



Patchwork Central Annual Report

October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019

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 2018 through September 2019, our food pantry served 2636 individuals from 1487 households by distributing over 29 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 1304 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 31,000 meals-worth of food. We provided 204 can openers for individuals who would not have been able to utilize their food without one. Our food pantry also distributed 705 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 2018 through the end of Summer 2019, 86 children and youth in grades K-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 131 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 1682 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. During the school year, average daily attendance was 12.4 children. Of those children, 91% belonged to low income families.

All of this programming was offered at no cost to the children's families. Daily activities included one-on-one tutoring, visual arts, gardening, cooking, 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. From October 2018 through September 2019, we logged approximately 11,200 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 1364 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 1500 pots of coffee.

Evaluation of our Neighborhood Hospitality program was conducted in the spring of 2019 by MPA students from the University of Southern Indiana. Among other things, evaluators asked why guests chose to come to Patchwork's Neighborhood Hospitality Program for its services rather than going to other organizations. When asked, most respondents cited the quality of services provided and the quality of staff at Patchwork, and a few less reported that the convenience of the Patchwork's downtown location kept them coming to this agency. Guests also noted the warm, caring environment they felt at Patchwork. When asked what Patchwork does to make them feel welcome, a large number of respondents mentioned the staff, their kindness and helpfulness. One client stated that they appreciated the "freedom to move around freely," as their reason for feeling welcome at this agency. Other clients used words such as "warmth," and "happy."

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 94 refurbished adult bikes to new owners. We also gave away another 10 bikes as rewards for Arts & Smarts participants. We did 364 repairs for walk in clients.

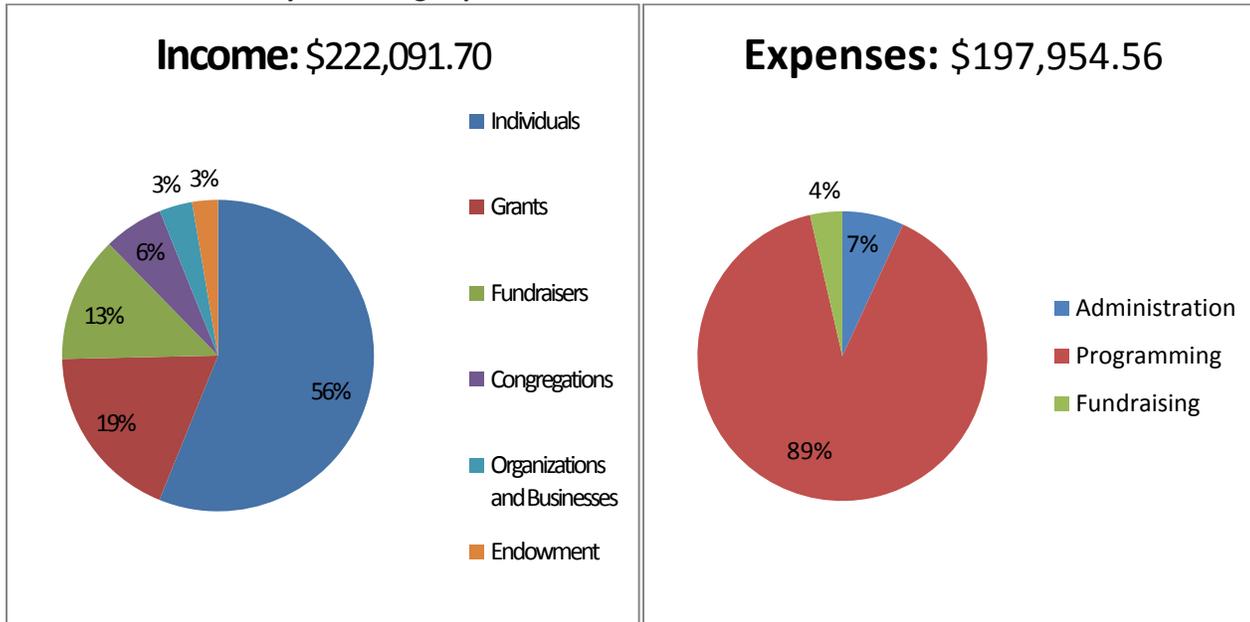
Sozo Health Ministry – The Sozo Health Ministry promotes health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, and spiritual care. It is coordinated by Rev. John Rich, RN. Last year, it provided 758 total health encounters for 331 total clients. Services included 71 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments, 479 checks of blood pressure, and 139 instances of medical supplies distributed. They also included 8 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, 2019:



Unaudited Statement of Assets (for year ending September 30, 2019)

Land	\$12,000.00
Buildings	\$205,708.99
Equipment/Furniture	\$1,968.14
Endowment	\$115,087.70
Cash/Checking	\$68,560.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$403,325.78

Our Board (2018-2019):

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

Alan Winslow
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 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, Main Office Coordinator
 Shawn Craddock, Main Office Coordinator

Cher’Rita Horne, Program Assistant
 Karley Garrison, Program Assistant
 Leslie Blackwell, Program Assistant
 Pete Emery, Volunteer Bike Shop Coordinator
 John Schaeffer, Volunteer Food Pantry Coordinator

Additionally, 198 adult and high school volunteers contributed 5,300 hours of volunteer time to Patchwork’s programming.

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