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Dear members of Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church,

The Social Justice Committee invites all AUUC members to vote on which organizations we will support with our monthly outreach collections during the 2019-20 church year starting July 2019. **You will receive a ballot at the Annual Meeting on June 2, 2019. Please complete and return the ballot by the conclusion of the meeting.**

If you will not be present at the Annual Meeting, you may vote using the “sample ballot” below, and either

- ask another member to bring your completed ballot to the meeting
- OR mail your ballot to the church office addressed to “Social Justice Committee/Outreach 2020 Ballot”
- OR place your ballot in an envelope marked “Outreach 2020 Ballot” in the Social Justice Committee mailbox in the church office
- All ballots must be received **by 11:00 AM Sunday, June 2, 2018** to be counted

Each AUUC member may vote for TEN organizations from the list of 13 nominations. Two monthly slots have already been reserved for VOICE and UUSJ, so these names are not listed on the ballot.

Thank you for your participation in this important decision process.

With appreciation,

Nancy Davis ndavis2@cox.net on behalf of the Social Justice Committee

SAMPLE BALLOT: AUUC Outreach Collection Nominations for 2019-20

Please check no more than 10 boxes. Your name: _____

VOTE for 10	<i>Organizations Nominated</i>
	Beacon House
	Earth Sangha
	Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS)
	Haven of Northern Virginia
	Homestretch
	Just Neighbors
	Life with Cancer
	NAMI Northern Virginia
	Northern VA Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP)
	Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County
	paws4people
	Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC)
	Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County

Please refer to the next pages for additional information about these nominated organizations. Click [here](#) to open a Word document with more detailed information about each organization.

2019-20 Nominations for Outreach Collections: Additional Information

The following 13 nonprofit organizations have been nominated for outreach collections for next church year. Please visit their websites for more details or speak with the person who nominated the organization.

Organizations Nominated	Function & Beneficiaries	Nominator/Sponsor	Website
Beacon House	Afterschool academics, organized sports, mentoring and nurturing for 400 low-income children/teens in NE D.C. Supported by area UU churches	John Peterson	www.beaconhousedc.org
Earth Sangha	Propagates & distributes plants native to No. VA with goal of ecological restoration of public lands. Also supports Dominican Republic rain forest restoration & coffee farmers	JoAnn Flanagan & Anamaria Viveros-Long	https://www.earthsangha.org
Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS)	Interfaith group advocating for climate change solutions in No. VA, framed by <i>Fairfax to Zero</i> Campaign. Presents united positions & connects effectively with local policy makers	Marsha White	www.faithforclimate.org/
Haven of Northern Virginia	Organization of trained volunteers that offers emotional & grief support, workshops, at no charge to the bereaved, seriously ill, the dying and their families -- encouraging healing	Jill Jones	https://www.havenofnova.org
Homestretch	Takes in homeless parents with children, empowering parents (many single moms) to attain permanent housing, self-sufficiency; provides skills, knowledge, hope	John Peterson	https://homestretchva.org
Just Neighbors	Provides legal assistance to low-income immigrants including DACA recipients, refugees, asylum seekers living in Fairfax region; helps obtain documentation legally entitled to	Jan Forsyth	https://www.justneighbors.org/
Life with Cancer	Provides free individual and family support and counseling for people experiencing cancer through support groups, counseling, wellness, nutrition & exercise programs	Gloria Smith	https://www.lifewithcancer.org/
NAMI Northern Virginia	Life-changing programs give hope, raise awareness, provide education, support groups, advocacy for people dealing with mental health conditions, their families & the public	Daria Akers	www.nami-northernvirginia.org/
Northern VA Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP)	Equine assisted activities for children & adults with disabilities, youth-at-risk, recovering military personnel, helping each realize highest potential	Tessa Hassett	https://www.nvtrp.org/
Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County	Helps rebuild lives and breaks cycle of crime through rehabilitative and supportive services to individuals and families involved in criminal justice system; reduces recidivism	Ed Kringer	https://oarnova.org/
paws4people	Provides assistance dogs to veterans, children w/ disabilities; the dogs are trained in WV prisons by prisoners; CHESSIE, AUUC's p4p dog, serves a WV family as emotional support dog	RE classes, Lara Profit & Nancy Davis	https://paws4people.org/

Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC)	Unique programs enrich lives of young adults with life-long physical and/or developmental disAbilities keeping them safe, healthy and engaged in their community; skills and friendships grow in 4 clubhouses	Jessica Burmester	https://sparcsolutions.org/
Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County	Awards young people who work as peacemakers with a small monetary gift and county-wide recognition; open to all Fairfax Co. high schools which select recipients. AUUC is one of 19 interfaith/civic group sponsors	Dotty Smith	http://fairfax.studentpeaceawards.org/

The Outreach Collection Program is sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. AUUC individuals nominated these organizations for your consideration, and have agreed to sponsor the collections, if selected.

The AUUC Outreach Collection Program provides us a way to provide financial support as a congregation to organizations that put into practice our UU principles and to deepen relationships/partnerships with organizations with which AUUC individuals/groups are connected. We also learn about the good work being done in our community by these non-profits.