

UUCP Social Outreach Grant Committee – 2023 Report to the Congregation

This year the UCP Social Outreach Grants were once again funded by the previous year's Spring Sale. There was \$23,000 available for distribution through the grants. At the UUCP Board's direction, we considered larger grants, increasing the limit to \$2,500 from \$2,000, and we placed a greater emphasis on congregational involvement for the organizations applying. The results are listed below. The 2022-2023 Social Outreach Grant Committee consisted of Gareth Funka-Lea, Jane Demaio, Valerie Haynes, Louise Senior and Farooq Zama.

Arm In Arm: \$2,000 Help two clients to obtain or restore driver's licenses.

Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice: \$2,500 (new grantee) Build a ramp for building accessibility.

The Chubby's Project: \$2,000 Buy and build a Hoop House (from a kit) to extend growing season.

The Father Center of NJ: \$2,000 Funding to support travel to job interviews, training, and jobs.

Good Grief: \$1,250 Funding for "Nights of Support", a free peer program in Princeton for families that have experienced the death of a family member.

HomeFront: \$1,750 Support their Emergency Food Program.

The Jewish Center Interfaith Refugee Resettlement: \$2,000 Support their Resettled Afghan Family Transportation Project when volunteers are not available.

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Mercer County: \$750 Towards their ongoing programs in education, support and outreach.

Peace Action Education Fund: \$1,250 To support their annual Conference and Multifaith Service for Peace.

Princeton Community Housing, Inc.: \$2,000 To help provide transportation for low-income seniors living in Princeton.

Princeton Parents of Black Children: \$750 To help fund a scholarship planned for next year.

Solidaridad: \$1,500 (new grantee) Help establish an attorney outreach team to support immigrants with asylum, work permits, and other legal council.

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK): \$1,750 To purchase food for needy people in the greater Trenton area.

Womanspace: \$1,500 For operating costs at their transitional housing, Barbara's House, which provides families with long-term housing of one to two years.

-- Submitted by Gareth Funka-Lea, Social Justice Outreach Chair