



# Annual Report

October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021

## **Patchwork's Mission:**

*Patchwork Central creates community, honors personal dignity, empowers people, and encourages spiritual and social growth through its programs and hospitality, its opportunities for learning, its creative atmosphere and cultivation of the arts, and its work toward reconciliation and a more peaceful and just world.*

## **Our programming:**

Patchwork has been serving our neighbors near downtown Evansville since 1977. We are a place where many different people can come together and find respect, safety, and support. Below is a list of our core programming and the numbers of people served by each program during our most recent fiscal year. All of our programming was impacted this year by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the numbers served were reduced as a result of implementing a variety of safety protocols. All of our programming was in operation throughout the entire year, and all of it was offered in person. All numbers reflect the people served between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, unless otherwise noted.

The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry – Last year, our food pantry served 849 individuals from 539 households by distributing over 9.8 tons of food. The Pantry is open Monday-Thursday mornings and is one of seven that make up Evansville's Emergency Food Pantry Consortium. Individuals are eligible for a food order every 30 days and must obtain a food referral from a referral agency before they receive food from the pantry. Last year our main office wrote referrals for 531 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 10,000 meals-worth of food. Our food pantry also distributed 653 pounds of pet food from the Tuly Fund so recipients would not have to choose between feeding themselves or their pets.

Arts & Smarts After School and Summer Children's Programming – From September 2020 through August 2021, 33 children and youth in grades K-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 118 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 575 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. Of those children, 88% belonged to low income families. All of our programming was offered at no cost to the children's families. Daily activities included one-on-one homework help, visual arts, gardening, leadership training, substance abuse prevention, and reading. Through these activities, children gained important skills for life. Our program evaluation indicated that they built relationships within a supportive community of adults and fellow participants who encouraged them to explore their interests and to do better, which are indicators of future success.

Neighborhood Hospitality – One service Patchwork provides to our neighbors is simply our presence in the neighborhood. We call it Neighborhood Hospitality. Last year, we logged approximately 5500 instances of hospitality. These included cups of coffee, phone use, bread, fresh vegetables, and referrals to other local agencies better equipped to assist the individual with their needs. It also included 230 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. We also brewed approximately 590 pots of coffee and mixed up 73 pitchers of lemonade. For much of the year, our Neighborhood Hospitality was offered as Shade Tree Hospitality, outdoors in the shade of the big tree in Patchwork's front courtyard.

Bike Shop – The Bike Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-noon and provides refurbished bikes to people who need them for transportation and repairs that allow existing bike owners to keep their means of transportation roadworthy. From October 2019 through March 2020, we provided 68 refurbished adult bikes to new owners and we did 66 repairs for walk-in clients.

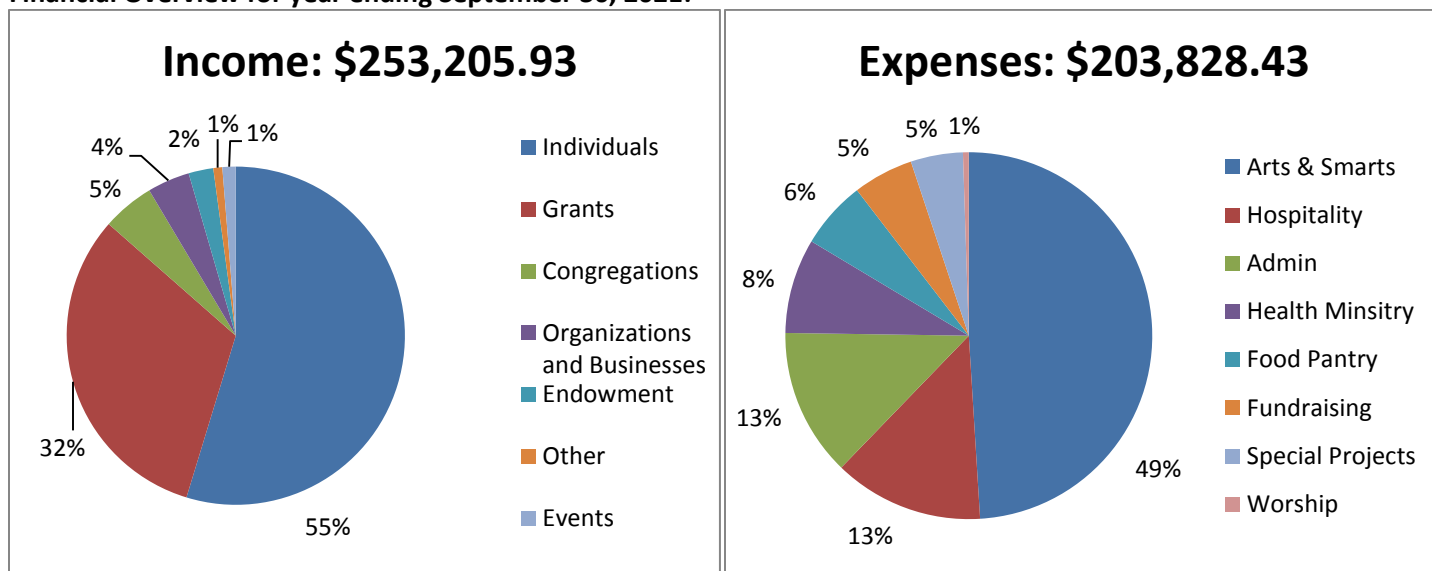
Sozo Health Ministry – The Sozo Health Ministry promotes health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, and spiritual care. It is coordinated by Rev. John Rich, RN. Last year, it provided 193 total health encounters for 135 total clients. Services included 22 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments, 106 checks of blood pressure, and 64 instances of medical supplies distributed. They also included 2 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 Evansville Friends Meeting, an Interfaith Study Group, and the Greater Evansville Youth Group.

**Community Garden** – Patchwork maintains an urban garden next to our building, and we have since 1995. It provides pleasant green space for our neighborhood and it serves as an educational tool to use with the children in our programs.

**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. This year as a result of the pandemic, our Sunday worship services have been held both in person for vaccinated individuals and on Facebook Live.

#### Financial Overview for year ending September 30, 2021:



#### Unaudited Statement of Assets (for year ending September 30, 2021)

Land	\$10,500.00
Buildings	\$124,653.02
Equipment/Furniture	\$6,443.04
Endowment	\$245,051.99
Cash/Checking/Savings	\$397,250.50

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$783,898.55**

#### Our Board (2020-2021):

Karen Edwards – President  
Veltri Taylor – Vice President  
Robyn Musgrave – Secretary  
Kristina Coon – Treasurer

Angela Zeller  
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Isabella McCool  
Jane Johansen  
Jean Beckman

Jill Hemminger  
Joyse Rivers  
Katie Loehrlein  
Stephanie Morris  
William Twymon, II

#### Our Staff (2020-2021):

John & Amy Rich, Co-Directors  
Jane Case Vickers, Director of Art and Education  
Shawn Craddock, Main Office Coordinator  
Dee Stein, Main Office Coordinator  
Leslie Blackwell, Arts & Smarts Program Coordinator

Cher'Rita Horne, Arts & Smarts Program Coordinator  
Molly Fahrlander, Program Assistant  
Spencer Payton, Program Assistant  
Pete Emery, Volunteer Bike Shop Coordinator  
Bill Hemminger, Volunteer Food Pantry Coordinator

Additionally, 77 adult and high school volunteers contributed 3,875 hours of volunteer time to Patchwork's programming.

#### Contacting us:

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