Giving Tuesday 2020

With the Christmas Holidays coming up soon and the spirit of giving we are asking you to consider Padua Center for a Giving Tuesday Donation, December 1, 2020. Just take a moment and give a donation on our website paduacenter.org With your donation Padua Center can provide enrichment opportunities for the children.

Peaces of Art Goes Virtual!

The first phase of Peaces of Art was a BBQ Chicken Dinner prepared by Martin Porter. It was a beautiful day in September when Padua Center patrons came out to buy a takeout chicken dinner. For convenience and optimal location, Padua Center held the cookout at St. Martin de Porres.

The second phase of Peaces of Art was virtual and thanks to the wonders of technology and the skill of Rob Thomas, we were able to do it all online. Former Mayor Carty Finkbeiner was the keynote speaker and Mr. Harvey Savage received the Padua Promoter Award. As is key to every Peaces of Art we auctioned off a child’s artwork.

Look at the picture of the computer and you can see our little kindergarten student with her artwork. Thanks also to Brandi Brown who was emcee, Dennis Jarrett and Kim McFann who announced the successful bidders for the auction and all the supporters of Padua Center. Profit this year was comparable to other years-less income but less expense! Thanks to everyone!

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

**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 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.

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Education Still Number One at Padua Center

Ashton Frush came to Padua Center for her first day of kindergarten. Carefully holding her Chromebook, issued by Toledo Public School, she started this new adventure. After several days of virtual school, she said, “I just love my teacher!”

Padua Center is about empowering people at all stages of life. Through this Pandemic, educational staff learned much about virtual learning, finding classrooms schedules, checking assignments, and helping children still love learning. Each day about 7-10 students come to Padua Center for learning. The Center is in the process of obtaining a Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care License. This will allow reimbursements for the children who come here. Thanks to the support from our donors and our fundraising we can provide this service now, as we await certification.

The Emerging Young Ladies enjoyed an outing at a Pumpkin Patch to celebrate Halloween. The Grooming Great Gentlemen have also been meeting and creating ways to stay safe and have fun! Padua Center is working on the final details of partnering with TutorSmart to provide after school tutoring to about ten children. This program will increase our educational outreach.

Building Improvements 2019-2020

In September 2019 Chittum Painting painted Padua Center. A grant from The Andersons through the Greater Toledo Community Foundation partially funded the improvements. In April 2020, Seagate Roofing re-roofed Padua Center. A grant from the Lucas County Port Authority partially funded this project. Donations covered the remainder of the costs of painting and roofing expenses. Thank you to our donors!

2019-2020 Grants

The Anderson Grant / Greater Toledo Community Foundation ($6,500)

Lucas County Port Authority ($25,000)

Helping Hens / Greater Toledo Community Foundation ($4,125)

Nickelson Grant / Sisters of St. Francis ($25,000)

Prior to the Covid-19 shutdown our After School *Stars had an enrichment activity of painting. Pictured left are some of the Emerging Young Ladies.
Thanks to Our Donors for Continued Support

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