



# Padua Ponderings



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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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## Padua Promoters Breakfast Update

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, four guests enjoyed breakfast and learned about Padua Center. Volunteer Ellen McComis used our Padua eggs to make a casserole and guests received homemade grape jelly made from grapes grown in the Edible Playground as door prizes. Padua Center welcomed Keith Burris, Phyllis Toney, Mark Tooman and Marilyn Zielinski as Padua Promoters.

Nicole Wilson from Toledo Public Schools and Nancy Young of Padua Center explained the Restoring Possibilities Program. Arthur Jones gave a personal testimony of how the Restoring Possibilities Program benefitted his family.

At the Padua Promoter breakfasts, held several times during the year, guests learn of the work of Padua Center and receive invitations to help make connections in the community. These guests are now Padua Promoters and take the mission and accomplishments of Padua Center into the community to make connections that support the work of Padua Center.



*Romules Durant (Toledo Public School Superintendent) visited Padua Center. Durant is here with the Padua Possibilities children and Mr. Terry Crosby.*



# Annual Chicken Fest — July 9, 2016

**Free Games for Children**

## Raffle Prizes

**First Prize:** LG G10.1 Pad

**Second Prize:** Samsung WB35F digital camera

**Third Prize:** Song Headphones

**Drawing:** July 9, 2016

5:00 PM at Padua Center

**Tickets:** \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 6 books for \$25

## Dinner:

\$6.50 (1/4 chicken, baked beans, cole slaw)

\$4 1/4 chicken

Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, chips, pop



For information or to purchase tickets, please call (419) 241-6465.



## Bill Rowles Foundation Helps Fund Restoring Possibilities

The Bill Rowles Foundation awarded Padua Center a \$3,000 grant to help fund the Restoring Possibilities program. This grant will help Padua Center continue to work with expelled students. Nancy Young is the core teacher in the Restoring Possibilities program. Since the inception of the program, an intervention for expelled students, we have had ten students for a total of eighty-six days.

The students in this program have an intense one-on-one tutoring program for 2.5 hours a day, plus they participant in the Peace Education program. Outside, professional counseling is required for all participants.

This program is the only one in Toledo for expelled students. Padua Center continues to work with students from grades K-6, although for the Padua Possibilities Program we limit students to three public schools.

For Restoring Possibilities receives students referred through a hearing officer and can come from any TPS school.



# Padua Center Welcomes New Board Members

Padua Center Board recently added five new members:

Msgr. Michael Billian was instrumental in the starting Padua Center ten years ago. He wrote the original grant for funding and hired Sister Virginia Welsh as Director. Presently he is Pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Corpus Christi Parishes.

Terry Glazer recently retired as Executive Director of United North Community Development Corporation with over 25 years experience in community organizing. Terry will be a great benefit to Padua Center in helping the Center become more involved in the neighborhood.

Lautrice Johnson is mother to three of children involved in our After School Program. Participation of families and residents is very important so that programming remains relevant.

Phyllis Toney is part of Kwanzaa Park Neighbors and never misses a meeting! She also is working on her education through the HEAT (High Education as Transformation) Program which has an office at Padua Center.

Delise Simmons is part of the Urban Federal Credit Union staff. TUFCU is in the Kwanzaa Park Neighborhood and is an important economic partner for us.

## **Present Board Officers:**

Dennis Jarrett, (President)  
Sonny Ariss (Treasurer)  
Laila Ariss (Secretary)

## **General Members**

Jonathan Boyle  
Art Jones  
Norman Hinton  
Judy Jones  
Odessa Rowan  
Oscar Shaheer



## Ujima Urban Agriculture Update

With the warm spring weather Otha Carr, Alma Morehead and Ken Sendelbach are very busy in the garden. A healthy crop of turnip greens is being examined by Otha and Ken. This crop was planted last fall and is ready for harvesting now.

The Hoop House gives The Ujima Urban Agriculture project many more options and a longer growing season. Small bedding plants are spending time developing strength before being transplanted outside. As part of the Toledo Grows gardens The Ujima Urban Agriculture Project will soon be selling produce in local restaurants. Toledo Grown!



# Update on Kwanzaa Park Neighbors Meetings

The Kwanzaa Park Neighbors meet on the first Thursday of the month and have enjoyed several exciting presentations.

In March, the Buffalo Soldiers visited and told of their many outreach programs for young people, especially for young men. Dressed in their Buffalo Soldier outfits they offered many suggestions to the children attending the program.



*The Buffalo Soldier spoke to the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors in March.*



*Geof Allen visits with Jacqueline LaBiche at the April meeting.*

At the April 7 meeting, Geof Allen of Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADOP) spoke of the effects of the heroin problem in the city and offered much information to the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors. The monthly meetings feature speakers, blockwatch reports and great refreshments.

## Peaces of Art Marks Tenth Anniversary of Padua Center



*Karen Jarrett and Rev. Tony Gallagher mark their bids during last year's Peaces of Art.*

**Save the Date**

**October 9, 2016, 5:00-8:00 PM**

Padua Center will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary during the Peaces of Art Celebration at the Sullivan Center. Mark your calendar and plan on joining in this grand celebration and fundraising event to benefit all the good that Padua Center does.

If you have items for the silent auction, or have contacts for donations for the silent auction, please let us know so that we can make this the most profitable event ever. Please mark your calendar!

# Donor Appreciation List

*July 2015 to March 2016*

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## Memorial

Padua Center expresses sympathy to the family of Rose Marie Hawkins, sister of Sister Virginia Welsh and Althea Shaheer, daughter of board member Oscar Shaheer. Padua Center received memorial gifts in their memory.