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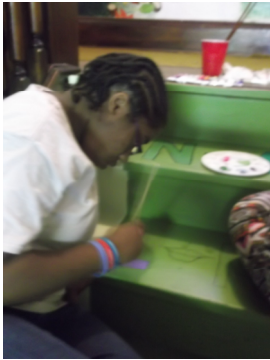
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‘Stepping Up’

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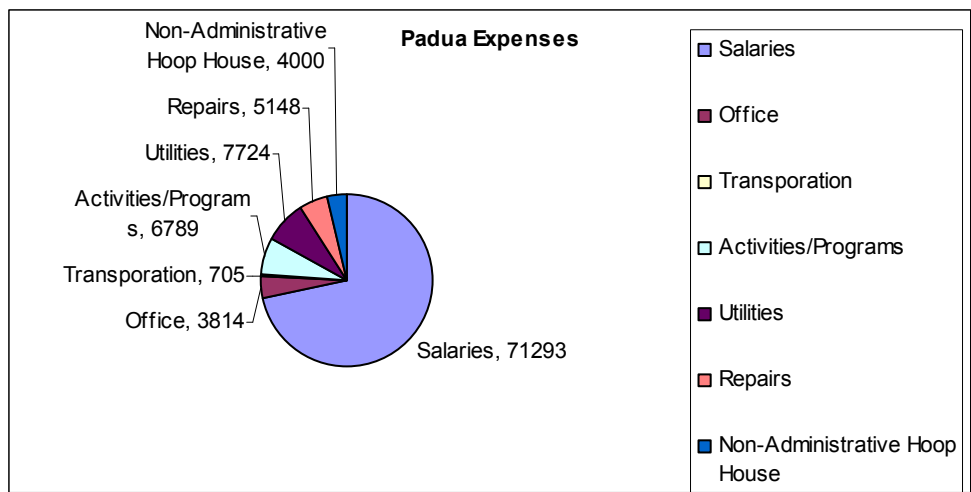
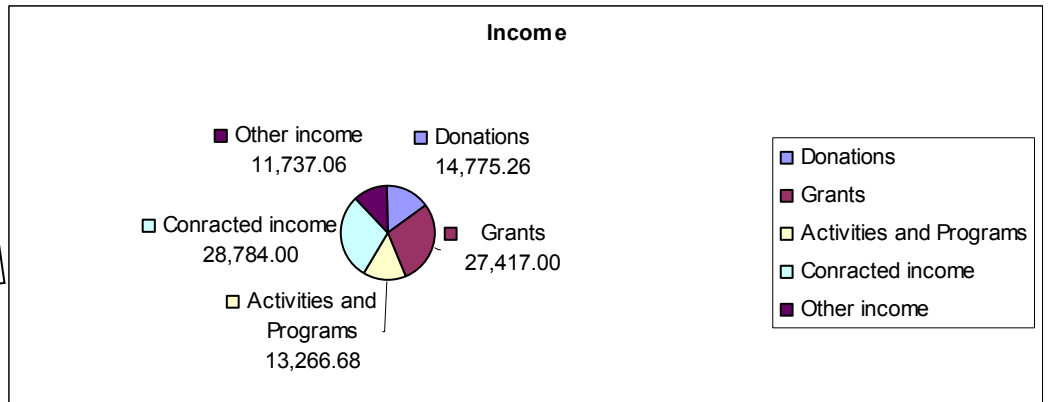
'Stepping Up' with Finances



Lydia Everly designed the alphabet stairs, leading to the third floor and classrooms.



Ashja Reddick assisted Lydia painting the stairs



Income = \$95,980

Expense= \$99,473

Net Loss = -3,493

Total Liabilities and Equity = 47,822

Anderson Grant and a donation from Brown Honda = a new van!

A grant from the Anderson's Community Giving and a gift from Brown Automotive have given The Padua Center a much needed van for transporting children for their various programs. The mini-van, a Toyota Sienna, will allow The Padua Center to provide transportation primarily for students in the Padua Possibilities Program, an alternative to suspension for children from four Toledo Public Schools.

The Padua Possibilities program provides several hours of academic assistance, a coaching conversation, and a unique time of peace education for children in grades K-6 who would benefit from being removed from the classroom for several days. The program is an alternative to suspension and assures that the student remains academically engaged while dealing with behavioral challenges that resulted in being referred to the Padua Possibilities Program.



In addition the van will be used for outings scheduled as part of the after-school tutoring program. Monday through Thursday the Center provides an opportunity for children to attend an after-school program to finish homework and participate in various activities. With the van transportation will be much easier.

The Padua Center also offers six weeks of free summer camps involving trips to local recreational, cultural and educational venues. The mini-van will assure that the children can attend these various venues throughout the city and county.



During the summer and again in the fall, YES groups from the Diocese of Toledo worked in the Ujima Park and Garden. Thanks, YES group!



College summer volunteers!



Boy Scouts ready to clean the chicken coop!

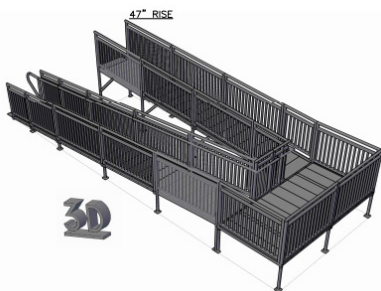


Healthy food and exercise are core components to all our activities during the Padua summer camps.



Grant for Ramp

Since the opening of The Padua Center, there has been a desire to make the building accessible. Thanks to the generosity of Toledo Rotary this dream is now being realized. Pictured below is a drawing of the ramp that will be installed at The Padua Center. With the installation of the ramp The Padua Center, first floor, will be accessible for wheelchairs and persons with walkers.



Laila Ariss, board member, helps with the festival.

Chicken Fest-
fun and delicious!



Future Firefighter?



Bob Cole, of Advocates of Basic Legal Equality, gave a presentation on Lead Poisoning to the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors at the November meeting.

Peaces of Art

This year's "Peaces" of Art delighted participants with gifts, music and a delicious meal. Congratulations to Rep. Marcy Kaptur who received the Padua Promoter's Award.



Three emerging young ladies were Mistresses of Ceremonies. Shelby Galloway, Grace Bell and Kathryn Sholl took turns introducing the events.

Mission Statement of The Padua Center

The Padua Center, sponsored by St. Martin de Porres parish, is a Christian community-based presence reaching out by empowering people at all stages of life to achieve their maximum potential through education, support, and community involvement.

Principles

Umoja—unity

Imani—faith

Kujichagulia—Self-determination

Ujima—collective work

Ujamaa—cooperative economics

Nia—purpose

Kuumba-creativity

Kwanzaa Park Leadership

Chair: Oscar Shaheer,

Vice Chair: George Lee

Secretary: Ca'leara De'cemby

Vision of Kwanzaa Park

Kwanzaa Park is a one-square mile neighborhood which provides hope and energy to the City of Toledo. It has a vibrant commercial district, well lighted streets, and green space that sustain the park atmosphere. It is known as a safe neighborhood in which all residents take pride in their homes and help others when they are in need.

Padua Center Board

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Ujima Urban Agriculture Program

Otha Carr, Ujima Urban Agriculture Gardener, Sister Marya Czech, SND, Volunteers Garden Manager, and Tracy Price of the Fernwood Growing Center attended the "Urban and Small Farms conference: Building a Fair Food Economy to Grow Healthy People" in Milwaukee from Nov. 7-9, 2014. The three day conference highlighted small farm and urban agriculture projects as well as the justice issues of food safety and security.



Sister Marya commented, "Plenary sessions by invited speakers put us in touch with regional and national issues. In well-planned breakout sessions we studied individual projects and discussed what we could implement in our respective communities. Many thanks to Marcy Kaptur who funded our attendance at the conference."

Representative Marcy Kaptur underwrote the attendance at the Growing Power conference.

Hoop House still in process

Although we have not successfully 'jumped through the hoops' for our Hoop House, the erection of a gothic Hoop House is part of the long-range planning for The Padua Center—Ujima Urban Agriculture Program. Because of city zoning and building codes the process has been unduly long. With the early winter weather the installation of the Hoop House will be delayed until spring-like weather returns.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Funds Study

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funded a feasibility study for the Agriculture Program. Grant-Fundamentals, LLC, of Toledo, conducted the feasibility study and determined that, after some initial start up expenses, the project will make a small profit each year.

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Volunteer Groups

YES groups (2)
Owens College,
Occupational Therapy
Christ Child Society
Ohio State Extension
BGSU—Martin Luther King
Day of Service
Boy Scouts of America
Knights of Columbus #386
Catholic Heart Work Camp

**Individual volunteers
donated**


**1604 hours of service
worth:
\$34,325
Thank You!**



Jeremy Cellie, volunteer, and Otha Carr get ready to plant greens for the Hoop House. Since our hoop house isn't up these plants are growing at the Fernwood Growing Center. Mrs. Tracy Price, from FGC, and Otha Carr work together on growing in the winter.

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The Padua Center lost two wonderful supporters: Our sympathy is extended to Martha Cotton on the death of her husband, Curtis. Curtis and Martha volunteered at the Chicken Fest and donated to The Padua Center. We also offer sympathy to Rev. Martin Donnelly on the death of his brother, Bishop Robert Donnelly, a Padua donor.



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Grants Received

- Donald Lynch Family Foundation— Padua Summer Tutoring program
- St. Francis Grant— Summer camp
- Anderson's—for purchase of van
- Brown Honda—for van
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development - Ujima Urban Agriculture Program feasibility study
- Anastasia Fund—Ujima Urban Agriculture Program (Hoop House)
- Toledo Community Foundation—"Restoring Possibilities Program"
- Maria Anna Brunner—"Restoring Possibilities Program" (extension)