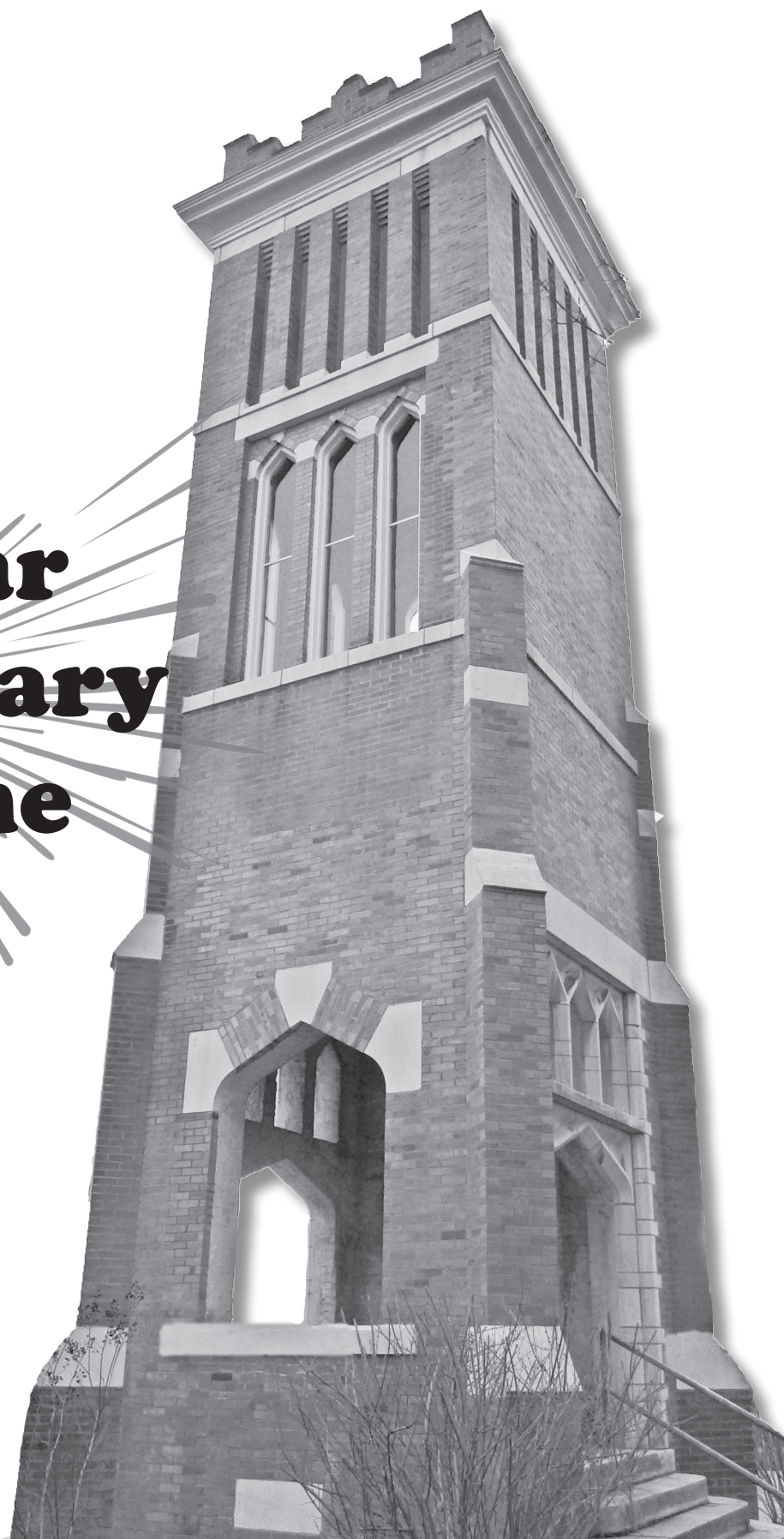


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Creating Community

40th Year Anniversary Timeline

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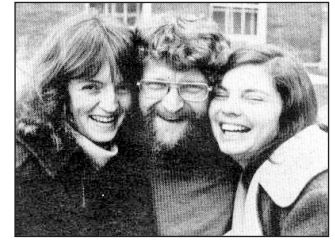
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Forty Years

First there were conversations late at night that envisioned a different world—a better world filled with God’s justice for the poor and marginalized. The conversations continued until the decision was made to put theory into action in a struggling neighborhood in a modestly-sized city.



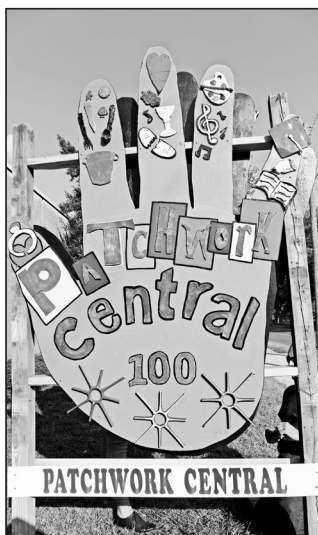
In 1977, three couples and their four children took a leap of faith. They left the jobs and homes that they had and moved to Evansville, Indiana. They bought houses all within a block of each other. They worshiped together in their front rooms, met their neighbors, and planted gardens. They created a Covenant to bind themselves together and to set a vision for their activities.

They called themselves “Patchwork Central” to represent the multifaceted, many-dimensional personalities represented. Others joined the original three families. There were weddings and new babies. The group put down roots, first in a house in the neighborhood and then in the former Washington Avenue Temple building. They called this big, old building that was full of possibilities “The Meetinghouse”.

They fought for their neighborhood’s school, park, and pool. They raised their voices to protest utility rate increases that would hurt those living on low incomes. They baked bread, then turned this baking into a means through which to employ their neighbors. They provided medical care to some who needed it. They fed those who were hungry, provided housing for those who needed it, and nurtured children seeking care.

There were struggles: the massive fire that destroyed The Meetinghouse, scattering Patchwork’s programming across the city for three years while they rebuilt; adjustments as Patchwork’s founders moved on to other endeavors one by one; changes to the organization’s management structure; deaths.

At times, some observed that the group was involved in as many ministries as there were stars in the heavens on a clear night. That the group should narrow its focus. And yet there was always space for someone with an idea and a passion to see that idea implemented and fruitful. Always, all kinds of people were welcomed.



And here we are today, celebrating forty years. The organization continues to grow and change. It is an accomplishment that we are proud of. While the Patchwork Community still gathers on Sunday evenings for worship and we are reliant on volunteers to get things done, now we have nine staff members and many programs that have outlasted their originators. Our neighbors see us and trust us as a neighborhood institution. Generations have found respect, support, assistance, and learning here.

We are still part of our neighborhood. The majority of our staff and key volunteers live within a mile of our building. Those who don’t live nearby know multiple people who do. This still lends something special to the way Patchwork operates. This is our neighborhood. It’s not a place that we drive across town to get to every morning and drive away from at the end of the day. It’s not a place we come to only to provide a service or set up a program. We see our neighbor’s struggles and they are our own. We are part of this neighborhood together.

Patchwork Central is born!



"We wanted to live in a neighborhood and work on issues of urban life in a city where change could happen."

First annual covenant signed, Advent



Purchase of **Patchwork House**
431 Washington Avenue, May



Elaine Amerson elected to school board, partly in response to proposed closing of Culver School, November



Corpus Christi Center health care services begin, Spring

Protests of nuclear energy and utility rate increases

First Summer children's activities program, June

First Patchwork Wedding Celebration, September

1977

1978

1979

1980

85 persons contributed financially in 1977 toward Pathwork!

Participation in Garden Patch, vegetables for 470 low income families, July

First Women Journey, March

First edition of **STITCHES** Patchwork Newsletter, October

College/seminary intern program begins, May

Dental program begins— had 170 neighborhood children to participate, Fall

Patchwork purchases and moves into **The Meetinghouse**, October



First Patchwork Partners sign pledge of support, April

Canning and Mobile March (EUNC) programs begin, June



Hospitality
housing
for women begins
at the Patchwork
House

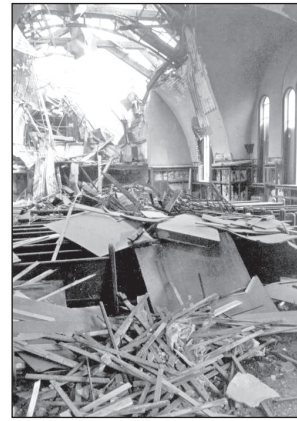


Community weekly Bible
Studies begin, *October*

After-School
Children's
Program
(ASCP) begins,
September

**5th Year
Anniversary
Celebration**
June

Special witness for
peace and justice
begins



The Meetinghouse Burns,
December 26, 1983

Dedication
of the new
Culver
School,
May

The "White House"
at 116 Washington
is purchased and
renovated, *Summer*

Announcement
of plans to
rebuild The
Meetinghouse,
December

1981

1982

1983

1984

First
Healthfest,
September

First Patchwork
infant and
dedication,
November

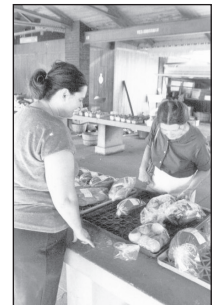
**Food Pantry
Opens, *May***

Back Alley
Bakery opens,
November

**Neighborhood
Economic
Development Center
(NEDC) opens, *May***

**The Center for
Community Renewal
begins**

First Shalom Seminar
Series, *Yearlong*



Building at the corner of
Washington and Kentucky is
rented and renovated for the
Back Alley Bakery, *August*



Patchwork becomes a sister community to Santa Rosa, Nicaragua, *Fall (1985-1987)*



Wednesday morning Bible study begins, *Spring*

First Patchwork Funeral Celebration, *August*

NEDC receives 1986 Minority Business Support Award, *October*

Formation of the Mennonite Service Unit at Patchwork, *Spring*



NEDC named Project of the Year, *May*

Operation Unwind, summer children's program begins, *July*

10th Year Anniversary Celebration
Thanksgiving

1985

1986

1987

1988

First volunteer work camp, *August*

Blessing of the new building Worship Service, *November*

Back Alley Bakery closes, *November*

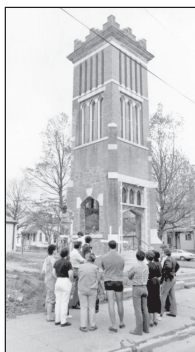
First Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale, *November*

Demolition of old building and construction of the new Meetinghouse begins, *August*

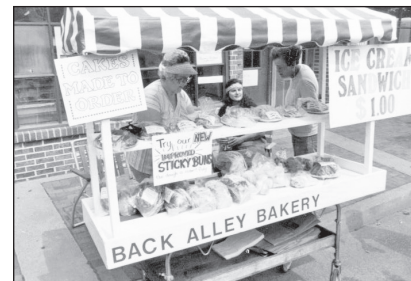
Patchwork moves into the new meetinghouse, *October*

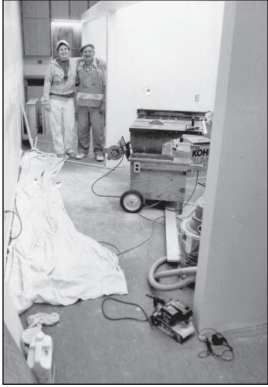
"White House" men's residency program begins, *Spring*

Children's program receives the Evansville Human Relations Commission's Award of Merit, *May*



Back Alley Bakery expands to the Old Post Office Place, *February*

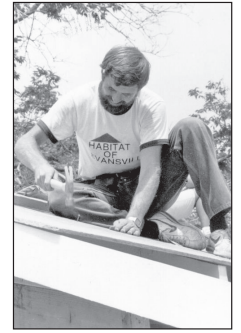




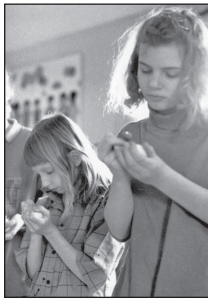
First Annual
children's
program art
show, *May*



Tutoring program was
added to the After
School Children's
Program



Habitat for
Humanity moved
into Meetinghouse
and collaborated
with Patchwork



10th Year Anniversary of After School Children's Program

1989

1990

1991

1992

First Annual
Patchwork Pancake
Breakfast, *May*



Washington Avenue
Healthcare Center,
Inc. opens, *Spring*



Friends of
Patchwork
formed; from
Oct 1992 to
April 1993,
71 joined

"Primary Colors," a
month-long show at
Evansville Museum
of Arts and Sciences,
featured art by After
School program children



"Matthew" the brightly colored 6'4" sculpture in Patchwork's front yard, was created during Summer ArtWeek summer art program



Neighborhood Economic Development Center's new Indiana Micro-loan Demonstration Project began



Ruth Doyle left the children's program and *Jane Vickers* began working at Patchwork



First "Back to School Sale" was held along with free immunizations

1993

Growing programs brought a space crunch to the Meetinghouse; programs were moved and others expanded



1994

A music program was added to the After School art program

ArtWeek artist creat **"Traffic,"** a clay mural 17 feet long and 3 feet high and installed it in the Meetinghouse

First trip to El Salvador in conjunction with Companion Communities Development Alternatives (CoCoDa)



1995

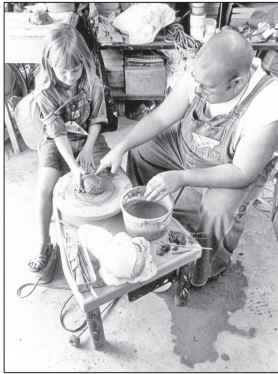
Adult Creativity classes were presented by various artists through ArtsPlace

The cluttered lot behind the Meetinghouse was transformed into a lush green garden

1996

Nelia organizes "At Home in the Neighborhood" to promote the art of neighborhood artists





20th Year Anniversary Celebration

1997

The Summer Art Garden program began



Garden Art Wall dedicated on Patchwork's 20th anniversary

1998

Patchwork Community pays off mortgage on the Meetinghouse, January

Consultants visit to help with strategic planning for Patchwork; structure Committee begins meeting, Summer

Computer lab organized for Arts & Smarts participants

1999

Open Studio Classes for adults and children include drawing, Ukrainian eggs, and clay

Book Club added to Arts & Smarts

A Fashion Show is part of the annual Garden Feast



International Dinners began to raise money for assistance programs in El Salvador

2000

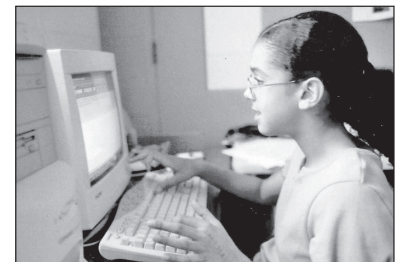
Percussion classes added to Arts & Smarts

The Human Garden: an exhibit of photographs by *Calvin Kimbrough* and poetry by *Bill Hemminger*

A Leadership Team composed of staff represents first stage of a move toward hiring Executive Director

Bike Club added to Arts & Smarts activities

Art & Company is founded in Arts & Smarts





NEDC spins off
from Patchwork



Matthew 25 opens an
Evansville location of
their HIV/AIDS Clinic
at the Meetinghouse



Patchwork's 1st
Executive Director
hired, *Michael
Cashman*

Calvin & Nelia
move to the
Open Door in
Atlanta

2001

2002

2003

2004

Walk n' Talk
added to Arts
& Smarts

Dance is added to
Arts & Smarts in
partnership with
Children's Center for
Dance Education



Planning and raising
money begin for
Teaching Studio to
replace old garage



New Teaching Studio
dedicated— pottery,
art/bike space and safe
garden storage



Jane Vickers
is named **Art
Educator of
the Year** by the
Arts Council
of Southwest
Indiana

The Bell Tower
Clinic opens
Monday
Mornings;
included Spanish
speaking staff





Jean Hess
retires as Office
Manager of
Patchwork



Major
renovations to
116 Washington
Avenue



Amy and John Rich
begin as Co-Executive
Directors

River City
Food Co-op
opens in the
back of 116
Washington

25th Year Anniversary of After School Children's Program

30th Year Anniversary Celebration

2005

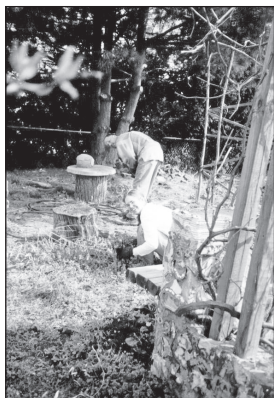
2006

2007

2008

Arts & Smarts
receives **Indiana
Youth Investment
Award** from the
**Indiana Youth
Institute**

Mike Cashman
resigns; *Judi Jacobson*
is hired as part-time
Executive Director



River City Food Co-op
celebrates one-year
anniversary and spins
off from Patchwork;
expanded space includes
artWorks Gallery,
representing Patchwork
artists



Patchwork
Central
establishes an
endowment

Jill Kinkade
becomes Interim
Executive Director
of Patchwork

Judi Jacobson,
Patchwork's
second Executive
Director, dies

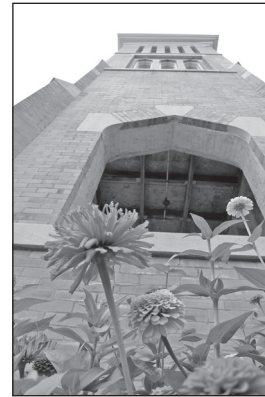




The oak tree at 116 Washington is split in half by the winter storm



Began more building updates funded by the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh county



Received the 2012 Preservation Award in recognition of successful preservation of the Tower

Patchwork pays off the mortgage on the Studio at 116 Washington Ave



Patchwork Tower is restored

2009

2010

2011

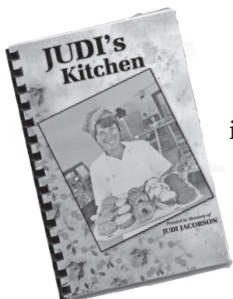
2012

Received grant of \$50,000 from the Women's Fund of Vanderburgh county to *renew the Meetinghouse*

Blackford's Grove Neighborhood Association re-organizes and begins using the Meetinghouse as its regular meeting space

Children create the "Art Trash Receptacles" around the building

Received the Celebration of Youth Arts award



The Judi Cookbook is published and sold as a fundraiser for Patchwork





The Tuley Fund is created to provide dog and cat food for Patchwork Food Pantry patrons

2013

Rob Millard-Mendez creates new sculpture assembled from driftwood on a metal frame



Patchwork Central officially joins Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment (CAJE)

2014

Patchwork gets new hand-shaped sign to symbolize the face that **Patchwork is all about giving**



John Rich begins as the new **Health Minister** for Patchwork's new **Health Ministry**

2015

Patchwork's Bike ReCycle program restarts with volunteer *Pete Emery* coordinating the Bike Shop



Decommissioning Service for the Evansville MVS Unit

2016

Haynie's Corner Arts District "First Fridays" begin, with Patchwork being one of the First Friday locations

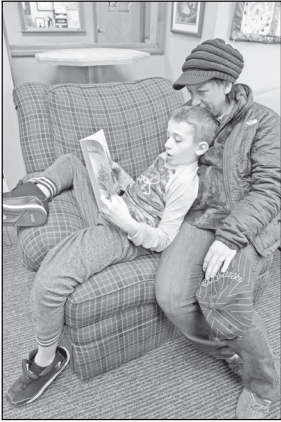
Sozo Health Ministry was recognized at Leadership Evansville's annual celebration of Leadership



35th Year Anniversary of After School Children's Program

2017

**40th Year
Anniversary
Celebration**



Thank you!

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