

**All Souls Unitarian Church Tulsa**  
**Plate Offering Application**

Generosity Committee members research candidates through information provided on the Application. Recommendations are provided to our Ministerial Staff, who make the final decision of what organizations will receive Sunday offerings. Please review the information on page 2 for additional guidance.

**To make an Application for the Sunday offering, complete the following information:**

Organization/ agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary purpose of the organization and Mission Statement (attach information as needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Who is served? \_\_\_\_\_

How many are served?: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the organization's annual budget?: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

When is the organization's annual fundraiser?: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, is there a specific need or project for which this money would be used? (attach additional information as needed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Does this organization/agency have Board approved policies and procedures that prohibit discrimination based on: harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws?** \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How are you involved with this organization? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your affiliation with All Souls? \_\_\_\_\_

All Souls Generosity Committee considers many factors in the recommendations to the Ministerial Staff, including how the organization relates to current events, and those supporting work or issues important to our congregation. The Committee receives many Applications, so please understand that not all organizations suggested for an offering will receive one. The Committee is made up of members of All Souls Church who volunteer their time; therefore the committee does not provide written response to Applications. Thank you. *ASUC Generosity Committee*

**Vision: To change lives for the better through the generosity of the Church.**

**Mission: Encourage and guide intelligent giving to support positive change predominantly locally, then considers state, national and international depending on priority.**

All Souls members voted to "Model generosity, abundance and possibility," in 2004 through giving our non-pledge designated Sunday and Wednesday collections to agencies or programs supporting efforts or issues important to the congregation.

The Generosity Committee continues to refine the process for identifying outreach possibilities that address the congregation's priorities, as well as considering direct requests submitted to the Committee.

Committee recommendations are forwarded to the Ministerial Staff who make the final decisions and may reject or delay Applications.

### **Selection of potential recipients by the All Souls Unitarian Church Generosity Committee**

The following factors are used in review of all Applications for designation of an offering: Issues identified by the congregation as important:

- Daily needs
- Human rights and equality
- Health
- Arts
- Education
- Environmental Disaster relief
- Individual, Family and Community development
- Spirituality
- Safety (i.e., domestic violence, abuse & neglect)
- Animal welfare

#### Church Criteria

- Empower those they serve
- Provide services with dignity
- Provide legitimate and needed services to the public
- Embrace All Souls' vision and mission
- Has accountability to the community through a representative board of directors
- Has a large enough budget to be stable
- Has a track-record and a known history
- Are of a size that a gift will be meaningful
- Are a non-profit organization, usually 501(c)(3)
- The organization's connection to the other sources of significant funding
- Provide All Souls members volunteer opportunities

In addition, the Committee tries to time recommendations based on an organization's focus and services aligned with All Souls Church monthly worship designation or disastrous events.

Organizations are researched before being considered for designation of an offering through: Information provided on the Plate Offering Application and the organization's website; through Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, Give.org, Guidestar and government charity and or tax registration organizations.