

**Community Service Team
Annual Report 2016-2017**

Purpose of the Team: Support a variety of local social action activities in which congregational members, with a broad range of available time, skill levels, and age differences can find ways to become involved.

Team Co-chairs: Alison Armstrong and Pauletta Copenheaver

Team Members: The membership of this team is somewhat fluid, usually numbering about 12 at individual meetings, with a list serve of approximately 25.

Goals for this year:

- Support local and interfaith social action activities in which UUC members/friends are involved
- Provide a range of activities to meet a variety of interests
- Work closely with RE program in planning/implementing social action projects

Achievements:

- Participation in Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry – coordinated by Sheila Winett. Assist monthly with distribution of food; monthly delivery of approximately \$60 worth of food donated by congregants.
- Participation in Crop Walk- members/friends and RE students.
- Participation in the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership in assisting 6 families (19 children and 9 adults) to settle in the Blacksburg area.
- Sponsorship of 3 Adopt-a-Highway pick-up days – coordinated by Bob Stimson.
- Contributions to and volunteers for Montgomery County Christmas Store
- Organized 2 Undie Sundays with donations given to MC Christmas Store
- Participation in Wrapping for a Reason, an annual MCEAP fund raising event
- Participation in To Our House – coordinated by John Kelso.
- Continuation of tab top collection for Roanoke Ronald McDonald House
- Collecting items which are sent to the TerraCycle Writing Instrument Recycling Program and the TerraCycle Bare Naked Granola Bag Recycling Program.
- Support of RE programs social action projects - Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry; used book sale; MC Christmas Store; Humane Society of MC.
- Participation in the UUC 2016 Auction Committees 50/50 raffle. \$120.00 given to the winner; Dumbledore's Army decided to donate \$120.00 to the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership
- Continuation of UUC members/friends leading monthly bingo games for the residents of Fairview Home in Dublin, VA.- coordinated by Pauletta Copenheaver
- Continuation of monthly donation and delivery of birthday treats for the children sheltered by the Women's Resource Center. (approximately 62 children have been sheltered since July 2016) – coordinated by Mary Virginia Woods.

Future Goals:

- Develop new projects suggested by congregational members
- Continue to involve as many members/friends in the Team's activities

Lessons Learned:

- Some suggested projects receive little or no response

Budget and Amount used:

- Requested \$200 - donated \$200 to VICPP for the UUC annual dues/donation