

Love Hero Nominees for 2018

*One Child: provides clothing and school supplies to children in need. OneChild began in Fremont, California and now serves families throughout the Bay Area. Their goal is to promote self-esteem in underprivileged children, so they may appreciate their individual worth.

*RISE Fremont Coalition (Residents Insisting on Social Equity). Members of RISE come from a diverse group of cultural, religious, and ethnic backgrounds. They are united and resolved to make sure all residents are valued, especially those most in need. Their platform includes equitable development, greater affordable housing, improved local jobs and job training, and dignity for all people.

*Toni Shellen, longtime advocate/leader, recognized for her tireless efforts on the issue of gun control.

*Mike Honda, former US Congressperson, continuing his work in retirement for justice. He has been a consistent supporter of adequate minimum wage, expansion of public health care, gay and lesbian rights, and has spoken of his transgender grandchild.

*Arnav Gupta, a Youth Radio contributor who lives in Fremont. He has several segments to his credit, most notably one called "When Anonymity Hides Hatred," about racism in his high school.

If you are a congregation member, please write a brief note to Rev Benson <minister@mpuuc.org> if you have insight and an opinion on any of these nominees. In addition, a meeting will be scheduled in the first 10 days of January for you to come together, learn more, deliberate and contribute your thoughts. The decision will be guided by a concern for the good of the individual/organization, the larger community and the justice concerns and values of MPUUC.