

# Strawberry Creek Meeting Annual Donations to Organizations

List compiled by Finance Committee, as of February 2022

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting makes donations to organizations, approved ahead of time by the Finance Committee, and then by Meeting for Business. These donations should continue to be seen principally as symbolic of our commitment, as a Meeting, to these organizations. They are intended to be reminders of the responsibility of individual members to contribute to them.

At this time, institutions receiving our budgeted donations are either Quaker organizations in which members of our Meeting participate, or non-Quaker organizations to which the Meeting as a whole, has a particular commitment. The "SCMM Connection" is someone in meeting who has some type of participatory or informed relationship with the named organization.

## **AFSC (American Friends Service Committee)**

65 Ninth Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-1401 <http://afsc.org/>

SCMM Connection: David Rutschman

The AFSC is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths, committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power to overcome violence and injustice.

## **Alternatives to Violence Project California (AVP)**

PO Box 78033, Stockton, CA 95367-1333 <http://avpcalifornia.org/>

SCMM Connection: Amy Dewey

The Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) is a multicultural 501(c)3 organization offering experiential workshops that empower individuals to lead peaceful lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation, and trust. Our fundamental belief is that there is a power for peace and good in everyone, and that this power has the ability to transform violence. AVP builds on a spiritual base of respect and caring for self and others, working both in prisons and with groups in the community.

## **Ben Lomond Quaker Center**

PO Box 686, Ben Lomond, CA 95005 <http://www.quakercenter.org/>

SCMM Connection: Jay Cash

The Ben Lomond Quaker Center, nestled in the Santa Cruz mountains, is a retreat center that offers space for Quaker groups and others to gather, hosts both weekend and week-long seminars, and provides private accommodations.

## **Berkeley Food Pantry**

c/o Berkeley Friends Church, 1600 Sacramento Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

<http://berkeleyfoodpantry.vpweb.com/>

SCMM Connection: Elizabeth Strain

The Berkeley Food Pantry provides bags of groceries to those in need, thus filling some of the gaps in our society's social safety nets. The Pantry operates as a volunteer-only organization and continues to rely on volunteers for most of the work. Some food is donated, but much food must be purchased.

### **College Park Quarterly Meeting Student Scholarship Fund**

c/o CPQM Treasurer, Cedar Green, 65 9<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

<http://collegepark.quaker.org/>

SCMM Connection: Shelley Tanenbaum

Children of Quaker meetings, attending Quaker schools from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, may apply for grants for up to \$1000 from the fund. Administered by CPQM Ministry and Oversight Committee.

### **FASE (Friends Association for Service to the Elderly)**

c/o Friends House, 684 Benicia Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

<http://www.friendshouse.org/>

SCMM Connection: Mico Sorrel

This is a retirement community with assisted living and also medical facilities. The bulk of the residents live in independent living. Residents are activists, both in helping to run the facility and in working on wider concerns from a liberal point of view. FASE tries to maintain a balance of Quaker and non-Quaker residents.

### **FCLCA (Friends Committee on Legislation of California)**

1225 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 220, Sacramento, CA 95814-4809

<http://www.fclca.org/>

SCMM Connection: Nathan Moon

The Friends Committee on Legislation is a nonpartisan, statewide public interest lobby founded by Quakers in 1952. FCLCA advocates for California state laws that are just, compassionate and respectful of the inherent worth of every person. FCL is a multi-issue advocacy organization, with a particular focus on criminal justice issues; in 2015 FCL added environmental concerns. Supporters include people of all backgrounds and beliefs. As the oldest social justice lobby in California, FCLCA has helped many faith-based and justice groups gain their own voice in Sacramento.

FCLCA is a constant, vigilant and well-respected presence in Sacramento. Their full-time registered lobbyist weighs in with legislators at the most critical time when laws and policy are being made. FCLCA also supports effective grassroots advocacy with tools for citizen lobbyists online and in-person. Their Action Alert Center provides timely information and analysis to help navigate complex issues, legislation and ballot propositions; and provides forms, links and instructions to communicate directly with newspapers and elected officials across the state.

### **FCNL (Friends Committee on National Legislation)**

245 Second Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002

<http://fcnl.org/>

SCMM Connection: Stephen McNeil

The Friends Committee on National Legislation is a Quaker lobbying organization, governed and with policy set by representatives of 26 Yearly Meetings and seven national Friends' organizations.. A legislative policy statement of issues that Friends have unity about is reviewed and approved periodically. Every two years at annual meetings, legislative priorities are set for each Congress. FCNL concerns are based on the following four statements: 1) We seek a world free of war and the threat of war; 2) We seek a society with equity and justice for all; 3) We seek a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled; and 4) We seek an earth restored.

### **Friends House Moscow**

FHMSA, P.O. Box 60253, Palo Alto, CA 94306 <http://friendshousemoscow.org/>  
 SCMM Connection: Carl Anderson

Friends House Moscow is an initiative of Friends worldwide which seeks to encourage spiritual growth and the development of a civil society based on mutual trust and community cooperation. We aim to provide a stable and visible presence in the face of rapidly changing conditions as we express the unique faith and practice of the Religious Society of Friends. We put this faith into action by working for social justice based on our fundamental belief in the presence of God in each individual. -- FHMSA (Friends House Moscow Support Association) is an organization in the US which facilitates support for FHM.

### **Friends Journal**

1216 Arch Street, Suite 2D, Philadelphia, PA 19107 <http://www.friendsjournal.org/>  
 SCMM Connection: Kathy Barnhart

Friends Journal is published by Friends Publishing Corporation. Our goal is to serve the Quaker community and the wider community of spiritual seekers through the publication of articles, poetry, letters, art, and news that convey the contemporary experience of Friends. The mission of Friends Journal is to communicate Quaker experience in order to connect and deepen spiritual lives.

### **FWCC (Friends World Committee for Consultation)**

1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 <http://www.fwccworld.org/>  
 SCMM Connection: Paul McCold

The purpose of FWCC is to encourage fellowship and understanding among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. FWCC organizes its work through its four section offices and the World Office. Their consultation extends to those of other faiths through work with the World Council of Churches, the Conference of Secretaries of the Christian World Communions, and participation in global ecumenical and interfaith work. Since 1948, FWCC has had "consultative" status with the United Nations and is responsible for the two Quaker UN Offices in Geneva and New York. FWCC continues to address regional and world issues by connecting and illuminating the work Friends do at all levels..

### **Pacific Yearly Meeting Fund for Concerns**

c/o Ed Flowers, PYM Treasurer, PO Box 2692, Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/about/funding/>

SCMM Connection: Ragni Larsen-Orta

The Fund for Concerns is available to assist Friends in the expression of individual leadings that arise from their spiritual, peace and social order concerns. It is not intended to underwrite organizations or committee projects. The Fund is overseen by the Ministry and Oversight Committee of PYM.

### **Quaker Bolivia Link**

2961 Caminito Niquel, San Diego, CA 92117

SCMM Connection: Barbara Tittle

Quaker Bolivia Link provides funding for small-scale economically sustainable projects among the people of the High Andes, where poverty is as acute as any in Latin America. Many projects are organized and run by groups of women and are typically funded with grants of under \$4,000. They are suggested, planned, and run by the Bolivians themselves.

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness**

P.O. Box 6787, Albany, CA 94706

<http://www.quakerearthcare.org/>

SCMM Connection: Shelley Tanenbaum

Quaker Earthcare Witness is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, community and equality. Together we can prevent further irreversible damage to the natural world, God's creation, through informed, spirit-led action on all ecological issues: climate change, pollution, toxic wastes, conservation, recycling, energy use, loss of species and habitats, loss of arable lands, population pressures, and eco-justice.

### **QIF (Quaker Institute for the Future)**

c/o Charles Blanchard, Treasurer, 526 Cornell Ave., Albany CA 94706

<http://www.quakerinstitute.org/>

SCMM Connection: Shelley Tanenbaum, Leonard Joy, Charlie Blanchard

The mission of QIF is to advance a global future of inclusion, social and economic justice, and ecological well being through participatory research and discernment. QIF adds a Quaker voice to public discourse. It calls on Quaker experience and approaches that contribute to the advance of governance for the common good, and the promotion of values necessary for social and ecological well-being. QIF shares its work in various forms, including books, pamphlets, reports, newsletters, website, conferences, workshops and seminars.

### **Sierra Friends Center**

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959

<http://woolman.org/>

SCMM Connection: Cindy Trueblood, Joyce Samati

Woolman at Sierra Friends Center is a non-profit organization committed to stewarding diverse learning communities and educational programs, which weave together spirituality, peace, sustainability, and social action. For more information on current programs and activities at the 236-acre site in the Sierra foothills, visit [woolman.org](http://woolman.org).

### **Western Friend**

305 N. California Ave., Suite 203-B, Palo Alto, CA 94301

<http://westernfriend.org/>

SCMM Connection: Nancy Wilkinson

The mission of Western Friend is to support the spiritual life of Friends in the West. Western Friend is committed to helping Friends make connections within and across the three unprogrammed Yearly Meetings in the West, and is actively seeking ways to do that within the pages of the magazine, in other media, and through direct outreach to Friends. As a print publication that is struggling financially, we also recognize the need to be better stewards of our financial resources.

### Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA)

1740 Alcatraz Ave, Berkeley, CA 94703

<http://youthspiritartworks.org/>

SCMM Connection: Sally Hindman

Youth Spirit Artworks (YSA) is an interfaith art jobs and job training program located in Berkeley, California. YSA is committed to empowering homeless and low-income San Francisco Bay Area young people, ages 16-25.

YSA was founded in 2007, as a response to the enormous employment challenges of older homeless and low-income youth.

The mission of Youth Spirit Artworks is to use art jobs and jobs training to empower and transform the lives of youth, giving young people the skills, experience, and self-confidence needed to meet their full potential<sup>1</sup>

### Dorothy Day House

1931 Center St. Berkeley, CA 94704

[www.dorothydayhouseberkeley.org](http://www.dorothydayhouseberkeley.org)

SCMM Connection: Susan Black

Dorothy Day Shelter is unlike other shelters. Instead of policing our guests, we help restore their dignity by recognizing them as individuals with common needs, wants, and goals. The **Gateway Advocacy Project (GAP)** is a subset of the Dorothy Day House Shelter that is focused on providing structure and guidance for individuals seeking independent living.

Through its workforce development program, the **Next Step Internship Program (NSIP)**, Dorothy Day House Shelter is able to offer educational, step-by-step programs to Dorothy Day House Shelter guests and staff who are interested in building a brighter future by achieving independence and financial security with the aid of Program Advocates, who are chosen through a system of seniority in the organization either as an employee or volunteer.

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