

For the 2017-2018 UUAA Annual Report

Sharing the Collection Program

Chairperson: Bob Dinan

Committee members: Barbara Cherem, Janet Duncan, Fran Lyman, 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, 2017, through April 30, 2018, our monthly collection has supported eleven different community organizations. On average, each recipient received a donation of \$1,940, with the largest monthly donation being \$2,903 and the smallest \$1,227.

The organizations supported in the twelve months ended April 30, 2018:

- Habitat for Humanity - Huron Valley Chapter
- Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) (twice)
- Offender Success (formerly "Prisoner Reentry")
- Student Advocacy Center
- 826 Michigan
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)
- IHN/Alpha House
- Ele's Place
- Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County
- House by the Side of the Road
- Packard Health

Future plans:

- Continued support of one community organization per month.
- Solicitation of applications for support in 2019 (October-November)
- Selection of 2019 recipients (November)