

Community Projects Team Schedule 2024

Scheduled	Agency	Project	Project Leader(s)
2/29/24	Montrose Grace Place	Prepare dinner for homeless youth of all sexual orientations. Volunteers must be 25 years old and pass a background check. 5th Thursdays: 2-29, 5-30, 8-29, 10-31	Mary Ann Cheslock
2/25, 3/3 & 3/10	aniMeals Interfaith Ministries	Interfaith Ministries provides weekly delivered meals to frail and isolated seniors. aniMeals was added to provide bags of cat and dog food for their pets. Collect pet food: 2-25, 3-3, 3-10	Megan & Edmund Pantuliano
3/17, 3/24 & 3/31	Easter Food Drive	Easter Parade "Feed the Community" deliver food to EAC. Collect non-perishable food on 3 Sundays: 3-17, 3-24, 3-31. First UU youth & adults will bring food to EAC on 3-31-24.	Diane Stotz
4/13 & 4/20	Rebuild Together Houston	Repair a home of low-income elderly, U.S. military veterans and homeowners with disabilities.	Joe Lach Phil Richardson
4/21/24	Willow Waterhole Greenspace	Volunteers help mulch, prune and plant trees and/or pick-up litter. Work will be on 4-21-24, 1:30 - 4:30 pm. Sign up early or sign in at 11350 Ricecrest off South Willow. April 22, 2024 is Earth Day.	Charles Johnson
4/27/24	Houston Pets Alive Adoption Event	Houston Pets Alive! Pet adoption event will be held 4-27-24, 10 am - 2 pm at Lighthouse ArtSpace, 1314 Brittmore Rd, Houston, TX. Need volunteers to organize and help show pets.	Megan & Edmund Pantuliano
5/18/24	Freeman's Town (Yates) Museum Soft Opening	Soft opening for First UU members. Meet at Yates House, 1314 Andrews Street, and visit J.Vance Lewis House. Other houses such as the Barbershop, Yates and Nixon Houses will be toured as time permits.	Phil Richardson
5/19,5-26 & 6/2	Collect Blankets & Towels for HSPCA	The Animal Ministry is collecting new or gently used towels and blankets for the Houston Humane Society. These are used in the dog and cat enclosures so they have something soft to sleep on.	Megan & Edmund Pantuliano
5/26/24	Make Food Bags for the Homeless	Warren will coordinate the first service RE youth and Diane will coordinate the second service RE Youth to make food bags for the homeless. The office staff will offer these snack bags to the homeless.	Warren Snipes Diane Stotz
5/30/24	Montrose Grace Place	Prepare dinner for homeless youth of all sexual orientations. Volunteers must be 25 years old and pass a background check. 5th Thursdays: 2-29, 5-30, 8-29, 10-31	Mary Ann Cheslock
6/10/2024 through 8/10/2024	Houston Food Bank Kid's Café in the Third Ward	The Houston Food Bank will deliver prepackaged meals to apartment complexes for children in the Third Ward. Volunteers will set up, serve & breakdown at each apt complex. Will work 12 noon - 2 pm Monday to Friday. Need 2 to 3 volunteers per day per complex. Volunteers must be 18 years old or older. Require criminal background checks and watch a 20 minute training session. Will need 500 volunteer days.	Connie Acosta Sheila Whitford
6/23/24	Answer Nepal	This non-profit enables you to sponsor a specific low caste Nepalese child in gaining access to a quality education for schooling through college. Earl Cantfield is visiting First UU between services on 6-23. Earl will visit Emerson on 6-30.	Phil Richardson
6/29/24	Pride Parade	Participate in the Parade on Saturday night, June 29.	UU Network of Houston
7/14/24	Blood Drive	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center requested First UU to have a blood drive..	Phil Richardson
8/18,8/25 & 9/1	Phillis Wheatley Toiletry Drive	Wheatly High School: Collect soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, hairbrushes. Collect dates: 8/18, 8/25 & 9/1	Warren Snipes
8/29/24	Montrose Grace Place	Prepare dinner for homeless youth of all sexual orientations. Volunteers must be 25 years old and pass a background check. 5th Thursdays: 2-29, 5-30, 8-29, 10-31	Mary Ann Cheslock

Dates - TBD UUSC	Guest at Your Table	Guest at Your Table (GAYT) has changed to Advocacy & Activism year round run by UUSC (UU Service Committee). GAYT is UUSC's longest-established fundraising and educational program for congregations. This Intergenerational program is to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues around the world. Shared offering - date(s) TBD, Download info.	Charles Johnson
9/14/24	Houston Humane Society	Volunteer at the Houston Humane Society on 9-14-24, 2 - 4 pm: bag pet food, assemble adoption bags, organize supplies, make toys, fold towels/blankets. Children over 10 can volunteer.	Megan Pantuliano
10/6, 10/13 & 10/20	EAC Clothing Drive	Collect new or gently-worn clothes for only MEN, sheets, blankets, towels, backpacks, hygiene items for the working poor and homeless clients. Collect dates: 10-6, 10-13, 10-20	Diane Stotz
10/20/24	Willow Waterhole Greenspace	Volunteers help mulch, prune and plant trees along with litter pick-up to help maintain this preserve for the enjoyment of the community. Sun, 10-20, 1:30-4:30 pm, located 11350 Rice Crest, Houston, TX 77035. Bring gloves, hat, sunscreen.	Charles Johnson
Oct - TBD	Rebuild Together Houston	Rebuild is only using companies, not religious org. Joe Lach & Phil Richardson would like to have our teenage youth build handicap ramps for clients. TBD	Joe Lach Phil Richardson
10/31/24	Montrose Grace Place	Prepare dinner for homeless youth of all sexual orientations. Volunteers must be 25 years old and pass a background check. 5th Thursdays: 2-29, 5-30, 8-29, 10-31	Mary Ann Cheslock
11/10, 11/17 & 11/24	Thanksgiving Food Drive	Thanksgiving Parade "Feed the Community" deliver food to EAC. Collect non-perishable food on 3 Sundays: 11-10, 11-17, 11-24	Warren Snipes Diane Stotz
Nov 2024 TBD	Hay Canter Children Aging out of Foster Care	Support current & former Adult & Children, ages 14-25. Collect \$25 gift cards, Target & Walmart. Project-To Be Determined	Connie Acosta
Ongoing	Rutherford B.H. Yates Museum (Freedman's Town Museum)	Signature Project of the Community Projects Team is the preservation and expansion of the Yates Museum in Freedman's Town. First UU volunteers serve to: repair historic houses, board membership, office staffing and fundraising.	Warren Snipes Phil Richardson
Ongoing	Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC)	Donate gently-worn clothes, sheets, towels, backpacks & non-perishable food. EAC helps the working poor and homeless clients. Clients are interviewed, receive groceries, clothes & a sack lunch.	Diane Stotz
Ongoing	Afghan Refugee Team Immigrant Support	Help an Afghan family of 8 with supplies, clothes, English language tutoring. Planning to support more immigrants in the future. Established by Interfaith Ministries and UU Congregations.	First UU's Thorpe Buter, Linda Richardson, Mary Koch & Phil Richardson & Emerson UU & Northwoods UU.
Sunday Offering	Houston Food Bank	A Sunday offering For the Houston Food Bank will be collected when we have services.	First UU Members & Friends