

FOOD CERTIFICATE ANNUAL REPORT:



Putting a Heart in Your Cart – A Report from the Social Action Committee's Food Certificate Program

You put a heart in your cart when you buy grocery store gift certificates from, or you make a tax-deductible donation to, the UUFF Social Action Committee's Food Certificate Program. THANK YOU! We also thank Stop & Shop, Shaw's, Roche Brothers, Windfall and Jack in the Beanstalk for letting us buy their gift certificates at a 5% discount, which we then re-sell at face value. The UUFF members and friends who buy certificates use them to grocery shop at no extra cost. The net proceeds of certificate sales, plus any donations we receive, are distributed to organizations serving needy and vulnerable people on the Upper Cape. It's a WIN, WIN!

Gift certificate sales of \$76,705 in FY 2016 generated a little over \$3,800 in net proceeds. The program received another \$1,834 in donations from UUFF members and friends. Prior year reserves covered the rest of the \$6,700 distributed in FY 2016.

Planned distributions totaling \$6,600 were made to the following organizations: Cape Cod Center for Women (\$1,400); Carriage House (\$1,400); South Coastal Counties Legal Services (\$750) Falmouth Service Center (\$700); Bourne Food Pantry (\$400); Sandwich Food Pantry (\$400); Independence House (\$400); Silent Spring Institute (\$300); Friends of Fairwinds (\$300); Around the Table (\$200); THRIVE (formerly Cape & Island Gay & Straight Youth Alliance) (\$200); and Habitat for Humanity Cape Cod (\$150). A one-time, special contribution of \$100 was made to the Wompanaak Language Reclamation Project.

If you haven't bought certificates or donated to the program before, please consider doing so. For donations, please make your check payable to UUFF/SAC and write the word "donation" on the memo line. When you buy certificates or donate for the first time, please take one of the little heart-in-cart stickers available at the food certificate table, wear it on your ID badge, and let others know about the program.

If you'd like to help us sell certificates, to take part in selecting the organizations we support or to serve as liaison to one or more of them, let us know. Your involvement will benefit and be deeply appreciated by those organizations and the people they serve.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Stu Graham, Program Coordinator