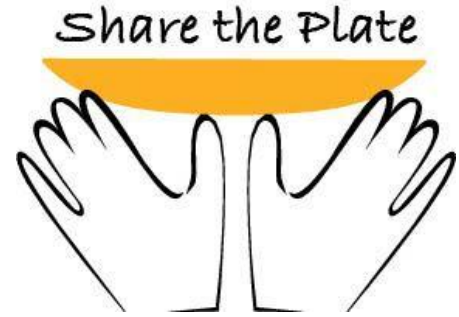


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Share the Plate is a way to demonstrate our commitment to nonprofit organizations whose actions are consistent with our principles and sources. As of Summer 2025, congregants had donated **over \$40,000** to these causes!

The purpose is two-fold: to inform the congregation of the work of the organization-usually by inviting a representative of the organization to speak briefly, to display literature and to answer questions during social hour-and to make a financial contribution in the name of the congregation. Since September 2013, 100% of the non-pledge money received for the Share the Plate recipient is given to the chosen agency.



Since 2009, we have “shared the plate” with numerous recipient organizations, including these:

- Academy Heights Neighborhood Association and The Main Thing neighborhood revitalization project (both in Dunkirk NY) and the Beautification Committee of the Revitalize Dunkirk Project
- Adult Learner Initiatives & Workforce Development, <https://www.sunyjcc.edu/workforce>
- American Red Cross
- Relief for Ukraine, <https://www.baeressentials.org/ukraine-2022>
- Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County (Dunkirk NY), <https://www.bgcfncc.org/>
- CASA of Chautauqua County, Court Appointed Special Advocates, providing a powerful voice for abused and neglected children, <https://www.chautauquacasa.com/>
- CASAC, Chautauqua Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council, and their Teen Intervene program, <https://preventionworks.us/>
- Centaur Stride therapeutic riding facility, <http://www.centaurstride.org/>
- Center for Elder Law & Justice, <https://www.elderjusticenyc.org/>
- Chautauqua Adult Day Care Centers, Inc., <https://www.seniordayprograms.com/>
- Chautauqua Blind Association, Inc., <http://www.chautauquablind.org/>
- Chautauqua Citizens Respond to Climate Crisis (CCRCC), a community group to address risks and citizen responses
- Chautauqua County Crisis Response Fund: Covid 19, addressing the emergent needs of area organizations on the front line of the COVID-19 response, including those supporting older adults and vulnerable families, <https://www.nccfoundation.org/covid19-fund>
- Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, its Gleaning Project and The Friendly Kitchen, <http://www.theccrm.org>
- Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. and its exemplary Head Start program, <https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/>

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- Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., for the Safe House of Chautauqua County, <https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/the-safe-house-of-chaut-co/>
- Chautauqua Opportunities for Development, Inc. for its micro loan program for small businesses, <https://www.chautauquaopportunities.com/codi-economic-development/>
- Chautauqua PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), <https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-chautauqua>
- Chautauqua Striders and their mentoring/tutoring programs, <http://chautauquastriders.org/>
- Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County, <https://www.capjustice.org/>
- Children of Opioid Parents and Empowerment (C.O.P.E.), helping children who have survived a parent's death due to drugs and helping children who live in an opioid household, <https://www.copefoundation19.com/>
- Chautauqua Striders, <http://chautauquastriders.org/>
- Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, www.chautauquawatershed.org
- Circle of Love in Dunkirk, NY
- Compeer Chautauqua, <https://www.facebook.com/compeerchautauqua/>
- CROP-PLUS, a grassroots environmental organization working to provide residents of Chautauqua County with information about the use of coal ash and to advocate for alternatives for icy roads
- Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels, <https://dfmealsonwheels.org/>
- Dunkirk-Fredonia NAACP Scholarship Fund
- Dunkirk Historical Society, <http://dunkirkhistoricalmuseum.org/>
- Elinor's House and Willow Mission in Dunkirk, NY, two initiatives coordinated at the Dunkirk Methodist Church: the first to empower women as they pursue life-changing transitions in a stable, safe and positive environment, the second to assist the homeless
- Faithkeepers School (Faithkeepers Language Nest), fostering independent, confident, and socially responsible citizens who are exposed to the traditional teachings of Gaiwi:yo:h and the traditions of the Seneca people, <https://faithkeepermontessori.com/>
- Fredonia Child Development (Agri-Business Child Development), <https://www.abcdny.org/sites/default/files/profiles/2017/en/ABCD%20at%20Fredonia%20Profile%20Fact%20Sheet%202017.pdf>
- Fredonia Food Pantry, a project of the Fredonia Presbyterian Church affiliated with the Chautauqua County Rural Ministry
- Fredonia Grange No. 1, a non-profit fraternal organization, <https://www.facebook.com/fredoniagranger/>
- Fredonia Honduras Medical Brigades, <https://www.facebook.com/FredoniaHondurasMedical/>
- Gay & Lesbian Youth Services (GLYS) of Western New York, <https://www.glyswny.org/>

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- Gigi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center, which works to change the way the world views Down syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all, and promises a lifetime commitment to families, <https://gigisplayhouse.org/buffalo/>
- Greystone Nature Preserve, <https://www.greystonenaturepreserve.com/>
- Gustavus Adolphus Family Services, family care and adoption, <https://gafamilyservices.org/>
- Chautauqua Area Habitat for Humanity, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064730048814>
- Hannah's Fun'd at the WCA Foundation, to support the Adolescent Mental Health Unit at UPMC Chautauqua (WCA Hospital, Jamestown) with a comfort room, used to calm the child's senses, <http://www.wcafoundationjamestown.org/types-of-funds/hannahs-fund/>
- Hispanic Community Council to support displaced Puerto Ricans in Dunkirk NY
- Hospice Chautauqua County, <http://www.hospicechautco.org/>
- The JCC Willie Rosas Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship (Jamestown Community College), <https://www.sunyjcc.edu/scholarship/willie-rosas-leaders-tomorrow-scholarship>
- Jericho Road Community Health Center (Buffalo NY), <https://www.jrchc.org/>
- Journey's End Refugee Services, Inc. (Buffalo NY), <https://www.jersbuffalo.org/>
- Kids at Promise 2XL, a non-profit youth development program in Dunkirk, <https://www.facebook.com/KidsAtPromise/>
- Labyrinthine Ways Peace Park (East Town of Dunkirk NY), <https://www.facebook.com/Labyrinthine-Ways-Peace-Park-190935754740146/>
- Lakeshore Humane Society, <https://www.lakeshorehumanesociety.org/>
- Literacy Volunteers of Chautauqua County, <https://www.lvccread.org/>
- NAMI, the National Alliance of Mental Illness,
- Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York, <https://www.nsswny.org/>
- New Neighbors Coalition, <https://www.facebook.com/NewNeighborsCoalition/> or <https://stlukesjamestown.org/serve/new-neighbors-coalition/>
- Nicaragua Mission Project, based in Western New York, to provide essentials to our brothers and sisters in that Central American nation, <http://www.projectnica.com>
- Northern Chautauqua Canine Rescue (NCCR), <http://www.caninerescue.org/>
- Old Songs New Opportunities, world music & employment program for refugees (Erie, Pennsylvania), <https://www.facebook.com/oldsongsnewopportunities/>
- Revitalize Dunkirk, bringing ideas for improved urban living to the City of Dunkirk to preserve the heritage, enhance the infrastructure, reinvigorate commerce, and boost community pride and vision, <https://www.facebook.com/revitalizedunkirk/>
- Rural Minds, <https://www.ruralminds.org/our-mission>
- Salvation Army Family Enrichment (SAFE) in Dunkirk

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- SAREP (Sportsfishing Aquatic Resources Educational Program) Youth Flyfishing, <https://albertorey.com/s-a-r-e-p-youth-fly-fishing-program/>
- Silver Creek Food Pantry, <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/services/silver-creek-food-pantry-3230>
- Southwestern Independent Living Center, meeting the challenges of daily living and assisting individuals with disabilities in reaching maximum independence and an enriched quality of life, <https://www.ilc-jamestown-ny.org>
- Spoke Folk community bicycle project, Dunkirk
- Student Food Pantry at Jamestown Community College, <https://www.sunyjc.edu/experience/support/food-pantry>
- Disaster Relief Fund of CERG (Central East Regional Group), to assist UU congregations and individuals affected by Hurricane Sandy
- UU congregations in the St. Lawrence District affected by floods as a result of Tropical Storm Lee
- UUCNC's Minister's Discretionary Fund, to provide confidential assistance to members/friends of the congregation facing emergency financial need, <https://uucnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/UUCNC-Ministers-Discretionary-Fund-Brochure-2024-25.pdf>
- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, <https://www.uusc.org/>
- UPMC Chautauqua Outpatient Behavioral Health Clinic at 306 Central Ave in Dunkirk NY, to purchase therapeutic games and equipment to more effectively treat children, <http://tinyurl.com/ShareThePlate1-5-20>
- WNY Land Conservancy, raising funds to purchase/protect the College Lodge Preserve, the 168-acre forest that surrounds the College Lodge (owned and operated by the Faculty Student Association at SUNY Fredonia), <https://wnylc.org>
- WNY Peace Center <https://wnypeace.org/>
- Westfield Community Food Pantry, <https://www.facebook.com/Westfield-Community-Food-Pantry-1444948852483892/>
- Wheels for Workers 716, <https://www.facebook.com/wheelsforworkers716>
- Women veterans served by the local VA clinic

In addition, special collections at the May 2011, Installation Service and the December 2014 25th anniversary celebration for the Reverend Theresa Kime, now Minister Emerita, supported these causes:

- Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, <https://www.uusc.org/>
- Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council, <https://uupcc.org/>