



Dear Friends:

Thank you to everyone who applied for a Share the Plate month. We are pleased to announce the offerings for 2023-2024:

Month	Name of Person or Group submitting the nomination	Name and short description of group/organization
September	Partner Congregation Committee	"Gondviselés" a Unitarian organization in Transylvania - the name loosely translates as "Caring about problems". It is connected to our Partner Congregation.
October	Jeff Greene	<u>Camino Verde</u> , whose mission is to restore the forest landscapes of the Amazon by strengthening forest communities. Camino Verde was founded 10 years ago by Robin Van Loon, who grew up in this church.
November	Dan Niven and Dana Lissy	<u>Boston Area Gleaners</u> addresses food insecurity, on-farm food waste, and local farm sustainability through a variety of programs. With the help of volunteers, the Gleaners harvest and pack food donated from local farms for communities across the region.
December	IJTF/Ted Bayne	<u>KIND (Kids in Need of Defense)</u> helps protect the basic human rights of refugee and immigrant children in the United States, many of whom come to escape abuse and persecution
January	WPA/ Marilyn Lowitt	Restoration Project's mission is to help individuals with mental health issues achieve self-sustaining

		lives by offering remedial, transitional employment and facilitating their integration in the community.
February	RJAG/ Sue St. Croix	Robbins House has led the way for Concordians and visitors to learn and understand Concord's broader history. We now know much more about the previously invisible black presence in, and contributions to, our town.
March	Don Miller	THRIVE 's mission is to provide Restorative Reentry to people who are coming out of prison or jail. THRIVE accomplishes this through Circles of Support and Accountability ("CoSA"), an evidence-based restorative justice and reentry initiative practiced in many communities around the world.
April	Environmental Team/Gail Ghardia	One Tree Planted is a 501c3 organization located in Vermont. Established in 2014 the organization plants trees in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Pacific; where trees are most needed at any one time. Working with local organizations, it plants trees in 47 countries. It has doubled the number of trees planted annually since it was founded. It planted 52 million trees in 2022
May	IJTF/Jane Blumberg	THE BIKE CONNECTOR, INC. This is a volunteer-run non-profit in Lowell that fixes up donated bikes and makes them available to people in Lowell who cannot afford them. Recipients are given helmets and training in repairing and maintaining their bikes.
June	Diversity Team/Sara Ballard	Greater Boston PFLAG's mission is to advocate for and advance equity and societal affirmation of LGBTQ people by building and strengthening loving families, safe communities, and a diverse and inclusive society.

We look forward to your generosity to these organizations and to the many projects we sponsor and support. Have a wonderful summer!

In Solidarity,
Paul
Minister of Social Action