

Social Action Shared Offerings

To help the congregation learn more about and better understand a variety of social justice/community service issues and organizations *and* offer us ways to support them, the Social Action Committee coordinates Social Action Shared Offerings (SASO). Approximately eight times a year (generally monthly during the school year), the Sunday collection, which traditionally goes toward the church's operations, is instead taken for a designated organization outside the church. The goal is to not only raise money for these local, national, and international organizations, but also to raise awareness about a wide variety of social justice issues and the groups and organization that are doing great work to solve the problems and make a difference.

Efforts and activities related to the SASOs include:

- Newsletter articles identifying and describing the organization, cause, or issue designated for the month's SASO.
- Information about the issue and/or representatives of related organizations at the Social Action table after church during the month.
- Programs, speakers, films, or discussions about the topic after church or during the week; incorporation of the topic into out RE and youth programs as possible.

Recent SASO Recipients

Oxfam International

Southern Poverty Law Center

Red Rose School (Nairobi, Kenya)

Canton's Church and Community Program

Angel Trax

TRIAD of Potsdam

UUA Fair Share

Lambda Legal Defense Fund

WaterPartners

Habitat for Humanity

GardenShare

Project Green Teams

Nueva Esperanza del Norte

UUSC Relief Efforts in Darfur, Southern California, Kenya, and Myanmar

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