

The Fund For UU Social Responsibility GRANTS MADE - Spring 2009

Grants Made Total:	\$108,824
<i>Challenge Grants Made:</i>	<i>\$26,500</i>
Total Grants:	\$135,324
# of Grants Made:	11

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

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.

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 Challenge
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 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 / Accessibility 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 Challenge
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 and organizers to ensure that all ethnicities in the population are counted and recognized.

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.