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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

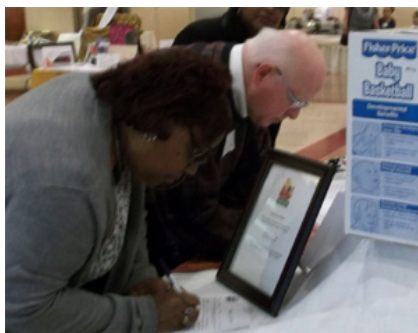
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## Peaces of Art 2017

### Mark Your Calendars!

The Peaces of Art fundraiser will occur on October 8, 2017 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Sullivan Center located at 2049 Parkside Blvd. This yearly event is a major fundraiser for Padua Center and assists in filling the gaps in funding streams.

Highlighted each year are community members who contributed to the financial stability of Padua Center. In addition, live music, a delicious meal and lots of camaraderie make for a wonderful evening. You can purchase tickets from our webpage or by contacting Padua Center.



Fr. Tony Gallagher and Karen Jarrett mark their bids at the 2016 Peaces of Art event.



How much will you bid for Isaiah's cat?

## Padua Center Board Members

Dennis Jarrett — President	Beverly Moore
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# Chicken Fest a Time for Lots of Fun!

Fire trucks and a big chicken joined the festivities at the annual Urban Chicken Fest that began right after the African American Parade on July 15, 2017. Many parade goers came to the festival for a delicious chicken dinner and for their children to enjoy games and activities.

Thanks to the generosity of Rev. Anthony Gallagher a bouncy house provided hours of entertainment. The Ujima Urban Agriculture and the Health Department provided resources for the neighbors. Padua Center held Bingo inside and a great rummage sale took place on the porch.

Thanks to Martin Porter for the great chicken! Knights of Columbus volunteers continue to donate time and service! Thanks!

## Winners of the Raffle Prizes

**Grill:** Ron Todd

**DVD/ Blu Ray:** Gloria and Wil Baughn

**Linking Crock Pots:** Ralph Lauser



*Some of the children pose with our guest chicken as they enjoy the free games and activities at the Chicken Fest.*



## Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts Participate During Summer Camp

Each week during Summer Camp, Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders came to Padua Center and worked with the children. The children of Padua Center had the opportunity to understand Boy and Girl Scout organizations and to learn about their activities.

The Girls Scouts worked each week with girls who learned about the organization and ways that Girl Scouts are involved in the community beyond selling cookies.



*Dylan peeks out from the tent after the children learned how to pitch it.*



*Youth Workers help Boy Scout members who instructed the boys in pitching a tent.*





# Summer Camps: Educational and Fun!

There has been much conversation in the political arena about diversity, so the theme for summer camps was Diversity. The children enjoyed learning about the wide variety in our lives, beginning with food and health, with sports and flowers, with gardening and art and religion. Field trips and activities filled the days and there was lots of fun. Each day there were about twenty children. Pathways, YMCA and Harbor programs provided youth workers. These young workers managed the complexities of summer camp.



*Ry'lee and Lily are very attentive getting directions for a Padua Potters activity.*



*A trip to the Toledo Botanical Gardens was part of the Gardening Camp. This group of girls are discussing a sculpture.*



*Dr. Syed Hasan welcomed our campers to the Masjid Saad Foundation in Toledo, as part of the Diversity Week.*



*Anastie had fun putting together a skeleton with macaroni as part of the Health Camp. Various speakers and projects helped the children learn to make healthy choices in life.*



## Summer Worker Shares Value of Working at Padua Center

My experience at Padua Center has given me the tools for quality work ethics. I also experienced the importance of showing up to work every day and on time. I learned that not only am I depending on my job for a pay check, but that the job is also depending on me to be there and render a service for them.



*Donald Summer, Jr*

Not only did I acquire good work ethics. I also achieved great people skills. I learned that when I report to work I am no longer on my own time, I can't do whatever I want to. The job is paying me for a service, and my time at the job belongs to my employer. Employment gives me an inner rewarding feeling of self which affirms that young black men can achieve and do more in life than what society stigmatizes us to be. Today I am a responsible and mature young man!

I would like to thank Sister Virginia and Mr. Terry who taught and encouraged me that a boy does what he wants to do, but a man does what he must do.

Today I know that this job training has shown me that anything worth having is worth working for.

Thank you, Donnell Summers Jr.

## Padua Potters Garden Club Formed

Carla Pattin is facilitating our newly formed Padua Potters Garden Club. The club, funded through a grant from the Sisters of St. Francis of Chicago, is for adults and children. Many African Americans in Toledo came from rural areas in the South where gardening was part of everyday life. Padua Center invites adults living in the Kwanzaa Park area to join in sharing their knowledge with the children.



*Recycling and reusing is part of every day at Padua Center. A worm box provides vermiculture for the garden and disposes of our garbage. Sr. Ginny, Aden Williamson and other children are cleaning out the worm box.*

Facilitator Carla Pattin brought her 96-year-old grandmother to the first activity of the Padua Potters.

**Future meetings are open to the public and occur between 4:00-5:00 PM at Padua Center on the following Tuesdays:**

**August 22  
September 5  
September 12**

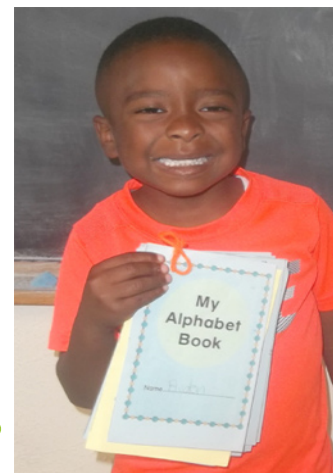
Please come and join us for one or all meetings. (Call ahead to check for any changes in schedule.)



*William and Isaiah Perry smile as they give the worms some lunch in their cleaned home. Food that the children do not eat becomes lunch for the chickens and worms!*

# And Don't Forget Your Academics!

Each morning of summer camp the children spend about an hour in reading and doing math. The summer workers prepared work sheets and reading activities for the children. The kindergarteners made an Alphabet Book. Aden is very proud of the work that he did to prepare him for first grade. Some of the children went to the Mott Branch of the Toledo Library and joined the Summer Reading Club. They received an opportunity to read their library books and record time for prizes.



## Partnering with Toledo Metro Parks

Padua Campers were lucky this summer. In addition to our regular seven weeks of camp, Padua Center partnered with Toledo Metroparks to receive a bonus week. Camp connections, a week-long camp led by the Toledo Metroparks, included fishing, canoeing, archery, and lots of outdoor activity. The camp took place at Pearson Park.

## Upcoming Kwanzaa Park Meetings

Phyllis Toney is organizing the monthly meetings of the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors. She arranged for various speakers to come the first Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:30 PM.

September 7, 2017    Dan Pittman of the Toledo Recycling  
Ron Tikerina of the Ridge Project  
October 5, 2017        Mark Hall of Lutheran Social Services  
November 2, 2017     TBA

## Summer Camp Donors

Thanks to our special friends, whose donations made our summer camps possible!

Pat Besner  
Beverly Bingle  
Buzz and Ellen Ditto  
Renee Dougherty  
Rhonda Eldridge  
Fiske Brothers Refining  
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*Ron Todd, (left) winner of the 1st prize at our Chicken Fest, poses before his new gas grill.*