

UUCOC Share the Plate

On the second Sunday of every month we offer our congregation the opportunity to make contributions to a local non-profit organization supporting causes we believe in. We started this program in 2013 benefitting a new organization every month or so, but since 2015, our Social Justice Ministry has selected four recipient organizations for the year and we distribute the collected funds on a quarterly basis. Any contributions in the collection plate on the second Sunday that are not specifically marked as being for pledges are added to the share the plate funds for the quarter's recipient organization.

Whenever possible, we work with the organizations to have representatives make brief presentations about their organizations before the share the plate collections. We also coordinate our First Tuesday Social Justice Film Festival film selections with the missions of our share the plate recipients whenever possible.

Our Share the Plate Recipients

2020

1. **Southern Sector Rising** seeks to offer the marginalized residents of Dallas health equity by ending decades of racist zoning, forcing industrial polluters out of predominantly Black and Brown residential neighborhoods, and by more evenly distributing the pollution burdens of our city. You can visit their website for more information: southernsectorrising.org/



2. **Faith In Texas** is a multi-racial, multi-faith movement developing civic leadership in faith communities for economic and racial justice. UUCOC is working with members of this organization on the local housing needs assessment project. You can visit their website for more information: faithintx.org



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3. **South Oak Cliff High School** We are giving South Oakcliff a double blessing by giving them two quarters worth of Share the Plate. South Oakcliff is a high school in your very own neighborhood and you're probably familiar with the struggles the students have. There is a significant amount of students who are homeless and rely on South Oakcliff to meet many of their needs, even after graduating, such as the dorm deposit and textbook money upon entering college. Our donations will enable students to focus on their studies and not worry about bills or getting the nutrition they need, despite their families' rough circumstances. Please help lift our neighbors up during these especially trying times by giving to Share the Plate. Thank you very much for investing in and supporting the next generation who will soon be the voices of Oak Cliff. You can visit their website for more information:

www.dallasisd.org/soc



2019

1. **EC Stanton Community School** is a K-12 non-profit private school located in Ft. Worth. They opened the doors to their first students in August, 2017 and have grown steadily since, attracting families around the area. Their philosophy is unique in that they believe every child has the right and responsibility to direct their own learning. They trust that only the individual can find the path that brings them fulfillment and happiness. Staff act only as mentors to keep the ship moving and provide experience and support along the way. Each member of their community has a vote in every aspect of school management, from hiring staff, to buying resources, to how they deal with unacceptable behaviors. They also focus on creating a community that celebrates diversity. You can

visit their website for more information: www.ecstanton.org



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2. **Families to Freedom** – their vision is to make it easy for people to get away from domestic violence situations. By helping people break free from domestic violence, they can reduce the cycle for future generations. Fewer future abusers means a better society for everyone. Transporting children of abused parents enables them to live in a more loving, supportive environment so they can get counseling, support, and modeling for a normal adult life. This breaks the cycle of abuse. Fewer abusers in the future equals fewer law resources used, fewer visits to hospitals, fewer work days missed, fewer broken homes, and fewer tax dollars needed for families in crisis.

www.familiestofreedom.org



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3. **Dallas County Humane Society Dog and Kitty Shelter** – Their purpose is to provide a safe and healthy environment for the abused and neglected animals of Dallas and to educate the Dallas community on responsible pet ownership. They are a non-profit organization, do not receive any tax support, and rely solely on private donations. Their service to the animals depends completely on the generosity of the community and committed, dedicated volunteers. <https://dogkittycity.org>



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5. Our fourth Share the Plate will pertain to Immigration Rights but we are still discussing the best options. Suggestions are welcome.

2018

1. **The Well** – Founded in 2002, the Well is a 501[c][3] nonprofit organization. While it

started as a simple church outreach to a handful of people, it has grown into a flourishing, significant ministry among adults suffering from mental illness. The Well's philosophy is one of care, relational interventions and holistic rehabilitation. These are combined to create a significant impact upon those we are called upon to serve.

2. **The North Texas Dream Team** – is an immigrant youth led public 501(c)(3) nonprofit. NTDT's mission is to educate and bring awareness to everyone when it comes to issues in our communities, regardless of race or ethnicity.

3. **City Square-** The of City Square is to fight the cause and effects of poverty through service, advocacy and friendship. They provide housing to the chronically homeless (The Cottages); have a food pantry open to all comers; are gearing up for food service (and certification) training; have literacy classes; have a health clinic partnership. Anita Mills is involved with their community garden setup; James Fairchild is Development Director; so there are connections to members of our congregation.

4. **Rohingya Community** in Dallas lends support to the people being subjected to genocide in Myanmar through **Helping Hand for Relief and Development** “The HHRD is a global humanitarian relief and development organization responding to human sufferings in emergency and disastrous situations anywhere all over the world with special focus on countries where the massive population living below the poverty line like Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Kenya, Sudan and many others. We also have partners ranging from small community support groups to national alliances and international networks. HHRD works with the co-partners underlines the issues that emerge after any natural upheaval or affect poor and voiceless people.” (<http://www.hhrd.org/Burma>). There is an office in Richardson.

2017

1. **American Indian Movement**

2. **Society of Native Nations**

3. **Projecto Immigrante**

4. **Mothers Against Police Brutality**

2016

- 1. Prison Entrepreneurship**
- 2. Refugee Services of Texas**
- 3. Promise House**
- 4. UULAC Rainbow Council**

2015

- 1. City Square**
- 2. Southwest Substation of the DPD**
- 3. OakCliff Churches for Emergency Aid**
- 4. Huma Faith**

2014

- 1/14 UU Service Committee**
- 2/14 Innocence Project of Texas**
- 3/14 Dallas Peace Center**
- 4/14 The North Oak Cliff Branch Library**
- 5/14 Trumpets4Kids**
- 6/14 North Texas UU Justice Ministry**

7/14 The North Oak Cliff Branch Library

8/14 Catholic Charities

9/14 Human Rights Campaign

10/14 Shelter2Rescue

11/14 Shelter2Rescue

12/14 Shelter2Rescue

2013

3/13 Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid

4/13 Keep Oak Cliff Beautiful

5/13 The Rainbow Room

6/13 SotSol. Fund – Tornado fund

7/13 Teas UU Justice Ministry

8/13 Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid

9/13 GetEqual Texas

11/13 NTX Food Bank