



Dear Merchant,

The First Unitarian Society of Chicago has been making a difference in our community for decades.

Our church does not proselytize but rather is committed to social justice issues and seeks to help our less fortunate neighbors. Last year we donated over \$10,000 to projects locally and globally. Members spent hundreds of hours in our area tutoring, coaching, working at food banks and raising funds and awareness for local school programs. We provide rental space to the Chicago Children's Choir, the Little Peoples' Learning Center and the Hyde Park School of Dance. We also provide free space to a number of nonprofit organizations for their meetings. Groups we have supported include:

Unity Parenting and Counseling
Hyde Park Transitional Housing Project
Tri-Masters Sports Initiative
Southeast Environmental Task Force
Hyde Park Neighborhood Club

We will be holding our annual fund-raising auction on Saturday, May 6, 2017. 10% of the proceeds of this event will be donated to the Ujima Village Shelter in Englewood, the only shelter for homeless youth on the south side. The shelter was recently badly damaged by fire and is now closed, leaving many of the young people with no place to go. Please consider contributing an item or gift certificate for this event. Your donation will be acknowledged in our auction catalog. We encourage members before, during and after the auction to support your business. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact me at the email below.

First Unitarian is a registered 501(3)(c) organization. Our tax ID is 36-2167078.

For more information, please email me at cherylwegner@sbcglobal.net.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Wegner
Auction 2017 Chair

