

## Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Policy

### **Title: Share the Plate**

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One Sunday (or once) each month the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (GUUF) Share the Plate program will contribute 50% of its non-pledge Sunday plate collections (including Sunday non-pledge Pay Pal donations) to a local charity that is in line with our UU values.

The purpose of this program is to:

- Raise awareness within our fellowship of social justice concerns and needs in our region.
- Increase our connection to local charitable organizations.
- Live our value of generosity by giving our members the opportunity to contribute to charitable groups that align with our UU values.

The core team that will oversee this project will include a representative from the Finance Committee, a representative from the Social Justice committee and the GUUF Past President or their designee and will report to the Program Council. Recipient organizations will be selected by the core team. Up to four organizations will be selected for each calendar year. In this way, each organization can be featured three times in the year. The core team will facilitate a process to accept suggestions for organizations to include and then encourage congregants to choose/vote for the organizations that are on that option list. The final choices will be shared with the GUUF Program Council by the December Program Council meeting of the year. Yearly totals of \$ amount of contributions made will be shared with GUUF Program Council and the Fellowship.

The criteria for selection include:

- Organization must be a Nonprofit Organization.
- The contribution must be for an organization, not an individual.
- Organization purpose must support UU/GUUF values.

The planned list of organizations to support will be presented to the Program Council for endorsement each year.

One Sunday a month, the designated local charity will be highlighted. A short description of the charity will be included in the Order of Service. A member of the charity / organization will be welcome to join our coffee hour after the service to meet and greet GUUF members and friends. The bookkeeping and handling of these donations will follow GUUF's internal accounting processes.

From the collection plate:

- No checks written directly to the charity will be accepted (per offering call instructions).
- All funds designated "pledge" by the donor will go towards member pledges as usual.