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ACCOMPLISHED

Patchwork has recently completed another year of serving our neighbors near downtown Evansville. Below you will find a list of our core programming and brief summaries of what we've done in the past year. We accomplished a lot!

THE PATCHWORK CENTRAL EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Last year, our food pantry served 1971 individuals from 1186 households by distributing over 19 tons of food. The Pantry is open Monday–Thursday mornings and is one of six that make up Evansville’s Emergency Food Pantry Consortium (EEFPC). Individuals are eligible for a food order every 30 days. Our main office staff manage intake and verify eligibility through the EEFPC call center. They also refer people to other pantries if needed. Each food order includes 3-4 days’ worth of food, meaning we distributed approximately 23,600 meals-worth of food. Our food pantry also distributed 1522 pounds of dog food and 920 pounds of cat food from the Tuly Fund so recipients would not have to choose between feeding themselves or their pets. ♦



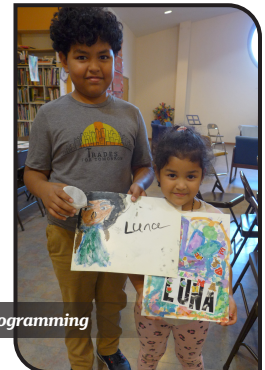
The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry

ARTS & SMARTS AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

In the last year, 39 children and youth in grades K-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 123 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 898 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. Of those children, 79% 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, and substance abuse prevention. 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. ♦



Arts & Smarts After School and Summer Children's Programming



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 11,905 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 showers for 594 women and 1556 men (2150 total) who, for various reasons, had no other access to shower facilities. They also included over 1600 instances of hygiene supplies distributed, over 1300 pairs of socks distributed, and over 400 referrals to other agencies better equipped to assist with a specific need. We also brewed approximately 1712 pots of coffee and mixed up 346 pitchers of lemonade. Sometimes this hospitality is simply having a staff member able to lend a respectful listening ear to hear our neighbors’ frustrations, anger, or celebrations. ♦



Arts & Smarts After School and Summer Children's Programming

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BIKE SHOP

The Bike Shop provides refurbished bikes to people who need them for transportation and repairs bikes to allow existing bike owners to keep their means of transportation roadworthy. Last year, we provided 138 refurbished adult bikes to new owners at Patchwork. We also provided 38 refurbished adult bikes to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department as part of a partnership for their staff to distribute them to people being released from jail. We also did approximately 400 bike repairs for existing bike owners. ♦



SOZO HEALTH MINISTRY

The Sozo Health Ministry promotes health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, complementary and alternative wellness services, and spiritual care. Last year, we provided 1698 total health encounters for about 226 total clients. Services included 167 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments, 559 checks of blood pressure, and 1685 instances of over-the-counter health supplies distributed. Last year also included 44 foot soaks or other holistic health measures. They 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, the Evansville Friends Meeting, and Greater Evansville Youth. ♦



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. Worship services are held both in person and on Facebook Live. ♦

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NOTABLE INCREASE

Looking back at the year that just ended, one category of services jumps out because of its exponential increase over previous years: Neighborhood Hospitality.

Those of us who are around Patchwork in the mornings have felt an increase in the number of folks coming through our building, but even we were surprised by the results of the number crunching. Many varied, small services are grouped into Neighborhood Hospitality. They include things like lemonade and coffee, showers, questions answered, referrals to other organizations, use of the phone, clean socks, hygiene supplies, and pet food.

In all, last year we logged a total of 11,905 instances of Neighborhood Hospitality provided. The year before, we logged 9167. And the year before that we logged 7528. That's a significant increase in a short period of time!

Those 11,905 instances of hospitality included:



2150 showers
 (594 women's showers &
 1556 men's showers)

Compare that to:

- 1275 showers the previous year
- 800 showers the year before that



2442 pounds of pet food distributed
 (1522 pounds of dog food &
 920 pounds of cat food)

Compare that to:

- 1350 pounds of pet food distributed the previous year
- 700 pounds distributed the year before that



**1712 pots of coffee &
 346 pitchers of lemonade
 for our guests**

Compare that to:

- 1210 pots of coffee & 169 pitchers of lemonade the previous year
- 952 pots of coffee & 88 pitchers of lemonade the year before that



1669 instances of individual hygiene supplies distributed



1336 pairs of socks distributed

That's a lot of people and a lot of services provided. No wonder we've felt so busy!

And yet, our aim is not to continually increase the number of people we serve. Part of the reason why so many people come to us is that we are small enough to be able to adapt our services to the individual. For instance, we aren't the primary place in Evansville for people to access shower facilities if they need them. However, we're the place that is smaller and less institutional so folks who struggle with the hustle and bustle of larger places may find enough peace that they're comfortable enough to shower here.

Things are similar with our other services. We're a community hub and a starting point for folks. We're small and friendly. We fill gaps left by other, larger organizations. We can help in many small and sometimes unexpected ways.

We know there is value in staying small but remaining busy. ♦

SOUP, SALAD, & STYLE!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Soup, Salad, & Style event! All proceeds will support Patchwork Central's programming and will help us continue to be a strong and consistent presence for our neighbors. And mark your calendars for next year's event on October 22, 2025!

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SWEET POTATOES

During our annual Arts & Smarts Sweet Potato Dig in November, the following exclamations could be heard among our team of shovel-wielding high schoolers and younger kids ready to plunge their hands into the soil:

“I got one!”

“Here’s another!”

“Check that spot again! I think I see something!”

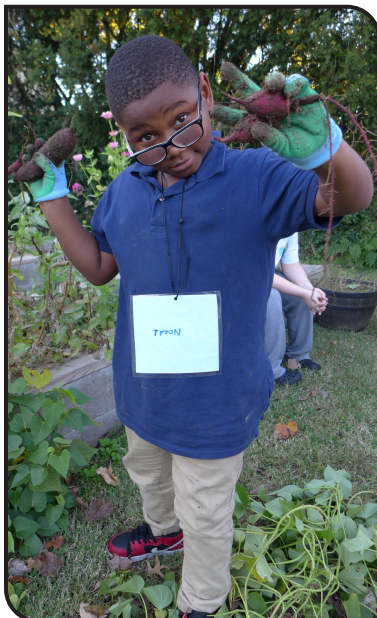
“I found a roly poly!”

“I found two roly polies!”

“I found a centipede!”

Everything was an adventure. There was fun in simply getting to dig in the dirt.

We brought our harvest indoors to cure before enjoying some of our sweet potatoes as part of our Thanksgiving or Christmas festivities.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 5:15 pm, the Patchwork Community meets for worship both in person at Patchwork and virtually on the Patchwork Central Worship Facebook page. You are welcome to join us!

Please be generous as you consider sending your cash contribution in the envelopes provided for your convenience. Your generosity will help us to continue the Patchwork tradition of providing these many creative programs.

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