



## Awards by the Live Oak UU Church Endowment Fund

2017

- **UUs for a Just Economic Community, Springfield, MA (\$6,600)**



UUJEC is a progressive organization committed to economic justice for all. Our philosophy is rooted in the UU liberal religious tradition - to create a world of justice, equity, and compassion. We seek to inspire UUs to study our society's economic and social systems and to become advocates for justice. The grant from Live Oak UU Church allowed us to develop a resource base so all UU churches can work towards economic justice.

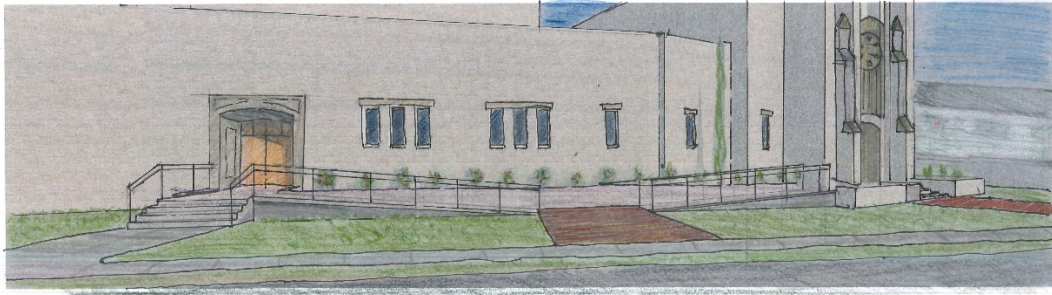
- **The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, Highlands, NC (\$8,307)**

The Mountain is a UU retreat and learning center that provides a beautiful location for summer camps and retreats for the area churches and organization. Although it has grown over the years, it remained inaccessible to many. The grant provided automatic door openers and wall switches so that the Mountain can fulfill their commitment for inclusivity.



- **First UU Church of New Orleans, LA (\$15,000)**

The First UU Church of New Orleans is a historical building in a historical parish. After Hurricane Katrina, the Church became a community center for their neighbors. The grant helped to build a large ramp to allow accessibility to all entrances while maintaining the integrity of the historic building.



- **The UU Ministry for Earth, Portland, OR (\$7,000)**



The UU Ministry for Earth is committed to empowering bold, accountable, faith-based action for environmental justice. UUMEC supports congregational development of strong climate and environmental justice ministries by updating and expanding its web portal to improve accessibility by UU churches and associated groups.

## 2016

- **Hill Country Community Ministries, Leander, TX (\$3,000)**



HCCM is devoted to providing healthy food and other services to over 450 families of North Central Texas. Recently, they initiated Fresh Food Friday which distributes fresh fruit and veggies to up to 75 families each week, with more to be added soon. They have used their grant to purchase a stand-alone freezer and shelving. Executive Director Tiesa Hollaway is showing off the new freezer.

- **Third Place Community Foundation, Tulsa, OK (\$7,500)**

The mission of the Third Place Community Foundation is to provide fresh food year-round and to empower people to connect in a high food insecurity community. The grant provided funds to help build the Welcome Table Greenhouse illustrated to the right.



**2015** [No awards given.]

**2014**

- **UU World of Children, Greenville UU Fellowship, SC (\$15,000)**



The UU World of Children is a Montessori school and day care center associated with the Greenville UU Fellowship in Greenville, SC. Grant funds were used to convert waste land next to the Fellowship building into a garden and learning area for the children.

- **UBarU Retreat, Mountain Home, TX (\$4,800)**

This retreat center has a mission to provide a welcoming, peaceful place to gather for spiritual, educational and recreational purposes in harmony with our UU Principles and the land. This, the second of two grants to UBarU, is dedicated to sustainable water projects by enhancing the well and providing a pool filtration system in the old water tank.



- **Literacy Council of Williamson County, TX (\$1,900)**

The Literacy Council believes that literacy is the key to providing better lives to individuals and families. Literacy includes reading comprehension as well as reading and speaking English as a second language. This grant allowed the Literacy Council of Williamson County, TX to purchase resource materials for the new Adult Basic Education curriculum.

**2013**

- **Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) of Central Texas (\$2,100)**

The mission of LREDA is to provide Religious Education credentialing, professional development and support to liberal religious educators. It has branches throughout the country that host conferences twice a year. The grant was to help sponsor the mid-winter conference in early 2014 of the Central Texas LREDA.

- **UU Congregation of Miami-Dade & Friends of Miami-Dade Detainees, FL (\$4,000)**

The friends of Miami-Dade Detainees, in association with the Social Justice Committee of the UU Congregation of Miami-Dade, is dedicated to connect mandatorily detained individuals with their families and communities. The grant provided funds to launch a community-led and sustained hotline that will provide detainees with a free telephone connection to a community of support on the outside.



## 2010

- **UU Friends Retreat Foundation, Mountain Home, TX. (\$9,250)**



This retreat center, now called UBarU, has a mission to provide a welcoming, peaceful place to gather for spiritual, educational and recreational purposes in harmony with our UU Principles and the land. This, the first of 2 grants to UBarU, was to purchase bunk beds and mattresses for the original retreat center.

- **First UU Church of Austin and Impact Austin, Austin, TX (\$3,250)**

The LEADD (Leadership Education Advancing Development and Diversity) workshops were developed by the Interfaith Alliance to empower high school leaders from diverse religious and economic backgrounds. The grant provided funds for Austin youth to attend the 2011 workshop.



## 2009

- **Bay Area UU Church, Houston, TX (\$10,000)**

Video Equipment was purchased to develop a Distance Learning Center for the Bay Area UU Church as part of its expansion plan to accommodate its rapid growth.

- **UU Housing Assistance Corp., San Antonio, TX (\$4,000)**

The UU Housing Assistant Corp. are dedicated to serving the homeless and low-income with emergency shelters, homeless shelters, day shelters, transitional housing, residential drug/alcohol rehabilitation programs, supportive housing and permanent affordable housing. The grant provided supplies to repair and paint housing.

