

The 2020 First Church Community Fund Awards

The need in our community is always great.

Your support for the Sunday, October 11 Designated Collection helps ensure future grants!

It is with great pleasure that the First Church Community Fund (FCCF) committee announces 2020 grant recipients.

The FCCF began with a \$1,000 seed donation in 1985 by the late Renni Shuter; a long-time First Church member and community leader. The Fund's grants capability since then has been due to the generous support of the Shuter family, donations by First Church Members and Friends, and annual fundraising.

The committee received almost double the number of grant applications this year as last from which the following ten organizations were selected. Each received micro-grants of \$500 to be used as indicated below:

- * Cornerstone Center for Early Learning - Tuition scholarships for families in crisis
- * Crime Victim Center - Gun and steering wheel locks for clients
- * Guardian Angel Settlement Association - Children's diapers, wipes and infant formula
- * Healing Action Network - Healthy, fresh food for clients
- * Joe's Place - New washing machine
- * Room at the Inn-Protein rich food for clients experiencing homelessness
- * Scottish Rite Clinic - Equipment for the treatment and evaluation of Spanish-speaking children at Southside Early Childhood Center
- * St. Louis Art Works - Student apprenticeships
- * Trinity Episcopal - Food supplies for its Pantry and Meals programs
- * Your Words - Support for work with students on identity and racial inequities

Hear More About the Work of These Great Organizations! Representatives are available during this Sunday's Virtual Coffee Hour beginning at 11:15 am to discuss their services, challenges and how to support their work.

The FCCF Committee: Rosemary Lawton, Chair. Members: Reena Chesla, Kay Dusenbery, Peggy Feinberg, Donald Jeffries and Laura Zacher. Advisors: Rev. Kim Mason, Beth Herbster and Dale Shuter.