Charities With Soul

A longstanding tradition that began in June of 2004, the Charities with Soul program involves sharing 50% of the weekly collection plate with organizations within our community and beyond. The charities selected serve the most vulnerable members of our society, as well as all creatures in the web of life.

This weekly practice embraces the offertory statement of “weaving a tapestry of love and action.” In addition to financial support, relationships are created between our congregation and these organizations. More than $8,000 is given annually to twelve charities.

Seven of the twelve charities are Covenant Charities with whom we have a longstanding relationship. They are automatically recipients of Charities with Soul donations for one month annually. These seven are:

* Tedford Housing
* Oasis Free Clinic
* The Gathering Place
* Four Directions Development Corporation
* Habitat for Humanity
* Midcoast Hunger Prevention
* The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)

The other five charities are nominated and selected by ballot before the new fiscal year commences.

Charities with Soul by Month 2022-2023

* July–Brunswick Area Teen Center
* August–Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
* September–Habitat for Humanity
* October–The Gathering Place
* November–Maine Family Planning
* December–Oasis Free Clinic
* January–Good Shepherd Food Bank
* February–Midcoast Hunger Prevention
* March–Immigrant Legal Action Project
* April–Wabanaki Reach
* May–Tedford Housing
* June–Four Directions Development Corporation

Other Charities Supported in Recent Years

* Natural Resources Council of Maine
* The Emergency Action Network
* The Gathering Place
* Four Directions Development Corp.
* Maine Family Planning
* Doctors Without Borders
* Community Health and Nursing Services (CHANS) Home Health & Hospice