A quarterly newsletter of Patchwork Central, Inc.

Volunteers Shaping Lives by Amy Rich

Each year, Patchwork is able to do what we do thanks to a combination of our excellent staff and a team of dedicated volunteers who help to make sure that each person coming to Patchwork receives individual attention.

Last year, over 160 individuals volunteered more than 4000 hours of their time for any one of Patchwork's programs or activities. The largest number of volunteers, 145, volunteered in our Arts & Smarts program. There they contributed 2700 hours of their time while building positive relationships with the youth in our programming.

Our volunteers come from diverse backgrounds. As an illustration, this spring Dixie Wilsbacher, our Tutoring Coordinator, compiled a list of "Interesting Facts" about the tutors. The list includes:

- A children's book author
- Two retired college professors
- Three former teachers
- One retired nurse
- One substitute teacher
- A former bicyclist and traveler
- A former social services employee who has traveled to El Salvador
- A professional singer
- A parent who home schools
- Six students from University of Evansville
- Three students from the University of Southern Indiana (two of whom were education majors getting field experience)
- Seven high school students at Signature School
- A high school student from Reitz High School

Every single volunteer is important in providing a great experience for our participants. However, at our annual End of the School Year Celebration, Dixie recognized three volunteers for their years of volunteer service, dedication, and commitment: Dr. Phil Kinsey, Robette Adams, and Phyllis Donahue.

None of these three individuals volunteer at Patchwork for the recognition, the glamour, or to be showcased in the Patchwork newsletter. Instead, they are wonderful examples of the people who volunteer at Patchwork every day because they care, because they want to make a difference, and because they believe in our organization.

Phil has been a tutor at Patchwork for eight years and counting, helping three students every Monday—that's





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approximately 224 tutoring sessions. He's a retired chemistry professor from the University of Evansville and has been particularly helpful tutoring 5th-8th graders in math and the sciences. Dixie reports that while tutoring, "I hear him not only assisting his students in reaching a correct conclusion, but including additional questions and information for them to ponder and absorb."

Phil says, "I enjoy helping students master concepts that are causing them difficulty. It is rewarding when 'the light bulb comes on' when they are able to master a concept that they have been struggling with. I also enjoy the growth in students' ability over time. I enjoy seeing their intellectual growth throughout the year and sometimes multiple years."

Robette has been a tutor for seven years, but has been involved at Patchwork for much longer. Her children first began attending the Arts & Smarts program in 1993 and, as she observes, "If you show up, you get put to work."

Dixie values Robette's help, saying, "She comes in every week and if I need her on extra days, she comes in then, too, if she can. She has good common sense, is very flexible and can work with any aged child, and has a very calming personality."

Robette says that volunteering at Patchwork is rewarding because of "the effect you can have on the kids," but that the learning goes both ways. "It's given me a chance to see what I'm capable of," she says.

While Phyllis has been a more recent addition to our Arts & Smarts volunteer roster, it's the frequency of her volunteerism that distinguishes her. "Amazingly enough, she's been here every day (when she's in town)," reports Dixie. In the past two and a half years, Phyllis has contributed over 130 days of tutoring plus additional days in our other children's activities. "She interacts with the kids with maturity but also has fun with them. She bonds well with the children and her background in social work is an advantage," says Dixie.

Phyllis says, "I love children! I am amazed at their imaginations and the moment when they 'get it'! I love the pictures they draw for me, and Miss Dixie is a gem—so dedicated and supportive. Tutoring is my perfect job."

"Each tutor brings their own talents," Dixie says to summarize. "As I overhear all the tutors helping the students with their homework, I hear them give so much extra information, and I can tell the kids are picking up on that and are sucking all that information in."

Through their time, all of our volunteers become part of what we do, help to shape our activities, and help to shape the lives of the people they meet as part of those activities. We appreciate their generosity and commitment.





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- Help us purchase a new used truck to replace our rusty, 20-year-old vehicle! We've got \$1000 pledged and a \$1000 match toward the project. Our goal is \$5000, and contributions toward this goal are very welcome.
- Support our Back to School Sale! Last year, even with very careful shopping throughout the year, it cost over \$4000 to equip 180 bags with nearly everything that a child in grades K-5 needs for the school year (plus purchase some socks and underwear). Help us make sure kids are prepared for school. The Sale happens on Saturday, August 2.

Your Time:

- Help install energy efficient light fixtures (some experience required)
- Volunteer at our Back to School Sale (preparations on July 29, Sale Day August 2)
- Volunteer in the Arts & Smarts program
- Read the Patchwork blog or sign up for email updates (for both see our website: www.patchwork.org) and share the stories from Patchwork with your friends

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- Travel-size shampoo, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, or socks for the men (and a few women) taking showers at Patchwork.





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We are also very honored and grateful when individuals pass away and leave money to Patchwork as a bequest. If you believe in the work that we do and you want to leave a long-term legacy, please consider this type of giving. Over the years, Patchwork has occasionally received bequests from donors, and these bequests have allowed us to strengthen our current programming and to build our endowment as a way of providing stable funding for the future.

Special Events, Special Thanks

Last year Patchwork hosted four special events to raise funds for our programing. None would have been a success without all the wonderful people who attended them. Thank you, again, to everyone! Additional thanks goes to our event organizers and underwriters.

Our annual Soup, Salad, and Style luncheon was held on February 27, and we re grateful to our event organizers Ashley Murray, Cindi Ball, and Laurel Mills. We are also grateful to Peggy Chastain at Wildflower Boutique for providing a preview of the spring fashions, to The Olive Garden, Catering by Robyn, and CRS OneSource for providing our food, and to Ivy Tech Culinary and Alpha Sigma Tau for helping to serve it. Thank you, also, to our silent auction donors.

Our Pancake Extravaganza followed on April 5. Thank you to Jane Johansen for providing leadership for the event, and thank you to our event underwriters: Craddock Finishing; First Federal Savings Bank; G. R. Freeman Heating & Air; Royal Office Products; Torian, Hofmann, Dillow, & Flittner Insurance; and Phil Lieberman & Mary MacGregor.



We also added a new event in October 2013: Celebrate! An evening of poetry with Jenny Browne and Marcus Wicker. Many thanks to our readers and additional thanks to the event's organizers Jean Hess, Lynda Browne, and Alan Winslow. As a backdrop for the reading, we hung an exhibit of Patchwork Tower art. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the arts at Patchwork, and the event became an unofficial Patchwork homecoming with old friends coming from across town and across the country to join us.







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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, and by working toward a more peaceful and just world.

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