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## The Padua Center announces the “Peaces” of Art Celebration



Theresa M. Gabriel, a noted city official, will be the Mistress of Ceremonies at The Padua Center’s “Peaces” of Art celebration on Oct. 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 at The Sullivan Center behind Gesu Church on Parkside Blvd. Theresa has over 20 years of business experience and over 30 years of experience working with organized labor CBTU, AFSCME Local 7 and AFSCME2058. She has nearly 60 years of experience working with community service organizations. She also has over 45 years of public sector service with the City of Toledo, including serving as a councilwoman. Mrs. Gabriel serve on the Padua Center Board.

The “Peaces” of Art Celebration includes a silent auction, dining stations, and art work done by the children of The Padua Center. Community members who have offered service to The Padua Center will also be honored.



Dan Ridi, owner of S&G Stations, will be honored with the Padua Promoter Award at the Padua Center’s “Peaces” of Art celebration on October 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 at the Sullivan Center. Dan Ridi, a prominent businessman, supports the work of The Padua Center and many non-profit organizations through his annual “Thanks and Giving” event. Each of the S&G Stations raises funds, matched by the Corporate Office, for a charity chosen by the employees of the Service Station. Over the years this event has given nearly \$200,000 to various local programs.

The Volunteer Award will be given to Duane Buck and John Hartigan, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, who installed the accessibility ramp for the Padua Center and also a slide in the playground. The slide was purchased through a grant from the Helping Hens Fund at The Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Generous in time and greatly skilled Duane and John gave several days of service to help The Padua Center children.



Kerry Gibson will also receive a Volunteer Award. Kerry is a regular volunteer coming two mornings a week to clean the campus and do a variety of maintenance jobs.

The “Peaces” of Art celebration will have a limited attendance and masks will be worn to assure Covid safety. A highlight of the event will be the silent auctioning of two framed counted cross stitch pictures done by Kay Shrewsbury. These pieces of work made of thousands of small stitches reflect the cultural and ethnic riches of the African American community. The two pictures are listed on the Betterworld auction site now and bids can be made immediately. Bidding on the Betterworld site will continue through the “Peaces “of Art Event.



Art work created by the children of The Padua Center will be auctioned in the live auction.

Music will be provided by “Straight Up” and a variety of food selections will be provided at numerous serving stations. Tickets (\$35) and more information are available by calling The Padua Center, 419-241-6465, or visiting the webpage: [www.paduacenter.org](http://www.paduacenter.org).

If you go: Peaces of Art, a silent and live auction to benefit the work of The Padua Center, Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 at The Sullivan Center, 2049 Parkside Blvd., Toledo, Ohio.

Bidding for selected items is open now and will continue through the event at: <https://paduacenter.betterworld.org/auctions/peaces-art-2021?>