

### **First Church Community Fund (FCCF) Grants for 2018.**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recipients of this year's grants from the First Church Community Fund (FCCF) of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. The Fund was originally established as the Community Action Endowment Fund by a \$1,000 seed donation in 1985 from the late Renni Shuter. The renamed FCCF was finally pushed over the \$100,000 mark by another generous donation from the Shuter family following Eli Shuter's death in 2016. This year (2018) represents the 30<sup>th</sup> year grant awards have been made from that accumulated fund which in May 2018 amounted to just under \$125,000. These small grants (ave. grant \$450 this cycle) are awarded to support or enhance projects of local social service agencies and organizations doing work directly with people affected by poverty and homelessness in the greater St. Louis region.

This year we received proposals totaling \$10,646.00 from 20 separate organizations. While we wish we were able to support all the good work being done, we do not have the financial resources to do that. We were able to make a total distribution of \$4,496.00 in the form of 10 separate grants this cycle:

<b>organization</b>	<b>amount</b>	<b>purpose</b>
Cornerstone Early Learning Center	\$ 400	scholarships for families in crisis
Crime Victim Center	\$ 500	transportation to counseling assistance
Joe's Place	\$ 500	meal support for homeless high school students
Independence Center	\$ 500	access to mental health services for the uninsured
International Institute of Metro. St. Louis	\$ 496	kitchen equip. for refugee cooking class
Grace and Peace winter Shelter	\$ 400	mattress replacement
Trinity Food Ministry	\$ 500	food pantry program
Room at the Inn (St. Louis County)	\$ 500	nutritional support at homeless shelter
Places for People	\$ 500	medication planners/ pill organizers
Safe Connections	\$ 200	domestic violence counseling & support services