

UUJEC Economic Justice Spotlight

BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship--Warrington, PA

BuxMont UU Fellowship's Peace and Justice Committee drives a thriving social justice ministry. Their Peace and Justice Committee is a composite of the Peace Initiative, Diversity Task Force, Green Sanctuary, Reproductive Justice, Immigration Liaison, Friday Movies, Oxfam Hunger Banquet and their Split Plate Program.



Photo retrieved from BuxMont Webpage

Located in Warrington, PA, BuxMont UUF has donated over \$100,000 to non-profit organizations since 2004. Their guidelines are that the organization is non-profit and non-partisan (following 501 C3 rules). The charity must address social justice issues, promote fair and equal treatment while empowering marginalized communities to reduce poverty, racism, homophobia and ageism while reducing violence and preserving the environment.

The Fellowship has supported Doylestown Shelter as an apartment partner for 25 years. As a partner, they provide a welcome basket of linens, pillows and towels to help with a fresh start. They also assist in finding educational and employment opportunities, so it's more than a donation—they are actively involved with the clients. The average age of a client is 9. The goal for clients is housing independence. And when the clients move out, the Fellowship helps by locating furnishings for their new home. Doylestown also has a food pantry that BuxMont UUF helps support.

BuxMont's RE Peace and Justice Class decided to support KIVA, where they loaned \$25 to Mr. Hatem from Palestine to help him in buying a taxi to support his family. BuxMont UU Fellowship has been working with UUPLAN, Pennsylvania's State Action Network, to stop anti-immigrant bills from passing—despite the legislature introducing 15 such measures.



BuxMonts' vision statement is to be "well-known in our Fellowship and our community for our leadership in peace and justice issues. We will actively encourage all members and friends to commit to living out the UU principles in our daily lives to create and maintain a more peaceful and just society fighting for economic justice."

It looks like they are succeeding in their effort!

Article developed in collaboration between UUJEC Co-Chair Terry Lowman and BuxMont member Celia Sharp. To learn more about Buxmont UU Fellowship, contact Celia Sharp at celiamsharp@yahoo.com

Additional Resources:

BuxMont website: <http://www.buxmontuu.org/make-a-difference/peace-and-justice/>

BuxMont Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BuxMontUU>

Bucks County Apartment Partner:

<http://www.buckscounty.org/LivingAndWorking/Services/homeless-shelters>

UUPLAN webpage: <https://www.uuplan.com/>