

UU HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE

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Season's Greetings! The UU young adult community invites UUs from across the Chicago-land area to join us in the season of giving. We've created this giving guide of local youth and young adult-led justice organizations to share some of the work to which we are connected. By giving together, as a faith community, we increase the impact our dollars have!

A Holiday Giving Guide for Chicago Unitarian Universalists

Over the past year, many of us in the young adult community have worked as a part of, and/or in support of, the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement and engaged in related work to challenge injustices of the criminal legal system. As BLM and other movements for justice grow, they face new oppression/repression. As people of faith engaged in struggles for justice, we must include and prioritize racial justice and challenge state violence. The organizations listed within this guide are doing just that. Thank you for supporting us and the radical movements of which we are a part. Happy Holidays!

Assata's Daughters

Assata's Daughters is a grassroots, intergenerational, organizing collective of Black women who love and support each other. Inspired by the Radical Monarchs, Assata's Daughters was started to hold a necessary space for dialogue, celebration, and for exploration of the different forms of Black women's empowerment and self-determination. A necessary space that protects, cherishes, and fights for the humanity of Black women.

DONATE at: <http://www.assatasdaughters.org/supportus/>

BYP 100

Black Youth Project 100 is an activist member-based organization of Black 18-35 year olds, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. They do this through building a collective focused on transformative leadership development, non-violent direct action organizing, advocacy and education.

DONATE at: <http://byp100.org>

Circles & Ciphers

Circles & Ciphers is a leadership development organization for young people who are prison-, court, DCFS-, and gang- involved. Fusing restorative justice practices and principles with hip-hop arts and culture, Circles & Ciphers empowers participants to transform legacies of violence, incarceration, patriarchal masculinity, and disengagement.

DONATE at: <http://tinyurl.com/ph7wxlj> OR write a check to 'Circles & Ciphers' and mail to 1545 W. Morse Avenue, Chicago, IL 60618.

Fearless Leading By The Youth (FLY)

The Fearless Leading by the Youth program works to nurture young people's visions for change by supporting their development as leaders and community members. (FLY). Their campaigns focus on ending structural racism on Chicago's Southside. The Audy Home campaign seeks to end the inhumane treatment of youth at Cook County's Juvenile Temporary Juvenile Detention Center. FLY recently celebrated a huge victory in their campaign to get a trauma center on the Southside.

DONATE at <http://www.stopchicago.org/2012/04/support-us.html>, and include "FLY" in the comment/memo.

Organized Communities Against Deportations

Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD) seeks to stop deportations in our communities through mobilization, advocacy and education. OCAD is involved in the #Not1More campaign which offers tangible relief to people facing deportation. By collectively challenging unfair deportations and criminalization through organizing, art, legislation, and action, #Not1More aims to reverse unjust policy, build migrant power, and create immigration policies based on principles of justice and inclusion.

To DONATE directly to OCAD write a check to "8th Day Center for Justice", include "OCAD" in the memo, and mail to 205 W Monroe St # 500, Chicago, IL 60606. To DONATE to #Not1More campaign: www.notonemoredeportation.com

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)

SJP promotes justice, human rights, liberation, and self-determination for the Palestinian people. SJP believes that while the Palestinian people must ultimately be able to decide their future in Palestine, certain key principles, grounded in international law, human rights, and basic standards of justice, will be fundamental to a just resolution of the plight of the Palestinians.

DONATE at <http://www.nationalsjp.org/donate.html>, and include "SJP Chicago" in the comment/memo.

More About This Guide

Chicago is full of people working for justice in a variety of ways. This guide is not a comprehensive list of organizations deserving of our support. It is, however, a compilation of organizations that some of us UU young adults have been supporting over the past year as we strive to live our faith as fully as we can. In creating this guide, we developed a set of principles to determine what Chicago-based work was important for us to lift up in this moment. We prioritized organizations that:

- are led by youth and/or young adults and prioritize their leadership development
- engage in local justice work that has a racial justice lens
- are led by people most impacted, frontline communities
- create a balance of work to tear down oppressive structures and build up new, liberatory spaces and practices
- have a CCC member connected to their work



Give to Chicago Chalice Connection

You can also DONATE to Chicago Chalice Connection's Faithify campaign before December 23rd to help us reach our goal in supporting young adult ministry in 2016: <http://www.faithify.org/projects/chicago-uu-young-adults-putting-faith-into-action/>
