



Yearly Accomplishments

October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025

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 since 1977. We are a place where many different people can come together and find respect, safety, and support. Below is a list of our core programming and the numbers of people served by each program during our most recent fiscal year. All numbers reflect the people served between October 1, 2024 and September 30, 2025, unless otherwise noted.

The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry – Last year, our food pantry served 1658 individuals from 1086 households by distributing over 17.7 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 19,900 meals-worth of food. Our food pantry also distributed 652 pounds of dog food and 604 pounds of cat 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 September 2024 through August 2025, 39 children and youth in grades K-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 93 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 584 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. Of those children, 62% 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.

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 12,536 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 659 women and 1280 men (1939 total) who, for various reasons, had no other access to shower facilities. They also included over 1700 instances of hygiene supplies distributed, over 1300 pairs of socks distributed, and over 450 referrals to other agencies better equipped to assist with a specific need. We also brewed approximately 1659 pots of coffee and mixed up 338 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.

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 121 refurbished adult bikes to new owners at Patchwork. Beginning in January, we provided a bike lock and a set of bike lights with every refurbished bike we distributed. We also provided 22 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. Our Bike Shop completed approximately 380 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 3227 total health encounters for about 235 total clients. Services included 438 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments, 541 checks of blood pressure, and 4126 instances of over-the-counter health supplies distributed. Last year also included 17 foot soaks. They included 34 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. Worship services are held both in person and on Facebook Live.

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Additionally, 112 adult and high school volunteers contributed over 3,800 hours of volunteer time to Patchwork’s programming.

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