northwestern PA High School Sports Award Program that honors and elevates Erie youth, and provides sponsorship for Voices of Independence, the Erie Philharmonic and the Barber National Institute's largest fundraiser, Barber Beast on the Bay.

Logistics Plus worked with neighboring businesses to found a non-profit, Erie's Station Square, and made the initial \$100,000 investment to rejuvenate the area around the city's historic Union Station and Griswold Park.

For its support of humanitarian efforts in the Erie region and across the globe, the Barber National Institute is proud to nominate Logistics Plus for Outstanding Philanthropic Organization.