

# Share The Plate 2024

From now through December 31, you will have the opportunity to select 7 of the Share The Plate recipients for 2024. We are already committed to the first 5 recipients below. Information and the website about these organizations is provided.

**ACT (Anne Arundel County Connecting Together)** is made up of leaders and organizers building power to improve the lives of our families, communities, regions, and nations. ACT is a non-partisan organization of 18 faith and community-based institutions in Anne Arundel County.

**Annapolis Immigration Justice Network (AIJN).** From the ballot box to the classroom, its membership continues to fight for social and economic justice for all Americans.

**Emergency Response Fund** (formerly Minister's Discretionary Fund) provides immediate assistance to those in need.

**The Light House** is a homelessness prevention support center. We rebuild lives with compassion by providing shelter and services to prevent homelessness and empower people as they transition toward employment & self-sufficiency.

**UU Legislative Ministry** is a statewide advocacy network of UU's work to educate, mobilize, and coordinate UUs on specific issues before the Maryland General Assembly.

We shall also designate 7 of the following organizations to receive Share The Plate funds. You may vote for up to 7 of these organizations. You can also write in an option. If you select more, then only the first 7 votes will count. [Vote HERE](#). Voting closes on December 31.

**Annapolis Community Emergency Response Team (AACERT)** trains volunteers how to prepare for hazards and cope with emergencies. Its courses and drills cover basic disaster prevention, prep, and response skills. Their members volunteer with the Offices of Emergency Management for the AA County and the City of Annapolis in support of emergency response and public safety.

**AA Conflict Resolution Center** aids in non-violent resolution of personal and community conflict by mediation, anger management training and solutions.

**Anne Arundel County Literacy Council (AACLC)** is a volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the needs of adults in Anne Arundel County who are not yet functionally literate, or who are not yet functionally literate in the English language (English Language Learners-ELL). We want to reach our community's adults who have personally decided to strive for an increased level of literacy. As long as our

students don't give up, neither will our committed volunteers. Our strategy is to remain flexible, working individually with students at their own pace.

**AA County NAACP.** From the ballot box to the classroom, its membership continues to fight for social and economic justice for all Americans.

**AA County Special Olympics** utilizes programming in sports, health, education and community building to tackle the inactivity, stigma, isolation, and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities (ID) face. Their work goes far beyond sports events, driving social change that enables full social participation for people with ID.

**Backpack Buddies** at Georgetown East Elementary School provides good food each weekend for many of the 84% of enrolled students who are on the Free and Discounted Lunch Program. Each Friday, students' backpacks (furnished by the program) are filled with shelf stable and fresh foods to last through the weekend. The "extra" food is often the mainstay for these children from Pre-K to 5th Grade on days when they are out of school.

**Banneker Douglass Museum.** Long supported by UUCA, this official museum documents, interprets and promotes African American history and culture.

**Blacks of the Chesapeake** works to preserve the Chesapeake Bay region's African American culture as it relates to the maritime and seafood industries. Through coordinated efforts, the African American contribution to Bay culture can be preserved and shared with future generations.

**BLUU (Black Lives Matter UU)** is part of a national organization of UU's supporting Black Unitarian Universalists.

**Caucus of African American Leaders (CAAL)** emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the Anne Arundel community through community events, rallies, marches, and more. Established in 2011, CAAL is an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of community support.

**Centro De Ayuda & OHLA.** The Center of Help and Organization of Hispanics/Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County assists our county's Hispanic and immigrant community with free English and citizenship classes.

**Charting Careers – Youth Mentoring** is a mentoring organization that builds a community of support and opportunity around youth facing inequities so that they are able to chart their own course to a fulfilling life and career.

**Community Action Agency of Anne Arundel County.** CAAs provide services to more than a quarter of all Americans living in poverty and several million more families with

incomes slightly higher than the poverty threshold yearly. 2.8 million low-income children are among those served.

**Dent Education (Baltimore)** promotes equity by empowering under-resourced youth to discover their innate creative potential to shape the world. “Denters” don’t simply make business plans, they develop “I Can” mindsets. Dent empowers students to achieve upward mobility in their lives.

**En Bloom** is incubating the space for holistic wellness services, products, and experiences for sustainable Black health including the creation of community gardens serving marginalized families in Anne Arundel County.

**Giving Back Linda’s Legacy** promotes an annual Christmas Drive for the homeless, delivering over 20 truckloads of clothing to homeless shelters in the Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington, DC areas on Christmas Eve. GBLL also provides food, clothing, fellowship and programs aimed at encouraging self-respect and fostering self-empowerment.

**Habitat for Humanity** brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Future home-owners work along-side volunteers to build affordable homes.

**PFLAG Annapolis/Anne Arundel County** is a non-profit organization providing support and resources for the LBGTQ community, their families, friends, and allies.

**Piscataway Tribes of Maryland** work to preserve and educate residents of Maryland about the sacred history and legacy of the Piscataway people. “We are the people where the rivers blend”. *There* are only two Maryland state recognized Piscataway Tribes—Piscataway Conoy Tribe™ and Piscataway Indian Nation.

**Seed School of Maryland (Baltimore)** provides motivated children with an extraordinary educational experience. Their students live *and* learn on campus—tuition-free—and graduate with the proficiency for success in college and beyond.

**Seeds 4 Success** works to provide children from low income communities with the skills and support to achieve success in school and life. Every child in Annapolis has the opportunity to build a bright future. By providing youth and their families with academic and social skills through dedicated volunteers and after school programs, they are witnessing tremendous positive changes.

**Severn River Association (SRA)** was founded in 1911 with the goal of preserving the Severn River in Maryland. This makes it the oldest river conservation group in the country. For much of that history SRA was an all-volunteer citizen environmental group that supported a diverse array of river-protection initiatives.

**South River Watershed Alliance (SRWA)** is committed to ecological restoration of the South River for the benefit of nature and people. Cleaner water requires increased awareness, collective advocacy, stronger protection, and management of the river as a valuable natural resource. We make a difference together.

**The Chesapeake Children's Museum** is dedicated to creating an environment of discovery about oneself, the peoples, the technologies, and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay area for all our children and for the children in us all.

**UU Addictions & Recovery Ministry (UUARM)** journeys with congregations and religious professionals to educate individuals, families, congregations and communities about addiction and recovery.

**UU Ministry for Earth** is the main leader within Unitarian Universalism for Earth and Environmental Justice. Creator of the Green Sanctuary program.

**UUCA International Partners.** UUCA's support for the UU-UNO Office, UUCA's partner church program, and UUCA's pioneering support for women's empowerment in Romania, the Philippines, the Khasi Hills of India, and the International Women's Convocation.

**Woodside Gardens Food Pantry** works to make Woodside Gardens a nurturing community.