

Candidates for 2017 Greater Good Funding

Children and youth will vote for one project on October 29th! They will do this by circling the icon that represents their top choice. No absentee votes are allowed. The two projects that receive the most votes will be this year's recipients of our Greater Good gifts.



Summer LEAP program at Allendale Columbia School is a tuition-free, evidence-based learning enrichment program designed to close the opportunity gap for low-income students while strengthening connections between families and communities. The program includes six weeks of full-day instruction for 100 students from School #17. Funding will support the Restorative Wellness Program which enhances students' academic outcomes by providing trauma-informed programming integrating physical fitness, restorative justice principles and mindfulness practices.



The **College Prep Program** of the Refugees Helping Refugees organization aims to assure that children are academically engaged and moving toward high school graduation with the skills to go onto college. RHR is the only organization in Rochester founded and run by refugees and all services support two vital goals: self-sufficiency for adults and academic achievement for children. Funding would help continue to build a recently developed program for newly arrived students from Somalia, Kenya, Yemen, Nepal, and others, to receive mentoring, college trip opportunities, accessibility support, and other services to promote college attendance.



Roc/ACTS (Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society) is a faith-based, multiracial, interdenominational organization comprised of 24 urban and suburban congregations, including First Unitarian, and one union, working for societal change. The Sacred Conversations on Race for Youth Ministry initiative brings together teen members of youth faith communities for a series of two four-hour workshops on racism. Funding would support staff to design developmentally appropriate workshop exercises, recruit congregations, and facilitate the workshops for 45-125 participants, similar to recent adult conversations.

CHILDREN WILL NOT VOTE ON OUR INTERNATIONAL RECIPIENT

The **Department of Family Medicine** at the University of Rochester, working with our Honduras Task Force, will respond to a request from two villages, El Rancho Quemado and El Salitre, for basic air and water safety equipment. Approximately 12 cook stoves, 24 water filtration systems, 23 latrines, as well as 110 fluoride packets will be provided. Uncontested funding for this project was proposed by the Greater Good Committee. The Board of Trustees approved, voting to allot unused Micro Finance Task Force contributions to the Greater Good Project for this, with remaining funds given to the winners from above.