



Annual Report

Report to the Community, 2013-2014

Padua Center is 'Stepping Up'

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Mission Statement

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, counseling, support and community involvement.

Vision

The Vision of the Padua Center is a neighborhood free of commercial sex trafficking, and drugs (use and supply), beautified by the people actively engaged in community and self-growth.

Principles

- Umoja*—unity
- Imani*—faith
- Kujichagulia*—Self-determination
- Ujima*—collective work
- Ujamaa*—cooperative economics
- Nia*—purpose
- Kuumba*—creativity

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

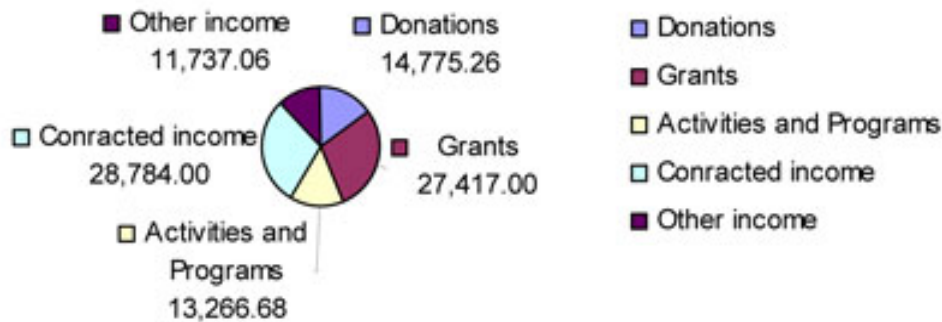


Ashja Reddick assisted Lydia painting the stairs.



'Stepping Up' with Finances

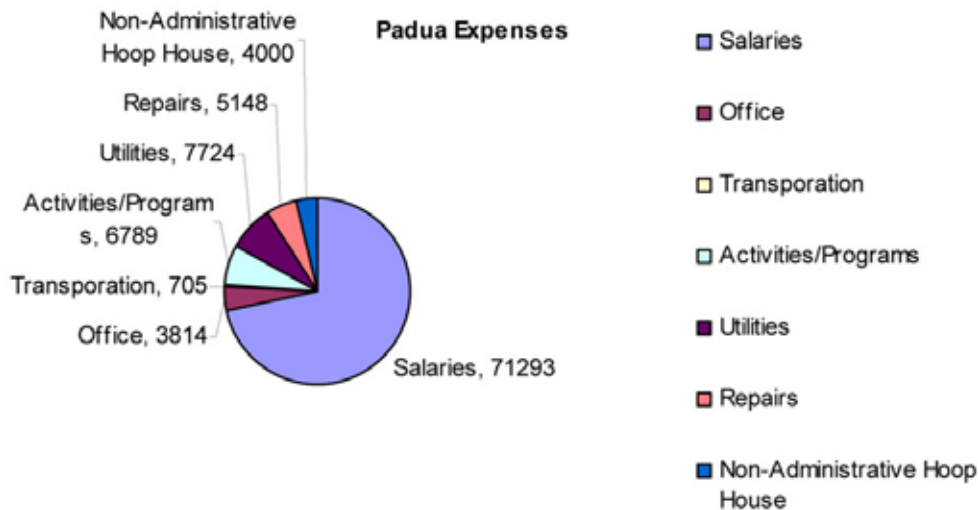
Income



Income = \$95,980
 Expense = \$99,473
 Net Loss = -3,493
 Total Liabilities & Equity = 47,822



Padua Expenses



Grant for Ramp

Since Padua Center opened, staff wanted to make the building accessible to all. A generous grant from Toledo Rotary made this dream a reality. With the installation of the ramp Padua Center, first floor, will be accessible for wheelchairs and persons with walkers.



This is the type of ramp Padua Center plans to install.

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 Padua Center a much needed van for transporting children for their various programs. The mini-van, a Toyota Sienna, will allow 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 removal 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 referral to the Padua Possibilities Program.



In addition, Padua Center will use the van 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.

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.

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 program participants served as for the event Mistresses of Ceremonies.



Shelby Galloway, Grace Bell, and Kathryn Sholl took turns introducing the events.



Guests view the many items available at the event.

'Stepping Up' With Activities and Programs



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!



Boy Scouts ready to clean the chicken coop!



Future Firefighter?



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



Board member Laila Ariss helps with the festival.



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





The Chicken Fest was fun and delicious!



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

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 November 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 Representative Marcy Kaptur; she funded our attendance at the conference.”



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

Hoop House Still in Process Vision of Kwanzaa Park

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 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 take place when more 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.

Kwanzaa Park is a one-square mile neighborhood that 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 a safe neighborhood. All residents take pride in their homes and help others when they are in need.



Kwanzaa Park Leadership

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Grants Received

Donald Lynch Family Foundation
Padua Summer Tutoring program

St Francis Grant
Summer Camp

The Anderson's
Purchase of New Van

Brown Honda
New 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)*

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!*

In Memoriam

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

Padua Center Staff and Board

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