



Annual Report 2023-2024

The Padua Center

**Sustaining vital and important links
in the neighborhood.**



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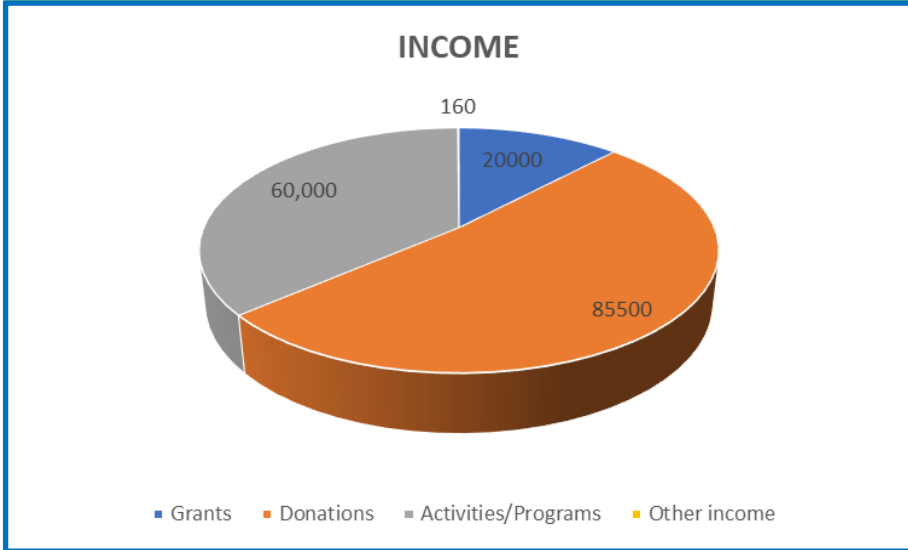
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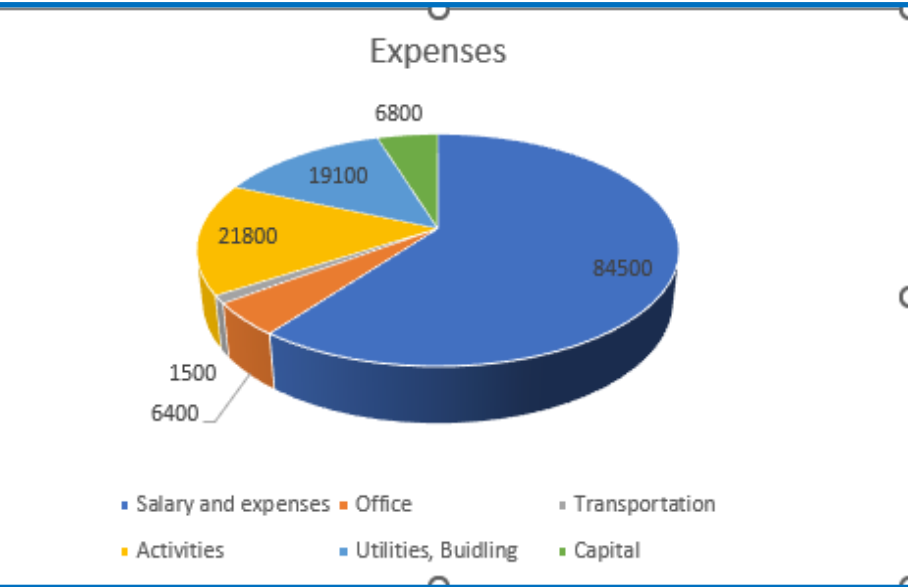
Staff
Sister Virginia Welsh Executive Director
Mrs. Teresa Allen Director of NIA +After School Tutoring
Mrs. Anita Preilipp Emerging Young Ladies
Mrs. Kim McFann Administrative Assistant
Cynthia Kendrick-McClendon Transportation and Meals
Kasey O. Rupp-Scott Gardener

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-2024



INCOME

Grants	20,000
Donations	85,500
Activities/Programs	60,000
Other income	160
Total Income	165,660



EXPENSES

Salary and expenses	84,500
Office	6,400
Transportation	1,500
Activities	21,800
Utilities, Building	19,100
Capital	6,800
Total Expense	140,100
Profit	25,560

Future Plans

Building Improvements!

Thanks to a Rotary Grant The Padua Center is looking forward to some improvements in the building and also in programming. The Padua Center has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Toledo Rotary, through the Toledo Community Foundation to replace the crumbling wall in the work room. (See picture on the right.) But, first The Padua Center had some significant gutter and downspout work done. Now, with the water going away from and not seeping into the building we are able to address the damaged wall.

Also included in the grant is money for the replacement of the flooring in the copier room and the second floor hallway. This flooring is very old and was installed before asbestos was used. Therefore there is no need of asbestos removal. The flooring in the kitchen and first floor hallway has asbestos in it which will need to be removed before new flooring is installed.

Although the Rotary Grant is significant, we will need to raise about \$10,000 more to complete the job. With this annual report we are seeking an 'end of the year' donation to help with the new flooring.

Can you help us to fill the 'gap' and assure that the flooring and walls are repaired?



Crumbling wall that will be replaced.

Can you contribute to help us fix this wall?



Emerging Young Ladies Seeks to Expand

Anita Prielipp has been working with the Emerging Young Ladies. The meetings have been difficult to schedule, but the young ladies showed out in force and beauty for the "Peaces" of Art.

Pictured to the left Sr. Ginny is auctioning off one of the paintings done by Brooklyn Hand while Brooklyn and Bridget Hand wait on with Journey Ingols in the background.

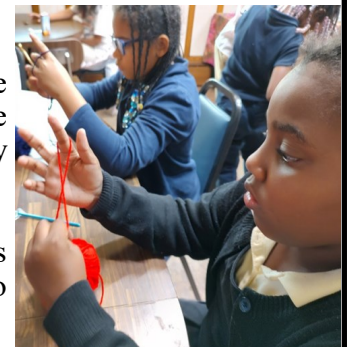
Crocheting teaches a skill for a life time



When the Nia students arrive after school and bounce in the door they are quickly given a snack and then have time to wait for the rest of the children to arrive. Sister Ginny decided to take advantage of that wait time and teach the children a new skill.

Learning to crochet is not easy but the students are eager to get that chain stitch done and then will move onto single and then double crochets. When they master these skills they will be making scarves or coasters!

The Nia students enjoy the sense of accomplishment and have even had parents take them to buy different yarn and crochet hooks. The goal is to make one or two items for our "Peaces" of Art auction next year!





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Mission Statement

**The Padua Center
 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.**

Kwanzaa Park Neighbors



Kim McFann calls BINGO at the Padua Summer Party.

On the first Thursday of each month the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors come together to share about activities in the neighborhood, to listen to guest speakers, to receive a report from the Community Police and to plan for the neighborhood. During this past year guest speakers have included: Angela Castillo who gave a training on “Stop the Bleed.” Paul Wood encouraged everyone to re-cycle Styrofoam with Lott Industries, speakers from the Area Office on the Aging and other such organizations, as well as often a visit from the City Council members. The Kwanzaa Park Neighbors also took a lead in the Padua Summer Party and handled all the rummage sale items. As indicated by their name they lead the Kwanzaa Celebration in December. This small group is very active and keeps the neighborhood informed of the activities of The Padua Center.

Ujima Urban Agriculture

Kasey O. Rupp-Scott has been gardener for The Ujima Urban Agriculture Program. Kasey will be the first to tell you that this has been a real learning experience for him. But, by the end of the growing season he has really grown in his knowledge and application of good gardening principles.

In addition to planting, weeding, watering and harvesting a variety of vegetables and fruits, Kasey devotes some time each day to study and learning. He has completed several classes and has applied that knowledge to the Ujima Garden.

Toledo Grows offered a grant to The Padua Center and a new plastic ‘roof’ for the hoop house has been purchased. In addition several new raised beds have been purchased. These will make it more possible for early planting, as well as more gardening opportunities for the youth.



Cleaning up the Neighborhood!
 As part of the summer camp, the youth walked through the neighborhood picking up trash.

“Peaces” of Art

“Peaces” of Art, our major fundraiser, was a success once again. Thanks to a very generous ‘surprise’ presentation of \$5,000 by the Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin, the profit from the event was able to boost the bottom-line for The Padua Center and made this year the most profitable fundraiser. The yearly contributions and silent auction purchases are a major source of funding and all those who contribute or attend are deeply appreciated. The Padua Center does not charge any fees for our programs and is willing in any way possible to help children, youth and the Padua Neighborhood. Thank you for helping us!