

## **GUIDELINES TO PROPOSE EXTEND THE OFFERING (ETO) RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS**

RRUUC provides financial support directly and through its members to organizations that offer charitable care in the community and beyond. This document offers guidelines for assessing the nominated organizations and determining which ones will receive such support.

Financial support will be made through a “share the plate” extend the offering (ETO) process once a month. Donations are made through offerings at one Sunday service and through related on-line, text or mailed donations throughout the month. These directed donations will go to a charity that is selected through the process set forth below.

1. Generally, up to twelve beneficiaries will annually receive financial support from RRUUC, one recipient per month. Six “legacy” organizations [1] will have an assigned ETO month without re-applying each year.
2. The non-legacy groups selected to receive such benefits must also be either established partners of RRUUC groups or affiliated organizations of RRUUC or UUA.
3. Potential beneficiaries may be nominated by established RRUUC social justice groups or liaisons to affiliated UU organizations.
4. A recipient of such support must be a 501 c(3) charitable organization, have a fiscal agent that is a 501 c(3) organization, or it must have been vetted by an RRUUC social justice group to assure that the recipient organization’s financial practices are sound and affirming they act responsibly.
5. Applications must be submitted by no later than April 1 for consideration for receiving the ETO in the following year (i.e., starting in July). Selections will be made by no later than May 1.
6. The criteria for being chosen to receive financial support from RRUUC should include but need not be limited to the following:
  - the mission and work of the organization are consistent with UU values;
  - the organization has made an observable difference in the lives of others or in keeping with the general welfare of the community;
  - the work of the organization assists vulnerable populations;
  - the reason for the request speaks to a particular focus of RRUUC; and,
  - RRUUC has or will have a partnership with the organization.
7. The applications for financial support shall be reviewed and selections made by the Senior Minister and Social Justice Program Committee together.

1] College Access, Partner Church, Shepherd’s Table, Beacon House, La Clinica del Pueblo, UULM,