



February 24, 2018

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, April 7, 2018. For the third year, 10% of the auction proceeds will go to an organization helping those who need help the most. This year's recipient will be the **Hyde Park & Kenwood Hunger Programs**. Founded in 1981, HPK Hunger Programs consists of two programs providing hot meals and other food to people who need it. The **Open Kitchen**, or Soup Kitchen, provides a hot noontime meal to about 200 people five days a week at Kenwood United Church of Christ at 46th & Greenwood. The **Food Pantry** provides groceries at Hyde Park Union Church each Saturday, 10–1. Financial contributions allow the Food Pantry to augment the supplies it receives from the Greater Chicago Food Depository each week.

Please consider contributing an item or gift certificate for this event. Your donation will be acknowledged in our auction printed program and we will encourage church members 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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Auction 2018 Chair

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