



## Share the Plate Team Announcement

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for the next round of Share the Plate collections. The Team is busy reviewing the large number of submissions. Currently, we have selected recipients for the months of June, July, and August 2024 and will announce more selections during the summer.

**June 9, 2024 - Best Buddies, New York** – <https://www.bestbuddies.org/newyork/>

Best Buddies is dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). It pairs children with intellectual and developmental disabilities with typical children so that the children with IDD can become mainstream.

**July 14, 2024 – Harlem Grown** - <https://www.harlemgrown.org/>

Harlem Grown is an independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire youth to lead healthy and ambitious lives through mentorship and hands-on education in urban farming, sustainability, and nutrition. Since 2011, Harlem Grown has operated local urban farms, increased access to and knowledge of healthy food for Harlem residents, provided farm-based developmental programs to Harlem youth, and raised support for the physical renovation of abandoned lots, turning them into urban farms.

**August 11, 2024 – International Convocation of UU Women** - <https://www.intlwomensconvo.org/>

ICUW advances equity for women and girls worldwide through leadership development, empowerment and awareness programs, advocacy, and resources. Led by Unitarian Universalist women from around the world, its members include Unitarian Universalists and other people of liberal religious faith. Each March the ICUW leads a delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. As an organization in special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, ICUW contributes to the CSW by actively participating and hosting parallel events at the NGO CSW Forum. The ICUW responded to the war in Ukraine by launching a large-scale fundraising effort to supply immediate assistance to families fleeing the war, in partnership with the charity arm of the Hungarian Unitarian Church, launching a kindergarten class in April 2022 and then an elementary class in June 2022. Two Women's Alliance members will be attending the ICUW Convocation in Cluj, Romania, in September 2024.

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