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## ANOTHER YEAR COMPLETE

Patchwork Central completed another fiscal year on September 30, 2025, our 47th official year in existence. It was a busy year with plenty of activity in and around our building. Here is a summary of all that we accomplished!

### 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. ♦



The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry

### 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. ♦



The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry



Arts & Smarts After School and Summer Children's Programming



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## 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. ♦



## ANOTHER YEAR *(continued)*

### 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. ♦

### 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 livestreamed on the "Patchwork Central Worship" Facebook page. ♦

### 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. ♦



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*These lists include gifts and volunteer time contributed between 10/1/24 and 9/30/25. We are very grateful for everything we receive. While we have worked to ensure that this list is correct, we apologize for any errors we may have made. We appreciate your support and understanding.*

## SOUP, SALAD, & STYLE!

We held our signature Soup, Salad, & Style event on October 22 at Venue 812. It was a lovely luncheon filled with the latest fall fashions from Wild Flower Boutique and delicious food prepared by Venue 812. All funds raised by the event benefited Patchwork as we continue to serve our community.

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Soup, Salad, & Style

We're already looking forward to next year, so mark your calendar and plan to join us for our next Soup, Salad, & Style on October 28, 2026! ♦

## TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE!

Your donation to Patchwork could earn you an Indiana state tax credit in addition to the usual federal tax deduction!

This is possible through the Neighborhood Assistance Program or NAP. Every donation through the NAP program results in an Indiana state tax credit equal to half of the donation. For example, if you donate \$100, you will receive a \$50 credit on your Indiana state taxes.

The number of tax credits we have available is limited, so contact John Rich today if you are interested in giving through this program! You can reach him through email at [JohnRich@Patchwork.org](mailto:JohnRich@Patchwork.org) or call (812) 424-2735. ♦

## LAURA WEAVER

For many, many years, if you sent a donation to support Patchwork you received a written thank you note from Laura Weaver. Laura passed away this past spring on April 18 at 93.

Laura grew up in a Conservative Mennonite home in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Her mother encouraged her education and learning. Laura loved books from a very early age and wished every day could be a school day. Over the course of her life, Laura earned multiple degrees culminating in a Ph.D. in English. She held multiple teaching positions.

In 1980, Laura landed at the University of Evansville where she taught in the English department until her retirement in 1999. In her academic life, she wrote articles on Mennonite women and work. She also explored her own questions of identity related to her journey from early life in a conservative Mennonite community to life among more liberal Mennonites. Her gradual decision to stop wearing a Mennonite head covering remained symbolic of this change.

Laura described herself as a life-long Mennonite who found a religious home at both Patchwork Central and First Presbyterian Church in Evansville.

Laura was the keeper of birthdays for everyone in her life. She loved flavorful food, a handsome cat, a good book, a bawdy joke, a good four-part Mennonite hymn, and a clever conversation. She was always gracious and delighted in every small kindness.

Laura leaves behind a global network of countless friends, colleagues, and former students; her second family among the Patchwork Central Worship Community; and her biological family: four nieces and a nephew and their children and grandchildren.

Contributions were made to Patchwork in Laura's memory. Laura also chose Patchwork as one of the beneficiaries of her estate. ♦



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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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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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