

**2008 Annual Report**  
**Fund for UU Social Responsibility**  
(CBCO Grants listed Separately)

**29 Grants Made**

<b>Grants Made:</b>	<b>\$155,259</b>
<b>Challenge Grants made:</b>	<b><u>\$78,000</u></b>
<b>Grand Total :</b>	<b>\$233,259</b>

**Beacon Press - Boston, MA** **\$15,000**  
***New Media Initiative***

A second grant to expand readership of the "Beacon Broadside" blog ([www.beaconbroadside.com](http://www.beaconbroadside.com)) and advance the socially responsible work of the denomination by linking online UU communities through shared conversation on books, authors and social justice issues.

**First Parish in Needham - Needham, MA** **\$11,000**  
***William E. Channing Partnership Project***

A second grant to expand a multi-congregational project supporting an elementary school with tutoring to increase the English language skills of students, food, clothing, library books, dental services and teacher support and appreciation.

**First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati- Social Justice Committee - Cincinnati,OH**  
***\$2,000 Challenge***

***Avondale Peace Camp***

To grow and expand a program that began as a pilot last summer for a summer Peace Camp in the congregation's urban neighborhood which is plagued by violent youth crime.

**First Unitarian Church of Rochester - Rochester, NY** **\$5,000 Challenge**  
***Taller de Esperanza: Workshop of Hope***

For a program linking the Rochester NY congregation with the Brownsville TX UU's and to construct a new workshop for the schools in the Mexican town of Fidel Velazquez in a long term effort to address the consequences of poverty, corruption, poor education and economic globalization.

**First Unitarian Church of San Jose - San Jose, CA** **\$3,000**  
***Beloved Community Project II***

A second grant to move the congregation to become intentionally multicultural, multiracial and multidimensional and to promote multicultural understanding through events and by working on issues of concern to downtown residents.

**First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee - Milwaukee, WI \$1,750**  
***Get Out the Vote***

For a Get-Out-the-Vote effort in Milwaukee, providing transportation to the polls especially for inner city residents who lack cars, are physically handicapped or are senior citizens.

**First UU Church \* Poverty Task Force - Rochester, MN \$300**  
***Register and Vote November 4!***

A "Get Out the Vote" 2008 action by the congregation to purchase a voter education ad in the Buyers' Guide.

**Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul - Winchester, MA**  
***\$9,000 Grant, \$9,000 Challenge***

To expand a program of week-long service trips for volunteers to areas hit by hurricane Katrina to engage in work beyond restoring homes to include working on, in and with selected grade and middle schools.

**Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul - Winchester, MA \$1,400**  
***Accessibility Supplement***

To supplement a grant made in Spring, 2008 to accommodate the accessibility needs of organizers so they can participate fully in the volunteer service project rebuilding the post-Katrina Gulf Coast.

**Jamaica Plain Forum - First Church - Jamaica Plain, MA \$15,000**  
***Forum Organizing Project***

A second grant to support the emergence of a network of film and public affairs programs to grow local UU congregations and communities and to contribute to the infrastructure for progressive social change. The project is mapping UU forums and speaker series and providing UU congregations with a toolkit and resources to strengthen their work for social and economic justice.

**Jericho Road Lawrence North Andover MA \$15,000**  
***Capacity Building***

A second grant for a program of the North Parish Church designed to enhance the organizational capacity and economic stability of not-for-profits by providing free business and technical expertise, matching skilled volunteers to client organizations.

**Mountain Desert District, U.U.A. - Denver, CO \$6,000**  
***Building the Beloved Community: Race, Class, Privilege***

To support a high-caliber cross sector, regional event for sustained UU engagement with issues of class, race and privilege in our congregations.

**Norman U.U. Fellowship - Norman, OK \$5,284**  
***Voice of Reason Radio***

To acquire the last of the broadcast air space available through the FCC to provide an opportunity for a local, progressive, activist community to use the public airspace to promote peace and challenge injustice.

**Olympia U.U. Congregation & Out of the Woods - Olympia, WA**  
**\$5,000 Grant, \$2,500 Challenge**

***Homeless Shelter for Families with Young Children***

A second grant to support a 24/7 emergency shelter program that is hosted by the church. The program is focused on families with young children and supported by the congregation.

**Peacemaking CSAI Core Team Westport CT \$5,000 Grant, \$1,000 Challenge**  
***Implement CSAI Peacemaking Programs***

A second grant to distribute and implement the three CSAI communications tools developed and to provide UUs with firm grounding for the debate on the Peacemaking Statement of Conscience.

**Peoples Church of Chicago - Chicago, IL**  
***2 Li'l Fishes Free Lunch Program*** **\$5,000 Challenge**

To expand a free lunch program for the homeless and needy in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago from three days a week to seven and to provide employment training for formerly and current homeless people so they will have an income.

**Sanford Unitarian Church - Sanford, ME**  
***Corner Cupboard*** **\$5,000**

For a monthly program staffed by volunteers that provides non-food essentials to assist people in meeting their basic needs for living and increases their quality of life. The project is also working to develop a long-term base of community support, and has identified needs such as dental care, parenting support, healthy eating, transportation and food stamps as areas to address.

**Shawnee Mission U.U. Church Overland Park, KS**  
***Julia's Voice - Loud and Clear (DVD)*** **\$3,500**

A second grant to produce a DVD and web-based digital video, Stand for Peace: Moms Against the War -Julia Ward Howe, and make it available to all UU churches, along with a line of Mother's Day cards.

**U.U. Church of Belfast Restorative Justice Project - Belfast, ME**  
**\$15,000 Grant, \$2,500 Challenge**

***Mentor Coordination Program***

For a Mentor Coordinator to recruit, train, supervise and support up to 50 volunteers in a mentoring program designed to rehabilitate adult and youth offenders, assist victims and reduce crime and recidivism in Waldo and Knox counties.

**U.U. Church of Fort Myers - Grace Program - Fort Myers, FL** **\$5,000 Challenge**

***1000 Teachers, 1 Million Children***

For a program to increase UU involvement in preparing education materials for Guatemalan teachers.

**U.U. Church of Rockville    Rockville    MD**

***\$3,500 Challenge***

***Rainbow Youth Alliance***

To engage youth, the congregation and parent communities in a congregation-based support group and meeting place for county GLBTQ teens and straight allies serving teens.

**U.U. Church of Sarasota    Sarasota    FL**

***\$4,000 Grant, \$10,000 Challenge***

***Shoulder-to-Shoulder Interfaith House Project***

For a building project that will lay the foundation for a strong, interfaith coalition of congregations engaged in economic justice and affordable housing issues.

**U.U. Church of Ventura      Ventura    CA    \$15,500 Grant    \$4,000 Challenge**  
***Lift Up Your Voice***

To build a partnership with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness both to put a face on homelessness and lift up the voices of UUs and the homeless and help end homelessness in Ventura County.

**U.U. Massachusetts Action Network - Acton, MA \$5,000 Grant, \$10,000 Challenge**  
***UU Statewide Networks***

To expand advocacy work in Massachusetts with campaigns on Global Warming and Housing and Homelessness, increase social action coordination among UU congregations and work with the Mass Bay District to integrate UU Mass Action work with the MBD Social Justice Ministry.

**U.U. Ministry For Earth - Portland, OR    \$8,225**  
***Environmental Justice Earth Day Campaign***

To bring environmental justice work to our congregations by developing an environmental justice Earth Day campaign toolkit for use by congregations. Working with the UUA Office for Advocacy and Witness and the UUSC, organizers will identify and develop actions, projects and resource materials and market the campaign to reach all UU congregations.

**U.U. Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education - San Marcos, CA**  
***\$10,000 Challenge***

***Expanding UU Engagement in Immigration***

To expand legal immigration counseling and representation to immigrants and refugees, specializing in family and humanitarian-based immigration; and engage communities in meaningful discussions on immigrant rights.

**U.U. United Nations Office New York NY                    \$7,000    Challenge**  
***Developing and Sustaining UU Social Responsibility Skills/Networks***

A second grant to attract more participants, especially young UU activists, to the annual intergenerational seminar, "All in the Name of Faith: Rights, Religion and Responsibility" and to improve follow-up activities and tools to support participants' actions in shaping policies and defending human rights.

**Unitarian Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn      Sherborn MA    \$2,800**  
***Interfaith Hospitality Network***

To support an interfaith partnership of congregations offering beds to homeless families with children through safe transitional shelter, meals and supportive case management as the families seek permanent housing.

**Unity Church U.U.      North Easton    MA    \$3,500      \$1,500 Challenge**  
***UCAN: Unity Church Aiding Neighbors***

A third grant for a program to provide tutorial-style English classes, life skills support and citizenship classes to adult low income, non-native English speakers in the Brockton, Massachusetts area.