

UUAA Sharing the Collection Program 2020-21 First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor



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.

What We Do: The offering collected on the first Sunday Service of every month is donated to a non-profit community service organization in Washtenaw County which serves predominantly disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, such as low-income families and individuals, people who have been targets of discrimination or disabled or abused populations. The priority areas of UUAA Vision 20/50 (climate justice, anti-racism/anti oppression and radical welcome) also guide our mission. *Sharing the Collection* also supports Unitarian Universalist service organizations like the UU Service Committee and the Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) as well as two-long term UUAA commitments: Habitat for Humanity and IHN/Alpha House.

The *UUAA Sharing the Collection* Team develops selection criteria for the program; publicizes and invites community service organizations to apply; develops and reviews the application to be used for the selection process; selects and notifies the monthly “collection” recipients; publicizes the program to the congregation through the UUAA website, the UUAA Newsletter, Weekly Bulletin, and Congregational Meeting reports. The *Sharing the Collection* Team works closely with the UUAA staff and reports to the Social Justice Council.

Chairperson: Janet Duncan

Current Committee members: Fran Lyman, Mary Phelps, Charlene Mangi (Joined December 2020)

Members who Left in December 2020 (Jim Marks, Glenn Kime, Casey Jackson)

From May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, our monthly collections totaled \$16,410. This represents 11 monthly collections. The funds raised during the month of April have not been included in the above total. This compares to \$26, 013.42 posted in last year’s report. The decrease in funds can be contributed to the impact of Covid 19 as we shifted to Online Services and changes in giving during the pandemic.

Current plans:

- Continue to adapt Sharing the Collection to an Online format due to COVID-19: Posting the Sharing the Collection recipients on the Online Newsletter and Weekly News and promoting the Sharing the Collection payment link posted to UUAA website under Support - Donate Online.

Future plans:

- Monies donated in support of the Spring 2021 Special Collection will be divided equally between *Sharing the Collection* 2021 Organizations. (An equal portion 1/13 of the total funds raised will be used to pay down UUAA's Mortgage).
- Better utilize the communication tools offered by the UUAA such as the Monthly Online Newsletter, Weekly Online News and Realm to promote and support the work of the committee.
- Utilize UUAA communication channels to identify non-profit organizations that would benefit from the *Sharing the Collection Program* and its mission. (June-September)
- Distribute applications to local nonprofits for Sharing the Collection 2022 consideration. (October -November) and select organizations for 2022 (Early December)

The organizations supported in the twelve months prior to April 30, 2021:

May	Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley	\$3200
June	Our House	\$1725
July	Michigan UU Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)	\$1210
August	Michigan Prison Doula Initiative	\$1065
September	Student Advocacy Center of Michigan	\$650
October	Liberty Club	\$3215
November	IHN/Alpha House	\$780
December	House by the Side of the Road	\$755
January	H4HHV	\$945
February	Foundation Preschool	\$1450
March	Summer Camp Scholarships	\$1415
April	Growing Hope	Not yet Available