



# Padua Ponderings

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## Meet Terry Crosby the New Educational Director of Padua Center

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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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Mr. Terrance Crosby, a native of Toledo returned to the city after some thirty years in Europe. Many people recognize Crosby because of his illustrious high school and college career as a basketball player.

After college basketball at the University of Tennessee he played professional basketball for the Kansas City Kings. He then went to Europe and played for seventeen years in Great Britain, Italy, Switzerland and France. Most recently he worked at Derby High School in Greater Manchester, England. There he mentored and counseled in education; he worked in mental health, community, youth work, and criminal justice.

With his professional basketball skills he’s made a real hit with the youth at Padua Center. With his experience he is making valuable contributions to the growth of the programming at the Center. Crosby began working at Padua Center on March 13, 2012, and has had many experiences already.

Mr. Crosby said, “My transition within the Padua Center has been welcoming, instructional, supportive and enlightening... My future vision of the Padua Center is based on expansion, growth and development.” We welcome Terry Crosby and are eager for his input and his guidance as the Padua Possibilities Program expands.



*Mr. Terrance Crosby pauses with two of our Padua Possibilities students: Trevon from Martin Luther King School for Boys, and Marwan from Robinson Elementary School.*

## Padua Center Needs Volunteers - Come Join Us

Padua Center is looking for volunteers this summer. Are you interested in gardening? Please help with our Padua Potters summer camp, or give some time to work in the gardens. If you have an interest in education, please volunteer to tutor this summer! Padua would love to have you as part of our team.

# Volunteers Honored at Kwanzaa Celebration



Padua Center relies on volunteers for many of the ordinary and extraordinary support needed to operate on a day-to-day basis. Veronica Flaggs, John Schlumbohm and St. Mary's Parish, Bluffton, Ohio received the Ujima Volunteer Award 2011 at the December Kwanzaa Celebration.

Ujima is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The Ujima principle means collective work and responsibility-to build and maintain our communities together and to make our sisters' and brothers' problems our problems and to solve them together.

Our volunteers received their awards for their efforts to build and maintain the work of Padua Center, which improves the community. The 2011 Ujima Volunteer Award recipients are:

Veronica Flaggs, (pictured above) served as volunteer receptionist, Emerging Young Ladies coordinator, emergency tutor, bread bagger, and general aid.

John Schlumbohm and St Mary's Parish of Bluffton, Ohio installed windows and flooring on the third floor. John organized over 30 volunteers for the two projects.



*Save the Date!*

**Peaces of Art Special Event  
October 14, 2012  
5:00-8:00 PM at Sullivan Center**



## Padua Possibilities Submits Mid-Year Report

The signature program of Padua Center is Padua Possibilities, an alternative to suspension for children in kindergarten through sixth grade at Pickett Academy, Robinson Elementary School and Martin Luther King School for Boys. On occasion other schools participate in the program.

Three major grants from Maria Anna Brunner Fund, the Lynch Family Foundation and the Stranahan Foundation fund this program. Donations, fundraisers and a contract with Lucas County Children's Services complete the budget for this program.

In January, Padua Center prepared a mid-year report and detailed the need for this program. During this school year, until March 10 Padua had 169 different children spend a total of 345 days at the Center. Last year, the total for the whole year was 92 students for 321 days. With 2 1/2 months of school remaining, Padua Center has already surpassed the numbers from last year!



*Volunteers, John Moran and Catherine Champa help some of the Padua Possibilities participants.*

# Emerging Young Ladies Recent Activities

The Emerging Young Ladies program has been very busy these last months. After experiencing a week of intense fun and opportunities, last summer, the young ladies continue to meet throughout the year. Last year, in October and November they had two sewing classes with Agneta Seeley. During the first class they learned how to make a pillow cover. At their second class they each made a pair of pajama bottoms.



*Madisun concentrates on each stitch!*



*On February 26, 2012 the Emerging Young Ladies served as hostesses for the Toledo Symphony concert at St. Martin de Porres Parish.*



*Precious Royal smiles after learning how to do a hairstyle, under the direction of Megan Davis from the Kitchen Salon.*



*Emerging Young Ladies at the Youth Symposium with team member Roni Flagg and Sr. Ginny.*



## Chicken Fest 2012: Looking for Some Summer Fun?

Padua Center's Urban Chicken Fest is right around the corner! Join us Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 12:00-5:00 PM for a fun time. The Center will serve our famous BBQ chicken dinners along games, raffles, and music.

### Raffle prizes are:

First Prize - 32" TV

Second Prize - Portable DVD Player

Other prizes include \$50 gift certificates for local businesses

You can purchase tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



# London Ritzler installs Butterfly Garden for an Eagle Scout Project



London Ritzler had an Eagle Scout project all ready to complete when the original site plan changed and he found himself with a butterfly garden and no place to install it. A quick call by his mother and his project found a home!

We are all eager for the Spring flowers to bud out and his butterfly garden to begin its job of making the heart of Kwanzaa Park-the Ujima Park and Garden- attract the attention of all those who pass by.

This garden will be a focal point for gatherings this summer. The Brighten Up community organizing project is planning a variety of activities and the butterfly garden, sporting two new benches, will be the hub of it all! Thanks to London and the Boy Scouts!

## Donors

July 1 through Dec. 31, 2011

*(excluding donations and Tickets for "Peaces of Art")*

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