

**The Fund for UU Social Responsibility
Annual Report 2009**

of Grants Awarded: 24
Total Grants: \$234,734
Total Challenge Grants (*Italics*): \$45,500
Grand Total: \$280,224

Amarillo UU Fellowship - Amarillo, TX \$15,000 \$2,500

Community Garden Team For a community garden that will provide fresh produce for 1000 at-risk children daily. More than half of the children in the county qualify for free or reduced cost lunch at school, the school now also provides evening meals to these children and their families. The project models use of permaculture and water catchment techniques and will engage all community members, youth to seniors.

Beacon Press - Boston, MA \$15,000

New Media Initiative A third grant to expand readership of the “Beacon Broadside” blog (www.beaconbroadside.com), a forum for progressive ideas and an avenue for social networking for the denomination. Beacon Broadside links online UU and non-UU communities through conversation about religion and politics, books, authors and issues that reflect the diverse range of voices Beacon champions.

Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal

- New Orleans, LA \$20,000

Rebuilding Program For a construction specialist for the New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Program. The Program offers housing, meals and a structured curriculum that includes history, geography and worker safety for volunteers doing rebuilding work.

First Parish in Needham - Needham, MA \$5,500

William E. Channing Partnership A third grant to expand a multi-congregational project supporting teachers in increasing English-language skills for students who are below grade level. The program also provides dental care, food, clothing and books and fosters a deep collaboration between volunteers and students.

Jericho Road Lawrence - North Andover, MA \$15,000

Jericho Road Lawrence A third grant for a program of the North

Parish Church of North Andover. Jericho Road is 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.

Michigan U.U. Social Justice Network - Royal Oak, MI \$10,000

Toward a More Healthy Just Society To organize UUs in Michigan to advocate for health care reform and a more progressive income tax structure in Michigan. The Network recently mobilized UUs from 17 congregations to gather 5,000 signatures to place universal health care on the ballot last fall and will partner with several other progressive organizations to educate about the need for progressive tax reform in the state.

Norman U.U. Fellowship - Norman, OK \$16,310

Voices of Oklahoma A second grant to acquire the last of the broadcast air space available through the FCC to provide local programming that expresses the values of peace, justice, democracy and human rights and to add sorely needed diversity to the Oklahoma media landscape. The project includes training and broadcasting opportunities to all community members who further the mission and enrich community dialogues.

Oak Ridge UU Church - Oak Ridge, TN \$5,000

Healthy Start Advocacy: Transportation For a program that ensures transportation for the clients of the Healthy Start program which provides in-home mentoring services to struggling families at risk of child abuse. A lack of transportation - public or personal - makes access to social services and medical appointments impossible for most.

Olympia U.U. Congregation - Olympia, WA \$2,000 \$5,000

Coffee Strong To support active-duty and veteran military service members who are dealing with the violent aftermath of war by providing a variety of services and a safe and accessible meeting place close to Fort Lewis.

U.U. Church of Fort Myers - Grace Program

Fort Myers FL \$5,000

Indigenous and Farm Worker Health and Education Project For a program to increase UU involvement with organizations working to improve health and education opportunities for indigenous and farm-worker women living and working in rural Florida and in Guatemala.

U.U. Church of Ogden - OUTreach Resource Center -

Ogden, UT \$14,000 \$1,500

OUTreach - Community Outreach For a campaign to build and strengthen community support for a growing resource center for LGBTQ youth and their friends.

U.U. Church of Philippines - UU Women Association *

Negros Oriental Philippines \$5,500

Babaye, Ikaw Nahimong Himaya sa Imong Panimalay (BINHI) For a micro-finance program of the UU Women's Association serving UU and non-UU women entrepreneurs of Brgy Aquino who have no access to formal credit; and to provide loans, training and seminars to poor women.

U.U. Church of Tucson - No More Deaths - Tucson AZ \$9,960

Crossing the Line: Human Rights Abuses of Migrants on the Arizona/Sonora Border For documenting the abuse of migrants in short-term detention by Border Patrol and ICE, to force the establishment and enforcement of short-term detention standards for migrants, and to work for immigration reform.

U.U. Church of Ventura - Ventura, CA \$17,525

Lift Up Your Voice - Yes in My Backyard A second grant to create an alliance between the religious community and the homeless community to change the culture in Ventura in order to end homelessness.

U.U. Congregation of Atlanta / Accesibility Team -

Atlanta, GA \$5,000

Equipping UUs & Partners to Grow Accessible Congregations
For a program that "moves beyond the ramp" in the journey to full inclusion of people with disabilities, shifting attitudinal barriers that prevent people with disabilities from worshipping, learning and serving in our church communities.

U.U. Fellowship of Athens - Athens, GA \$12,000 \$4,000

Workers Rights and Census Accountability For two projects: a Worker Center and a Census Partnership Program. The Worker Center provides support to working community members regarding their rights, assistance with filing complaints, ESL and job training, and more. The Census Partnership Program engages UUFA members as translators, lawyers

U.U. Urban Ministry - Roxbury, MA \$6,940

Nature Connection / Roxbury Youth Programs For a partnership of the UUUM after-school Roxbury Youth Programs and the Nature Connection that brings animal and nature programs to the students, and engages them in making connections between people and the environment.

Valley U.U. Church - Chandler, AZ \$17,339

HeartSongs To bring music from the congregation into the community to provide comfort, joy and attention to people in need, particularly the elderly and disabled adults. *HeartSongs* will also develop and produce musical materials that will be made available to other UU congregations.