

Sharing the Collection 2016-2017 Annual Report

Chairperson: Bob Dinan

Chairperson Emeritus: Terry Madden

Other committee members: Mary Ann Camron, Barb Cherem, John Preston

Sharing the Collection gives all of us an opportunity to provide financial assistance to the non-profit service organizations in Washtenaw County that are doing important work in the community.

Our UUAA Social Justice core value statement reads,

This (UUAA) congregation acts in concrete and substantial ways to promote social and economic justice in the larger community.

We are in alignment not only with our Social Justice core values at the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor (UUAA) but with the commitment to serve the organizations to whom we donate our 1st Sunday collection. Our collection serves predominantly disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, as well as people who have been targets of discrimination.

From May 1, 2016, through April 30, 2017, our monthly collection has supported twelve different community organizations. On average, each recipient received a donation of \$2,100, with the largest monthly donation being \$3,370 and the smallest \$847.

The twelve organizations supported in the twelve months ended April 30, 2017:

- Habitat for Humanity - Huron Valley Chapter
- Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)
- Community Action Network
- HIV Resource Center/AIDS Partnership Michigan
- Children's Literacy Network
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- IHN/Alpha House
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Washtenaw County
- Religious Action for Affordable Housing(RAHH)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness of Washtenaw County
- The Women's Center for SE Michigan
- Growing Hope

Future plans:

- Continued support of one community organization per month.
- Solicitation of applications for support in 2018 (October)
- Selection of 2018 recipients (November)