

The Year 2021 in Social Responsibility and Justice – some highlights

Basic Needs

- *sorted, boxed, and delivered food as volunteers for Durango Food Bank
- *sponsored food and supply drives for Durango Food Bank and for the Dinè Nation
- *provided funds to close learning gaps for Kindergarten students at Needham Elementary
- *provided 52 comfort backpacks for foster children in La Plata County
- *supplied fresh produce and propane tanks for warming for the unhoused at Purple Cliffs
- *provided space at Columbine for three-day grief camp for kids through Southwest Grief Center
- *continued sewing personal hygiene kits for girls and women in small villages around the world
- *donated funds to 4 the Children to support children and youth needs at Christmas

Environmental Justice

- *conducted survey of UUFD members to help set priority directions for team focus
- *led Earth Day worship service
- *published environmental tips and information through UUFD newsletters and announcements
- *coordinated installation of solar panels, EV charge station, and bike racks

Healing Racism

- *completed small group book discussion series on White Fragility
- *supported work of SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice) chapter in Durango
- *donated funds to support new Black Student Alliance student group at Durango High School
- *published reflections series on anti-racism work

Immigration

- *provide housing at Columbine and support for asylee family from Cuba
- *continued partnership with Compañeros, Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center
- *in partnership with Community Coalition in Support of Asylees, contributed funds to cover fees for Afghan refugee asylum applications

LGBTQIA+

- *co-hosted community documentary film showing "Stories of Intersex and Faith"
- *co-sponsored Transgender Day of Remembrance Service for the community
- *led two UUFD worship services focused on Pride month, transgender justice
- *volunteered for Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center
- *held community Pride flag give-away in response to vandalism of UUFD flag and banner

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

- *led worship service on Guest At Your Table
- *contributed \$1000 to UUSC justice work around the world

Additional

- *co-sponsored annual Women's March in Durango
- *joined Interfaith Alliance of Colorado to collaborate on justice work
- *wrote letters to the editor on justice issues in the community
- *participated in community webinars on justice issues in Durango

Share the Plate

- *January-September: donated \$12,717 to Durango Food Bank, Fort Lewis College Grub Hub, and Manna Kitchen to help community with food insecurity
- *October-December: donated \$4, 693 to Neighbors In Need Alliance (NINA) to provide help to unhoused residents of Purple Cliffs

TOTAL: \$17,410

Disaster Relief and Development Funds

- *donated to UUSC Texas Disaster Relief \$2500
- *donated to Grief Center of Southwest Colorado \$1000
- *donated to Oxygen for India-British Asian Trust \$1300
- *donated to Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief \$4000

Durango Adult Education Center Scholarship Fund

- *donated \$1000
- *volunteers coordinated scholarship selections