



# Patchwork Central Annual Report

October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018

## **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 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 2017 through September 2018, our food pantry served 2374 individuals from 1398 households by distributing over 27 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 1226 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 37,000 meals-worth of food. We provided 92 can openers for individuals who would not have been able to utilize their food without one. Our food pantry also distributed 795 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 Fall 2017 through the end of Summer 2018, 94 children and youth in grades 1-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 126 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 1839 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. During the school year, average daily attendance was 14.5 children. Of these children, 90% 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, 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 2017 through September 2018, we logged approximately 8400 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 his or her needs. It also included 890 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 1300 pots of coffee.

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. Last year we provided 105 refurbished adult bikes to new owners. We also gave away another 10 bikes as rewards for Arts & Smarts participants. We did 130 repairs for walk in clients.

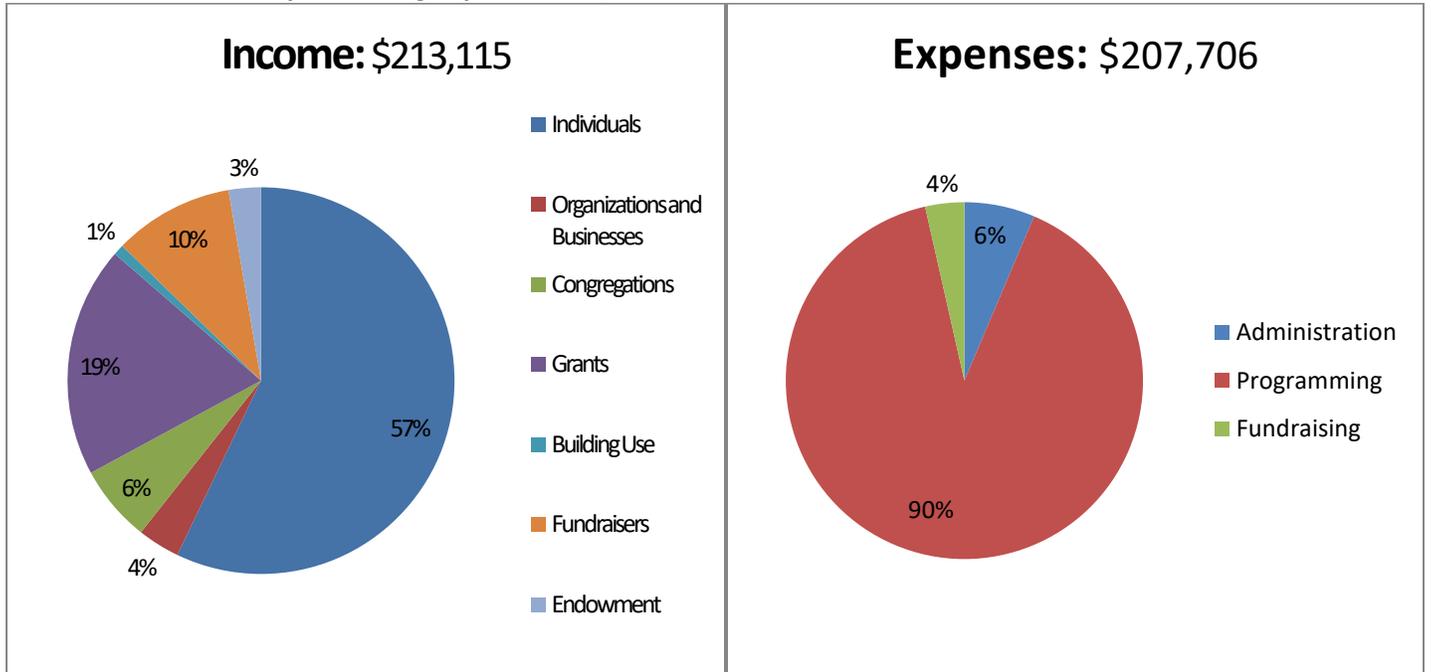
Sozo Health Ministry – The Sozo Health Ministry promotes health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, and spiritual care. It is coordinated by Rev. John Rich, RN. Last year, it provided 605 total health encounters for 265 total clients. Services included 61 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments, 400 checks of blood pressure, and 101 instances of medical supplies distributed. They also included 12 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 and the Evansville Friends Meeting.

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.

**Financial Overview for year ending September 30, 2018:**



**Unaudited Statement of Assets (for year ending September 30, 2018)**

Land	\$12,000.00
Buildings	\$195,491.63
Equipment/Furniture	\$3,675.74
Endowment	\$128,122.52
Cash/Checking	\$43,635.25
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$382,925.14</b>

**Our Board (2018-2019):**

Stephanie Morris – President  
 Karen Edwards – Vice President  
 Robyn Musgrave – Secretary  
 Angela Zeller – Treasurer

Alan Winslow  
 DeAndre Wilson  
 Isabella McCool  
 Jane Johansen  
 Jean Beckman

Joyse Rivers  
 Kristina Coon  
 Veltri Taylor  
 William Twymon, II

**Our Staff (2018-2019):**

John & Amy Rich, Co-Directors  
 Jane Case Vickers, Director of Art and Education  
 Dixie Wilsbacher, Tutoring Coordinator  
 Dee Stein & Shawn Craddock, Main Office Coordinators

Karley Garrison, Program Assistant  
 Pete Emery, Volunteer Bike Shop Coordinator  
 John Schaeffer, Volunteer Food Pantry Coordinator

Additionally, 246 adult and high school volunteers contributed 5,235 hours of volunteer time to Patchwork’s programming.

**Contacting us:**

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