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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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The Church that Didn’t Come Down!

On June 1, 2018 Padua Center staff left the center expecting to return at the end of July with a large open space in front of the building and the possibility of installing a contemplative park. Padua Center staff researched grants to install the park and neighbors gave suggestions, as well.

On June 2, 2018, several politicians, including Congresswoman Kaptur, Mayor Kapszukiewicz, two former Mayors: Carty Finkbeiner and Paula Hicks-Hudson, several council persons and interested persons of the neighborhood held a press conference asking Bishop Daniel Thomas to not raze St. Anthony Church. They proposed that the Lucas County LandBank take possession of the building.

On June 5, 2018 Bishop Thomas, Monsignor Kubacki and Fr. Monte Hoyles met with Congresswoman Kaptur, Mayor Kapszukiewicz, and Mr. Mann to discuss the possibility of saving of the church. After several deadlines and meetings, on July 20, 2018 the Diocese of Toledo gave to the Lucas County LandBank ownership of: St. Anthony Church, Padua Center, the Ujima Garden, the parking lot and playground. On July 27, 2018, The Lucas County LandBank gave to Padua Center: Padua Center building, parking lot and the Ujima Garden. The playground and driveway remain in the ownership of the LandBank with Padua Center having a license to use them.



A large crane looms over St. Anthony Church. The crane and other equipment arrived on June 1, 2018.

The discussions, communications, letters to the editor, articles in The Blade, made for a roller coaster type of summer. Padua Center staff continued with summer camps and did not return to the building until after the transfer of ownership. On August 4, volunteers from St. Martin de Porres Parish, Board members and parents of the summer camp participants cleaned Padua Center to prepare it for an exciting new adventure.

Peaces of Art Scheduled for October 14, 2018

Padua Center's major fundraiser, Peaces of Art, will occur on October 14, 2018 at the Sullivan Center at Gesu Parish. The event will begin at 5:00 PM and conclude by 8:00 PM. This year the committee is focusing on art work for the home, particularly some pieces celebrating the African American heritage. Also, there is the best of Padua Center Art Camp!

A dinner, silent auction, live auction, and music provided by *Fr. Art and Straight Up* will make for a fun-filled evening. Padua Center children and the Emerging Young Ladies will provide a warm welcome and will be ready to assist our guests in any way they can. You may purchase tickets online for \$35 each, or by calling Padua Center (419) 241-6465.



This counted cross stitch picture that Kay Shrewsbery made will feature in our live auction.

Terry Crosby Leaves Padua Center

After six years as Educational Director, the time came for Mr. Terrence Crosby to move on. When Terry came to Padua Center in March 2012, he had recently returned to the United States from thirty years in England. In Europe he played professional basketball for seventeen years, received a second Bachelor's Degree, ran his own business, and then worked in a High School.

Mr. Terry served as the first full time Educational Director at Padua Center. He developed the job being flexible to the ever-changing landscape of intervention work with elementary school children. During his six years he worked with over 760 children in the Padua Possibilities Program. He also directed the After-School Program and Summer Camps connecting him with nearly 1,000 children during his time at Padua Center.

As in most non-profit organizations money is tight, and the demands are great because of the population the non-profit works with. Padua Center is no exception. Mr. Terry was always ready to go the extra mile, to see that the children are safe and have good experiences. He drove children to Detroit to the African American Museum, to Fremont to the Hayes Memorial, to Ft. Meigs, the zoo, and performances at the Valentine Theatre. He would come in on Saturday or after hours so that the kids could have an extra experience.

Mostly, Padua Center will remember Terry for his gentle, yet firm approach to the children. He was always taking the extra step to help children and parents/guardians. He took a sincere interest in the children and they are all the better for it.

God's Blessings to you, Mr. Terry!



Terrence Crosby, Education Director

On the Move Summer Camps Held at St. Martin de Porres School

A special thank you to the Savage Family Foundation for funding the summer camps. Such donors make opportunities possible for our children.



Tyrese Cleveland, Isaiah and William Perry review academic work during the first hour of camp each day. Reading is always first!



Sisters, Ry'lee and Anastie, enjoy a hug!



A budding artist preparing for Peaces of Art 2018.



The visit to the Toledo Botanical Garden was a great experience for the campers.



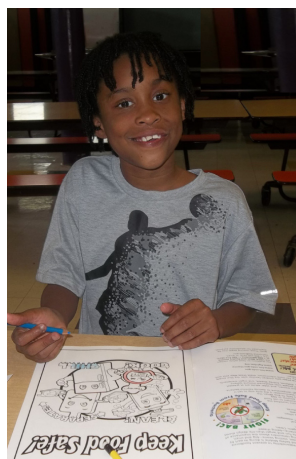
Patrice Powers-Barker, of the OSU Extension Office, speaks with the children about healthy eating and exercise.



Fun with Ron at Savage Park.



Cheryl and William Kyser taught the campers to play pickleball.



Jay'wan is busy at work.



Of course, the splash pad was a real hit on a very hot summer day.

Emerging Young Ladies Program Returns!

The Emerging Young Ladies Program began at Padua Center and then because of staff changes and other priorities, it has had a hiatus for the last couple of years. Thanks to a grant from Mimi Nelson, Padua Center is bringing the Emerging Young Ladies program back and has staffing to assure that it will be a great program reaching out to at least 20 young ladies a year.

Components of the program include 10-15 hours of direct input from various successful women of the community. The young ladies will learn about self-esteem, healthy relationships, social behavior, and career goals.

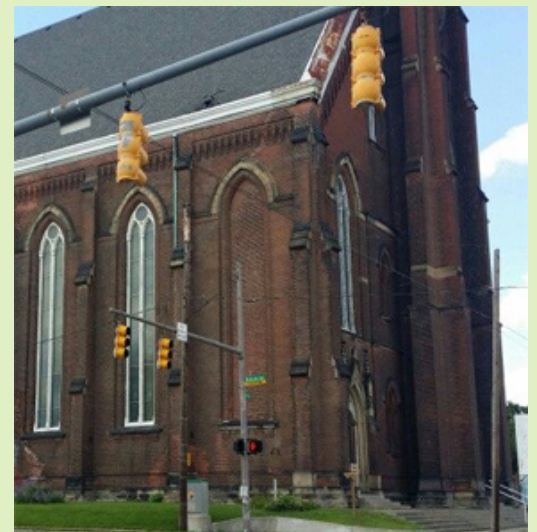
After the initial sessions, the young ladies will receive a mentor and will continue to meet with them and explore many opportunities to become beautiful young ladies.

Stakeholders Come Together to Plan for St. Anthony Church

What will happen with St. Anthony church? After the interesting turn of events during the summer of 2018, many people are coming together to determine the best repurposing of St. Anthony church. Certainly, whatever is the final product, it will be something that will enhance the neighborhood and Padua Center will be a vital part of the development.

Lindsay Webb, former City Council Member, is the lead person in bringing together all the interested parties in developing a use for St. Anthony church that will be financially viable, neighborhood friendly, and culturally enriching.

There are many ideas and possibilities. It will be interesting to track the development. If you have ideas, please call Sister Virginia and she will take your ideas to the meetings.



St Anthony's Church

A Very Special Thanks to Summer Camp Staff and Volunteers!

Staff during the Summer Camps do more than watch children. They plan, supervise, and occasionally pick up a broom to clean. Heather Austin, Brookelyn Phillips, Sister Ginny, and Mr. Terry Crosby provided generous support during the summer. Additional volunteers Roni Flaggs and Pat Meinert helped during summer camps, while Sr. Janice Rospert, Ellen Jones and June Boyd helped with Vacation Bible School.

Twyla Wheaton and Peggy Vega tutored, while Robin Kendrick and Oreda Bufkin led the Art Camp. Royce Wicks led the campers in understanding music, especially the guitar. Cheryl and William Kyser taught Pickle Ball during the sports camp.

Thanks to everyone!



Donors in July 2018

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Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio

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Toledo Community Foundation Anderson Fund-\$6,500
Toledo Community Foundation Community Accelerator Grant-\$15,000

Special thanks to Roger Whitchum who tended the Ujima Park and Garden while we were at St. Martin de Porres. The blackberries and grapes are ready!

Thanks for your generosity!

