



# Patchwork Central Annual Report

October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016

## **Patchwork's Mission:**

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
- by working toward a more peaceful and just world.

## **Our programming:**

Patchwork has been serving our neighbors near downtown Evansville in a variety of ways since 1977. We are a place where many different people can come together and find respect, safety, and support. Currently, our core programs include:

The Patchwork Central Emergency Food Pantry – From October 2015 through September 2016, our food pantry served 2406 individuals from 1326 households by distributing almost 22 tons of food. The Pantry is open Monday-Thursday mornings and is one of seven that make up Evansville's Emergency Food Pantry Consortium. Individuals are eligible for a food order every 30 days and must obtain a food referral from a referral agency before they receive food from the pantry. Patchwork is not officially listed as a referral agency (the official referral agency closest to us is the Pigeon Township Trustee's office), but last year we wrote referrals for 830 households at Patchwork, rather than asking those in need to make an extra trip to another agency. Each food order includes 3-4 days' worth of food, meaning we distributed approximately 28,000 meals-worth of food. Our food pantry also distributed 586 pounds of pet 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 Fall 2015 through the end of Summer 2016, 93 children and youth in grades 1-8 attended at least one day of Arts & Smarts activities. A total of 129 days of activities were offered in that time, resulting in 2271 individual afternoons of creativity, learning, and growth. During the school year, average daily attendance was 19 children. Of these children, 92% belonged to low income families. Additional teen volunteers received leadership training as they volunteered in the Arts & Smarts program.

All of this programming was offered at no cost to the children's families. Daily activities included one-on-one tutoring, visual arts experiences, gardening, cooking, leadership training, substance abuse prevention, and reading. Through these activities, children gained important skills for life and developed relationships with caring adults.

Neighborhood Hospitality – One service Patchwork provides to our neighbors is simply our presence in the neighborhood. We call it neighborhood hospitality. From October 2015 through September 2016, we logged approximately 7900 instances of hospitality. These include cups of coffee, phone use, visits to our small "clothing bank," packs of diapers, bread, fresh vegetables, and referrals to other local agencies better equipped to assist the individual with his or her needs. It also included 850 showers for individuals who, for various reasons, had no other access to shower facilities. 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 is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-noon and provides refurbished bikes to people who need them for transportation and repairs that allow existing bike owners to keep their means of transportation roadworthy. Last year we provided 35 refurbished bikes to new owners and two bikes were given away as rewards to Arts & Smarts tutoring participants. We did 20 major repairs for walk in clients and for 15 bikes brought to us by the Vanderburgh County Corrections Department. We did many, many small but necessary repairs and adjustments, and we organized a fun ride as a fundraiser in conjunction with the Bokeh Lounge.

Sozo Health Ministry – The Sozo Health Ministry promotes health and wholeness through weekly health screenings, education, advocacy, non-emergency medical transportation, and spiritual care. It is coordinated by Rev. John Rich, RN. Last year, it provided 401 total health encounters for 92 total clients. Services included 110 instances of transporting clients to medical appointments. They also included 5 occasions in which staff identified emergency health situations in clients and 911 was called or the client was transported to an ER. The Sozo Health Ministry received the 2016 Leadership Evansville Award in the Health & Social Services Project category. John Rich was named the 2016 Deaconess Hospital Nurse of the Year, Community Service category, as well as a 2016 Courier & Press Health Care Hero for his work with the Sozo Health Ministry.

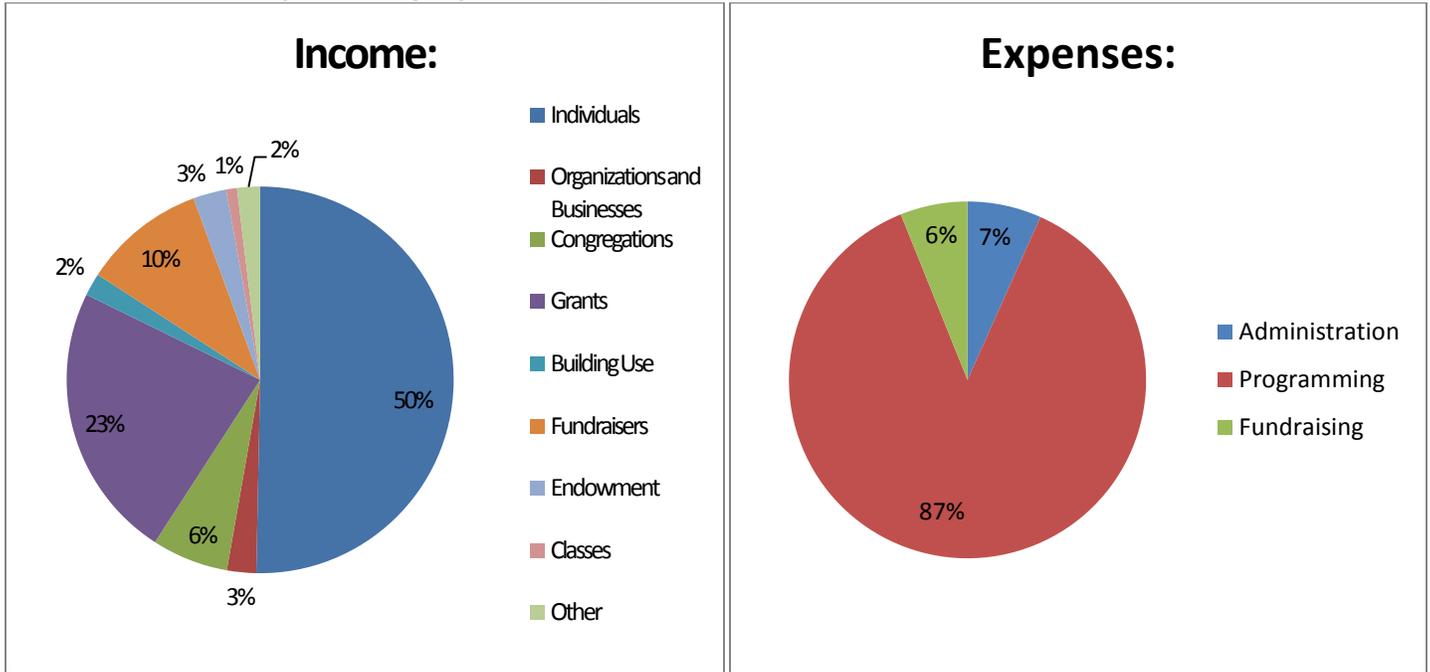
Building Use – Patchwork provides space for other organizations who, like us, are working to make a stronger, healthier, and more peaceful community. Many people pass through our building on a weekly or monthly basis to visit these organizations. Last year,

these groups included: Narcotics Anonymous, the Blackford Grove Neighborhood Association, the Evansville Friends Meeting, and the River City Co-op.

Community Garden – Patchwork maintains an urban garden next to our building, and we have since 1995. Not only does the garden provide pleasant green space for our neighborhood, it serves as an educational tool to use with the children in our programs and it provides fresh vegetables for any of our neighbors who care to harvest its produce. Many are surprised to hear that they are welcome to take what they can use.

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.

**Financial Overview for year ending September 30, 2016:**



**Unaudited Statement of Assets (for year ending September 30, 2016)**

Land	\$12,000.00
Buildings	\$205,321.07
Equipment/Furniture	\$4,234.68
Endowment	\$111,788.09
Cash/Checking	\$18,763.13

**TOTAL ASSETS \$352,106.97**

**Our Board (2015-2016):**

Scott Adams – Board President  
 Jane Johansen – Vice President  
 Robyn Musgrave – Secretary  
 Angela Arnold – Treasurer  
 Alan Winslow

Ashley Murray  
 Barbara Josenhans  
 Jane Staton  
 Janet Esser  
 Jean Beckman

Joyse Rivers  
 Phil Fisher  
 Peter Cashel-Cordo  
 William Asbury

**Our Staff (2015-2016):**

John & Amy Rich, Co-Directors  
 Jane Case Vickers, Director of Art and Education  
 Dixie Wilsbacher, Tutoring Coordinator

Elisa Pike, Hali Martin, & Olivia Belles, Program Assistants  
 Dee Stein & Shawn Craddock, Office Assistants

Additionally, 177 adult and high school volunteers contributed 5,170 hours of volunteer time to Patchwork’s programming.

**Contacting us:**

