

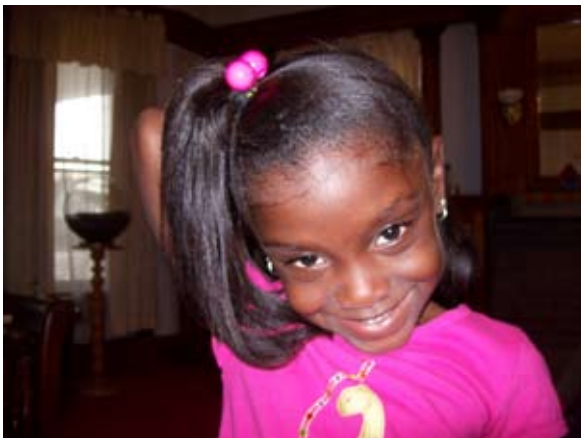


Mission

The Padua Center, sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, is a Christian community based presence reaching out by empowering people at all stages of life to achieve their maximum potential through education, counseling, support, and community involvement.

Vision

The vision of the Padua Center is a neighborhood free of commercial sex trafficking, drugs (use and supply) beautified by people actively engaged in community and self growth.



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Values

Umoja – unity
Kujichagulia – self-determination
Ujima – collective work
Ujamaa – cooperative economics
Nia – purpose
Kuumba – creativity
Imani – faith

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The Padua Center is a community based presence reaching out to the neighborhood by offering opportunities for people at all stages of life to grow and to be empowered. The Center, begun in October 2006, offers opportunities for neighbors to come together to socialize around a morning cup of coffee, to volunteer to improve their neighborhood and to receive support.



After School Program

The Padua Center is once again offering tutoring during the 2007-08 school year. Assistance with school work and tutoring on designated subjects is offered Monday-Thursday.

After the children arrive and have a snack, play time or other activities they are ready for an hour of homework assistance and tutoring. Children bring work from school and receive assistance from one of the volunteer tutors.

Supplementary Activities

The Padua Potters, a children's garden club, meet every Wednesday from 4:30-5:00 PM. With Toledo Grows, they prepared the Ujima Park and Garden located at the corner of Junction and Nebraska Avenues. Summer campers planted and tended the plants grown in the indoor greenhouse located on the third floor of The Padua Center.

Nutrition Education

A nutrition specialist from the Ohio State Extension Office teaches nutrition to the children. Her most recent visits helped the students understand the importance of healthy eating.

Arts and Crafts

Various staff and council members lead the Arts and Crafts sessions. They plan a variety of activities utilizing multi-media in the upcoming months.

Field Trips

At the conclusion of each grading period students who improved their grades and whose behavior is appropriate go on field trips. Some of the trips planned are: The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Botanical Garden, The Catholic Club for swimming and The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

