



Annual Report 2014-2015

unity, self-determination, collective work, cooperative economics, faith, purpose and creativity

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Principles

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

Mission Statement

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.

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.

After School Children Tested for Lead

Nursing students from the University of Toledo conducted a Health Fair for our After-School Tutoring students. The children had the opportunity to learn about several health related topics, fill out game sheets and receive testing for elevated levels of lead in their blood.



Recent scientific studies make it clear that children living in older homes, such as those in Padua Center neighborhoods, are at higher risk for lead poisoning. Dr. Marilyn Woods brought her nursing class to Padua Center to test the children's blood. Of the eight children tested all possess elevated lead levels.

There will be follow up with these families to help with dietary changes to lower that level. In addition, children participating in the Padua Possibilities program will undergo testing when they come for their third suspension.



Volunteers Beautify Padua Center

Board Member Laila Ariss teaches at Maumee Valley County Day School. During the January break last year a group of her students came to paint the center. One group assisted in painting the back stairway and another group painted elephants, trees, tigers and other African animals on a wall. These animals lead the way up the wall to the classrooms for the children.



Laila Ariss and some of her students.

During the 2014-15 fiscal year volunteers donated 340 hours valued at \$7,845.

Children's Program Continues Success

The Padua Possibilities Program got off to a great start on October 13, 2015. Unfortunately, the program cannot accept students until all the paper work at the Board of Education is complete, so we had about a six week delay before we could take students. Nevertheless, by November 15, 2015, Padua Center provided services to 30 children for 76 days.



Syreeta Seymore and Cortisha Conner help a Padua Possibilities student.

The Padua Possibilities program is an alternative to suspension for children in grades K-6 from Martin Luther King Academy for Boys, as well as Robinson and Sherman Elementary Schools.

The program consists of academic assistance, coaching conversation and peace education. Over the nine year history of the program 600 children benefited from these services which donations and fundraising support.



Ms. Sharmayne Ivey is the teacher for our Padua Possibilities Program. Her smile is contagious as is her passion for helping children.

Padua Center Receives Community Connector Grant

Padua Center recently hired Dr. Robert Birt to serve as Mentor Coordinator for our Community Connector Grant. This Ohio Department of Education Grant provides for mentoring of children served by the Center's Padua Possibilities program. This program can potentially serve up to 25 children.

Medical Mutual of Ohio is Padua Center's mentor partner. They will provide up to 20 mentors to work with Padua Possibilities children. The mentors will undergo a background check and attend a training session called *Protecting Youth and Those Who Serve Them*.



Dr Robert Birt and student.

Mentors and mentees will meet weekly during the school with follow-up in the summer. Dr Birt plans to work with both mentors and mentees. The principals from Martin Luther King, Robinson and Sherman schools are excited to participate in this program.

Restoring Possibilities Program Continues to Work

Funded by a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation, the Restoring Possibilities Program begins its second year. The program provides one-on-one instruction and guidance for children under expulsion or those considered appropriate for the program.

Ms. Nancy Young, a retired teacher, provides an excellent educational program. The children also participate in the Peace Education sessions of the Padua Possibilities program.

The children must receive professional counseling and the parents must regularly communicate with the program. Padua Center holds a special breakfast at the conclusion of the program. This school year two students participated in the Restoring Possibilities program.

Hoop House Construction Completes

In April 2015, volunteers came together to erect a Hoop House for our garden project. Wade Smith, Kyle Blosser and Jason Askins led the project. The Hoop House received final adjustments during the fall and it's now ready for winter.



Volunteers constructing the Hoop House.

Gardner Otha Carr points out some of the greens growing in our Hoop House. Working with ToledoGrows Padua Center plans to develop a food hub so that the Ujima Urban Agriculture project can sell the produce at market and make the garden financially sustainable.



Otha Carr works in Hoop House.

Peaces of Art Celebration 2015

The Peaces of Art event this year was successful. In preparation for the event, Art Teacher, Ms. Robin Kendrick and some students painted the Padua Center Chair for the auction. The chair was a successful fundraising item.

During the Peaces of Art Celebration, Jessica Ford and her daughter received the Padua Promoter Award from Board Member Art Jones for her late father, Jack Ford. The late mayor always supported Padua Center activities.



Ms. Kendrick and her students.



The painted Padua Chair.



Jessica Ford, her daughter and Art Jones.

Christ Child Society Sponsors After School Program

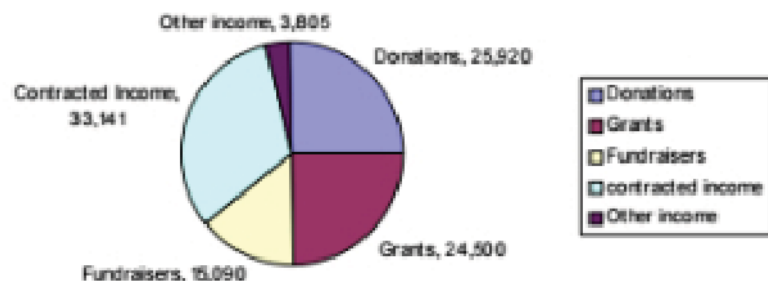
Members of the Christ Child Society planned some exciting events for the after school children. The first event was a Fall party including making a pine cone bird feeder and a tree art project.

Look at the concentration on the faces of the children as the Christ Child Society members help them!

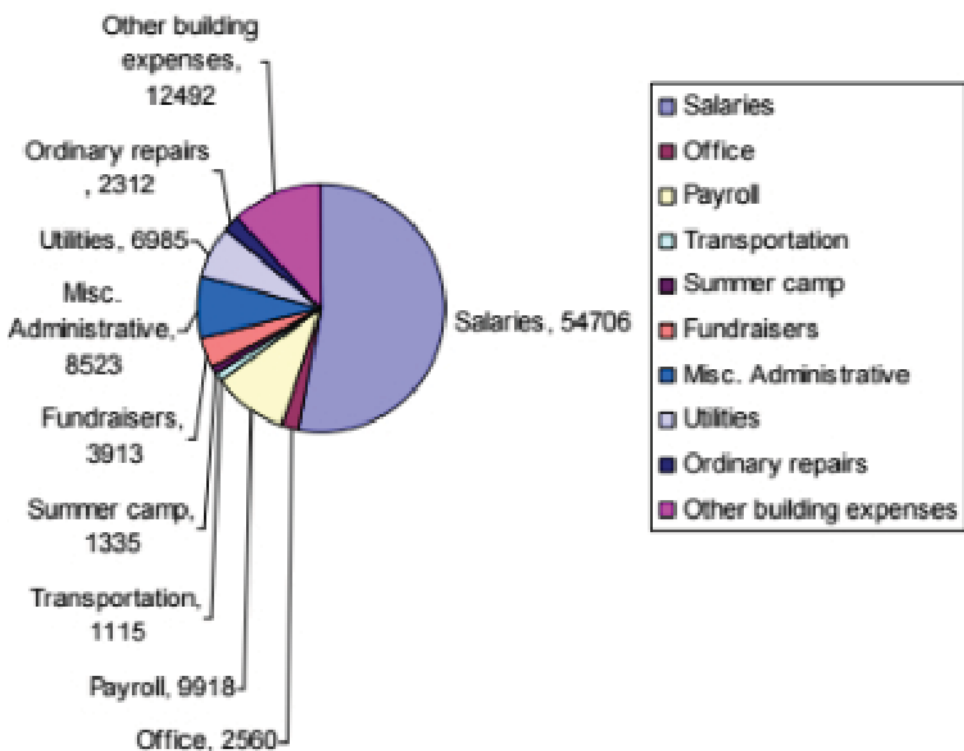


Padua Center Financial Status 2014-2015

Income 2014-2015



Expenses 2014-2015



End of Year Summary

Total Income: \$102,456
 Total Expense: \$103,089

Balance: -\$920



Mr. Arto Woodley, keynote presenter, Terry Crosby, Educational Director and Norman Hinton, Board member at the Peaces of Art celebration.



Working and learning in the garden.

In Memoriam...

Padua Center lost three wonderful supporters this past year. Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jack Ford, a former board member and financial supporter to our work.

Padua Center mourns with to Kathy Welsh on the death of her husband, Warren, a financial supporter, and the brother of Sister Virginia Welsh, our executive director.

The Center likewise mourns the loss of Rev. Joseph Jaros, a steady donor to the work of Padua Center.



Annual Donations for 2014-2015

Major Gifts (\$500+)

Bishop Hoffman Catholic Schools
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Joseph and Mary Clark
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Ralph Lauser
Jane Larsen
Yvonne Lear
Kathleen Maidlow
Mary Ann Rickus and George Marsh

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Donations

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Diane and Kenneth Stein
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Steve Wirzylo
Jeanne Zurat

Grants Received in Support of Padua Center

Rotary Club of Toledo — accessibility ramp installed
St. Francis Grant – Kwanzaa Park Neighbors meetings
Toledo Community Foundation — Restoring Possibilities program extended
State of Ohio and Medical Mutual – Community Connectors mentorship program developed



Ribbon cutting for new ramp made possible by the Rotary Club of Toledo.

Volunteer Groups

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

Thanks for all
of your support!



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Kwanzaa Park Leadership

Chair: Oscar Shaheer
Animator: Shannon Frye

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