



Patchwork Central Annual Report

October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015

Patchwork's Mission:

Based in Evansville, Indiana, Patchwork Central, Inc. creates community and encourages spiritual and social growth

- by offering hospitality,
- by providing opportunities for learning,
- by fostering creativity and involvement in the arts
- by working toward a more peaceful and just world.

Our programming:

Patchwork has been serving our neighbors near downtown Evansville in a variety of ways since 1977. We are a place where many different people can come together and find respect, safety, and support. Currently, our core programs include:

The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry – From October 2014 through September 2015, our food pantry served 1776 individuals from 972 households by distributing almost 20 tons of food. The Pantry is open Monday-Thursday mornings and is one of seven that make up Evansville's Emergency Food Pantry Consortium (eefpc.org). Individuals are eligible for a food order from the Pantry every 30 days and must obtain a food referral from a referral agency before they receive food from the pantry. Patchwork is not officially listed as a referral agency (the official referral agency closest to us is the Pigeon Township Trustee's office), but last year we wrote referrals for 415 households at Patchwork, rather than asking those in need to make an extra trip to another agency. Each food order includes 3-4 days' worth of food, meaning we distributed approximately 21,000 meals-worth of food.

Arts & Smarts After School and Summer Children's Programming – From Fall 2014 through the end of Summer 2015, 116 children and youth in grades 1-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 130 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 2492 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. During the school year, average daily attendance was 19 children. Of these children, 82% belonged to low income families. Additional teen volunteers received leadership training as they volunteered in the Arts & Smarts program.

All of this programming was offered at no cost to the children's families. Daily activities included one-on-one tutoring, visual arts experiences, gardening, cooking, robotics, leadership training, substance abuse prevention, and reading. Through these activities, children gained important skills for life and developed relationships with caring adults.

Neighborhood Hospitality – One service Patchwork provides to our neighbors is simply our presence in the neighborhood. We call it neighborhood hospitality. From October 2014 through September 2015, we logged approximately 7632 instances of hospitality. These include cups of coffee, phone use, visits to our small "clothing bank," packs of diapers, bread, fresh vegetables, and referrals to other local agencies better equipped to assist the individual with his or her needs. It also included 1037 showers for individuals who, for various reasons, had no other access to shower facilities. Sometimes this hospitality is simply having a staff member able to lend a respectful listening ear to hear our neighbors' frustrations, anger, or celebrations.

Bike Shop – Patchwork's Bike Shop was reorganized by volunteer Pete Emery in May, 2015. The Bike Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-noon. On average, 2-3 drop-in clients visited every day for repairs or to receive bikes. In the five months that the shop was open, we repaired and gave away 18 bikes to individuals who needed them for transportation. We also did numerous other repairs (both simple and complex) to bikes to return them to road-worthy condition.

Sozo Health Ministry – The Sozo Health Ministry began operating in January, 2015 to promote health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, and spiritual care. It is coordinated by Rev. John Rich, RN. In its first nine months, it provided 274 total health encounters for 81 total clients. Total direct contact time was 327 hours. Services included 51 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments. They also included 11 occasions in which staff identified emergency health situations in clients, and 911 was called or the client was transported to an ER.

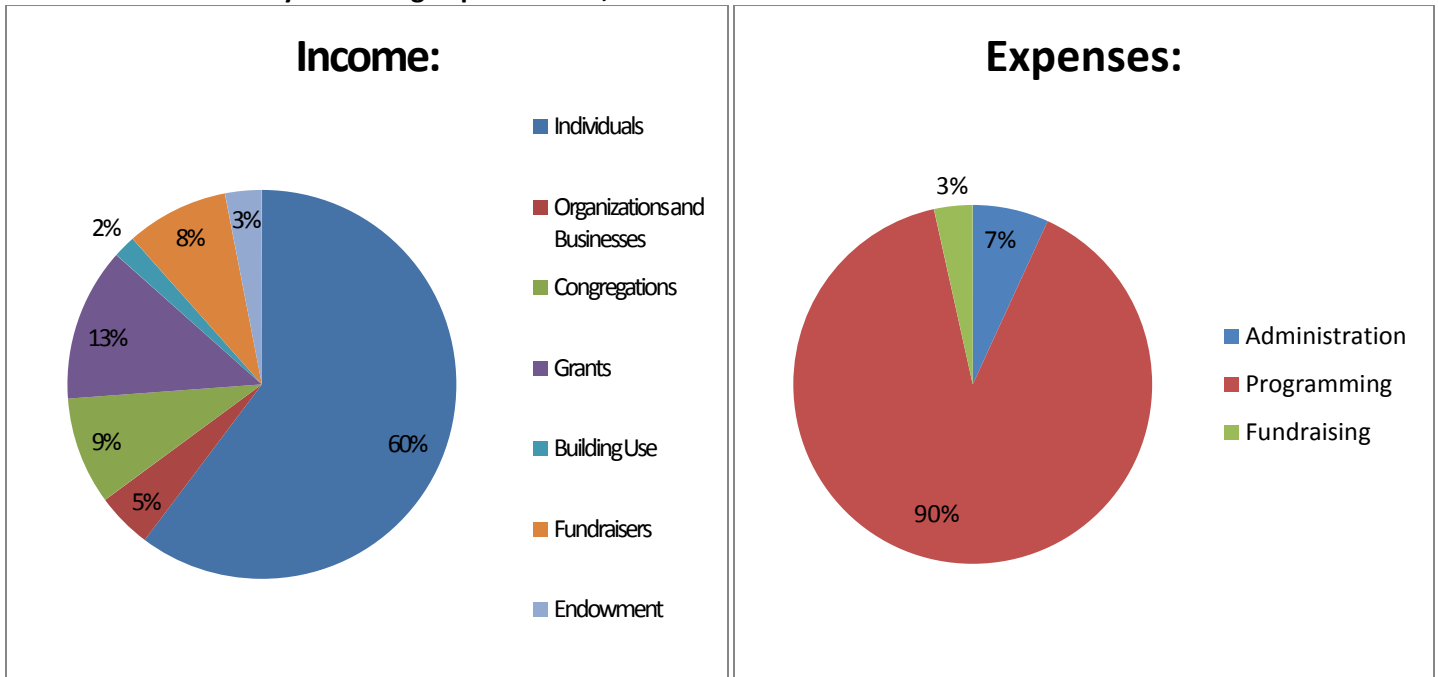
Building Use – Patchwork provides space for other organizations who, like us, are working to make a stronger, healthier, and more peaceful community. Many people pass through our building on a weekly or monthly basis to visit these organizations. Last year, these groups included: Narcotics Anonymous, the Blackford Grove Neighborhood Association, the Evansville Friends Meeting, and the River City Food Co-op.

Community Garden – Patchwork maintains an urban garden next to our building, and we have since 1995. Not only does the garden provide pleasant green space for our neighborhood, it serves as an educational tool to use with the children in our programs and it

provides fresh vegetables for any of our neighbors who care to harvest its produce. Many are surprised to hear that they are welcome to take what they can use.

Worship – Patchwork holds weekly worship services on Sunday evenings at 5:15 pm. Services are ecumenical and completely volunteer-led. Worship has been important at Patchwork since its beginning as a neighborhood ministry in 1977.

Financial Overview for year ending September 30, 2015:



Unaudited Statement of Assets (for year ending September 30, 2015)

Land	\$12,000.00
Building – 100 Washington	\$93,617.69
Building – 116 Washington	\$57,808.92
Building – Studio	\$103,903.57
Office Equipment/Furniture	\$173.65
Equipment	\$6,706.47
Endowment	\$123,342.19
Cash/Checking	\$4,804.84
TOTAL ASSETS	\$402,357.33

Our Board (2014-2015):

Scott Adams – Board President
 Jane Johansen – Vice President
 Alan Winslow – Secretary
 Phil Fisher – Treasurer

Ashley Murray
 Jane Staton
 Janet Esser
 Jean Beckman
 Joyse Rivers

Peter Cashel-Cordo
 Robyn Musgrave
 William Asbury

Our Staff (2014-2015):

John & Amy Rich, Co-Directors
 Jane Case Vickers, Director of Art and Education
 Dixie Wilsbacher, Tutoring Coordinator

Elisa Pike & Angela Hammers, Program Assistants
 Dee Stein & Shawn Craddock, Office Assistants
 Luscious "Scoot" Lloyd, Maintenance Technician

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