**2019-2020 Social Action Activities**

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| **Social Action Tribute Fund Allocations** |
| **Food Fund** |
| Operation Nightwatch | $ 3,000 |
| Lift Urban Portland | $ 1,500 |
| Portland Backpack Project | $ 1,000 |
| Stone Soup PDX | $ 1,000 |
| Urban Gleaners | $ 3,000 |
| Lift Urban Portland Community Christmas Dinner | $ 2,000 |
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| **Social Action General Tribute Fund** |
| Partners for Hunger Free Oregon  | $ 5,000 |
| CODA (Substance Abuse Treatment)  | $ 1,000 |
| HIAS  | $ 7,500 |
| Howard’s Heart | $ 750 |
| Project Lemonade | $ 1,000 |
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| **High Holidays Funds for Food** |
| Lift Urban Portland Food Pantry | $ 7,800 |
| Sunshine Pantry  | $ 7,800 |

Allocations has included providing increased support for organizations as they shift to address the needs during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Last June CBI joined the **URJ’s Brit Olam** (covenant with our world) initiative. As a partner with over 200 other Reform Congregations we committed to share in the work of bringing more justice to our world.

Our focus has been in three areas:

* **Immigration Justice**
* **Gun Violence Prevention**
* **Reproductive Health and Rights** (leadership WRJ/BIS)

Activities have included education on the issues, direct service, and advocacy.

The **Immigration and Refugee Subcommittee** has been coordinating our support of an Eritrean Refugee family as well as reaching out to partner with local organizations.

We participated in **Lift Every Voice Oregon’s** effort to advance gun violence prevention measures to the State Ballot.

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**Support of NW Towers and Annex** as a participant in Lift Urban Portland’s Adopt a Building Program.

Ongoing activities have included:

\* **Homework Club** providing after school tutoring and social activities with snacks for elementary students. Was an increases in both volunteers and students There were 6 students, 13 tutors and the activities were 1-2 days a week.

\* **Sunday Food Pantry** assistance including transport of donated food and set up

Other activities:

* purchase of **school supplies**, **winter clothing** and a **holiday gift** with youth residents
* **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** attended by approximately 100 guests
* support for **New Year’s Party**
* collection of **food**, **toilet paper** and homemade **masks** during Mitzvah Days

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Co-sponsor and host of **Lift Urban Portland’s Community Christmas Dinner**. Over 200 volunteers participated. Approximately 550 guests attended or received delivered meals. **Knit a Mitzvah** donated hundreds of handmade scarves and hats for gifts.

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Mitzvah Day became “**Mitzvah Days”** in response to the COVID pandemic.

Activities to support our partner organizations happened over a several week period, culminating in a variety of virtual activities on the last Sunday in April. Participation was enthusiastic and cross generational.

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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service**, guest speaker was Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel.

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Kids Winter Coat Drive to support **Project Lemonade.**

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CBI is a member of the **Interfaith Alliance on Poverty.** We hosted the February monthly meeting. The goal of the Alliance is to decrease the prevalence of poverty in our community by understanding and addressing root and systemic causes.

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Co-hosted with other CBI groups Social Hour at Stone Soup PDX, opportunity to learn about their work providing food service training to persons at risk of homelessness.

Information about the partners we have chosen to support

**Urban Gleaners-** Prior to COVID serving 1000+ families per week, all food donated. Now having to purchase food. Serving 300 families to week and expanding. Founder is CBI members Tracy Oseran.

**Lift Urban Portland**

Food Pantry moved to new location in Feb. Request is for refrigeration equipment. Increased number of clients requesting and accessing pantry with move and with COVID related loss of income. CBI is a founding member of organization and has ongoing relationship supporting their work.

**Partners for Hunger Free Oregon**

Prior to COVID mostly working on improving access to food insecurity programs, addressing systemic, advocacy and education related to hunger. Now making grants to school programs to maintain food access for students previously receiving free or reduced cost meals at school. Districts financially stressed by costs of having to deliver food to students outside of usual school delivery model. Will also be involved in summer food programs for students. Huge demand for assistance.

**CODA**

Provider of substance abuse treatment programs. COVID related loss of revenue due to curtailed face to face provider visits and group therapy. Clients at increased risk of relapse due to loss of treatment support. Request is for purchase of naloxone kits to distribute to clients. Naloxone is given as a lifesaving antidote to opioid overdose. At cost of approximately $75per kit, grant would cover cost of purchase of 13 kits.

**Portland Backpack Project $ 1,000**

Prior to COVID provided food for food insecure students to take home for weekend meals. Now distributing grocery gift cards to families in need.

**Stone Soup**

COVID related programs include providing food for Multnomah Co. homeless shelter population. Founders are CBI members Ronit and Craig Gerard.

**HIAS**

In keeping with our **Brit Olam** commitment to support **Immigration Justice** the committee recommended this grant. HIAS is currently assisting immigrants and refugees in 16 countries. In addition to usual activities of advocacy, food emergency

aid and legal assistance, HIAS is responding to COVID pandemic with provision of medical supplies and public health resources such as clean water and hand washing stations in refugee camps.