**SUNDAY FUND HISTORY**

Community outreach has long been an important part of congregational life at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach. As a tangible expression of our Fellowship’s mission to “seek justice for all,” the **SUnday FUnd** was established in 2010. In its first 14 years, **SUnday FUnd** contributions totaled more than $145,000.

During past years, gifts have supported:

Alzheimer and Parkinson Association

Camp Haven

Coalition for Attainable Homes

Crossover Mission

Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center

Dogs for Life

Florida Access Network

Every Dream Has a Price

Feed the Lambs Enrichment Program Gifford Comm. Cultural & Resources Ctr.

Gifford Youth Activities Center

Gifford Youth Orchestra

Guardians for New Futures

Homeless Family Center

Literacy Services of Indian River County

Pelican Island Audubon Society

Pioneering Change

Rivers Coalition

SafeSpace

Samaritan Center

St. Francis Manor

Treasure Coast Community Health

Voices for Children

Volunteer Ambulance Squad

We Care Foundation

Youth Guidance Mentoring Program

 **HOW CAN I NOMINATE AN ORGANIZATION ?**

Nomination forms are available in the

**SUnday FUnd** mailbox in the office. They can also be printed from the SUnday FUnd webpage: (uufvb.org/home/worship/sundayfund/)
To nominate an organization for next year’s **SUnday FUnd,** complete a nomination form and return it to the **SUnday FUnd** mailbox.

**HOW CAN I**

**PARTICIPATE ?**

Attend a Sunday service at UUFVB on designated Sunday Fund Sundays and place your offering in the basket. Any cash you **contribute** which is not designated for UUFVB goes to the Sunday FUnd. You will have the satisfaction of supporting worthy programs that assist some of the most vulnerable people in our community,

You may also write a check, payable to

UUFVB, with the name of the organization on the memo line and drop it in the basket at offering time.

Each of the SUnday FUnd organizations also welcomes your involvement as a **volunteer**. More information about volunteer opportunities can be found in each of the organization’s pamphlets, located in the pamphlet rack outside the office.

# The SUnday FUnd



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## WHAT IS THE

**SUNDAY FUND ?**

The **SUnday FUnd** is acommunity outreach program of our congregation. This Fund supports local organizations that provide service, education, advocacy, or witness consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles and values.

When the offering is received at most Sunday services at the UU Fellowship of Vero Beach, all undesignated contributions go to one of the selected **SUnday FUnd** recipients on a rotating basis.

Members and friends of UUFVB nominate organizations to be supported by the **SUnday FUnd** collections.

A five-person **SUnday FUnd**

Committee carefully evaluates each nominated organization and recommends the final selection of recipients to the UUFVB Board of Trustees.

## SUNDAY FUND

**RECIPIENTS FOR 2025-2026**

Four organizations have been selected for the current fiscal year:

***BIKE*** ***WALK***

***INDIAN RIVER COUNTY***

* Promotes safe bicycling and walking.
* Distributes donated bikes to children and adults who cannot afford them.
* Provides free bicycle safety and maintenance classes.
* Advocates for a network of connected bike lanes, shared-use paths, and sidewalks.
* Volunteers are welcomed to repair bikes or determine safe routes.

***TEAM SUCCESS ENTERPRISES***

* Aims to alleviate human suffering, homelessness, and hunger.
* Provides mentoring programs and transportation for those in transitional housing.
* Helps low-income people move to better housing.
* Promotes strong families with activities at the Hope for Families Center.
* Volunteer possibilities abound in their projects throughout the year.

***TREASURE COAST***

***GIRLS COALITION***

* Educates, elevates, and empowers economically challenged girls from fragile communities, ages 9-18.
* Provides tutoring, mentoring, leadership retreats, technology training and culinary arts classes.
* Volunteers are needed to mentor/tutor, to share specific skills, and to assist with special events.

### VILLAGE ARTS

### VERO BEACH

* Promotes self-sufficiency and community integration for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
* In a home-like environment, creativity and self-expression are nurtured through art-making & marketing.
* Volunteers are needed for direct services, administrative tasks, and fund raising.

2024-2025 Sunday Fund Committee:

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