

Donate the Plate Nominations

Directions: The congregation has nominated 25 non-profits as recipients of Donate the Plate. One month is reserved for the Minister's Benevolence Fund. That means the congregation will choose eleven recipients. **Please choose the 11 non-profits** you believe are most deserving. Nominations are listed in the order in which they were received.

1. **Discovery Learners Academy** – DLA is a non-profit, non-traditional PreK- high school micro-school (less than 100 students) in Chattanooga. With the ability to know every student, teachers can move kids between studios (classes) based on their needs. Teachers cultivate bravery, kindness, creativity, and curiosity. They believe diversity of all kinds creates a richer community.
Contact: Rachel Ford rachel@dlachatt.org
Nominators: Victoria McQueen, Emily Compton
2. **Children's Advocacy Center – Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit** – CAC-LMJC provides free services to children and families impacted by abuse and assists agencies involved in the intervention system.
Contact: 706-866-8811 director@caclmjc.com
Nominator: Brittany Jones
3. **Newton Child Development Center** – The Newton Child Development Center provides the critical ministry of high-quality childcare services in Chattanooga's Westside Community.
www.Gebarton@chamblicenter.org
Nominator: Skip Stevens
4. **Chattanooga Area Brain Injury Association** – CABIA is dedicated to providing the highest quality of services in order to prevent and increase awareness of brain injuries and to achieve optimal outcomes for brain injury survivors. Further, we are committed to advocating on behalf of brain injury survivors and their family members in order for them to achieve the highest quality of life.
www.cabiatn.org
Nominator: Nicky Ozbeck
5. **Chattanooga Autism Center** – The CAC is a non-profit organization that serves autistic individuals of all ages. The center promotes inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals and provides services, resources, and education to the community.
Contact: 423-531-6961
Nominator – Emily Compton
6. **Nature Kin Farm and Forest School** – NKF&F School goals are to create a welcoming community that strives to create a joyful place for people of all races, ethnicities, national

origins, abilities, ages, religions, sexual orientations, and genders, and instill in students a compassionate relationship with nature.

Contact: Jessica or Stephanie – 423- 380- 8907

Nominator: Jessica Culberson

7. **Humane Educational Society** - The Human Educational Society is an open-door facility for residents of Hamilton County that provides adoption services, animal protection, cruelty investigation, pet licenses, and essential care for homeless pets. It serves between 4000 – 5000 homeless pets each year. The Human Education Society is committed to finding each and every treatable, adoptable, and trainable animal in our facility a loving home to make Hamilton County a better place for pets.

www.Heschatt.org

Nominator: UUC Children - You the Creator class

8. **Chattanooga Audubon Society** – The CAS educates and promotes understanding of the responsibility to protect and preserve the environmental, cultural, and historical resources through programming and stewardship. CAS maintains three sanctuaries – Audubon Acres, Maclellan Island, and Audubon Mountain.

Contact – 423-892-1499

Nominator: UUC children – You the Creator class

9. **Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center** – RRA&NC’s mission is to inspire a love of nature, connect people with the natural world, and promote environmental stewardship. It achieves this through a variety of activities, including educational programs, wildlife encounters, and outdoor adventures on its 300-acre campus.

Contact: 423-821-1160

Nominator: UUC children – You the Creator class

10. **Chattanooga Area Food Bank** – The food bank’s mission is to end hunger for every person in our region, today and tomorrow. They bring nourishing food to everyone in our region who has the courage to seek help.

www.Chattfoodbank.org

Nominator: Bill Dornbush

11. **Waterways** – empowers communities to protect and restore local watersheds in the Southeastern United States and Caribbean. Our mission is to connect urban youth with their local watersheds, promote sustainable practices, and empower citizens to protect our waterways. We envision a future where every child knows the beauty of their natural surroundings, every community takes part in stewardship, and every waterway thrives.

Contact: 423-413-3298 – info@mywaterways.org

Nominator: Sandy Kurtz

12. **S. Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance** – We created a 12 mile greenway open to various activities, connecting a series of neighborhoods and public lands that brought outdoor recreation and improved commuting to the city of Chattanooga.
Contact: 423-265-5229 – Tennessee@tpl.org
Nominator: Sandy Kurtz
13. **Semillas TN** – Semillas TN is the only grassroots community organization in Chattanooga founded by Latinx immigrants. Spearheaded by ordinary workingclass Black and Brown folks, our mission is to organize, mobilize, build power, and transform the city w call home through the power of education.
Contact:
Nominator: Rev. Mandy
14. **La Paz Latinx Relief Fund** – The LRF provides vital support to Latinx families who lack vital resources. It provides rent and utilities support and covers some basic needs assistance. We continue to see the impact divisive rhetoric has had on the community, and therefore we strive to keep providing support to those who seek assistance.
Contact: 423-624-8414 – info@lapazchattanooga.org
Nominator: Lisa Burner
15. **Isaiah Red Door Program at Chambliss** – The mission of Isaiah Red Door is to reduce trauma, lighten the load, and ease the transition of children who have been removed from their home and are waiting foster care placement.
Contact: 423-698-2456 – office@chamblisscenter.org
Nominator: Lisa Burner
16. **AIM Center** – The AIM Center Clubhouse is a safe place where adults living with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) are able to transform, heal, connect, and focus on wellness.
Contact: 423-624-4800 – info@aimcenterinc.org
Nominator: Judith Pederson-Benn
17. **Chattanooga Room in the Inn** – Chattanooga Room at the Inn (CRITI) offers a residential program for homeless women and children. The CRITI Program's length of time is individualized to the participant's circumstances and progress. Services provided to CRITI are free of charge and include transitional housing, one meal a day provided by volunteers, access to affordable or free medical care, life skills training, parenting classes, mentoring, assistance with finding affordable housing (Home Again Program), and case management services.
Contact: www.Chattanoogaroomintheinn.com
Nominator: Judith Pederson-Benn

18. **Welcome Home of Chattanooga** – Welcome Home of Chattanooga’s mission is to provide shelter, healing, and compassionate end of life care for those in need. They are a home for those with a terminal illness and have nowhere to go for end-of-life care.
www.Welcomehomeofchattanooga.org
Nominator: Judith Pederson Benn
19. **Downtown Chattanooga Family YMCA** – The DCFYMCA has served downtown Chattanooga for 150 years, and is committed to providing services and programs that promote a healthy mind, body and spirit for all.
Contact: 423- 266-3766 – dsabelka@ymcachattanooga.org
Nominator: Nancy Nathard
20. **Seed Theatre** – The Seed Theatre’s mission is to support marginalized -communities (Particularly LGBTQ+, BIPOC and their families) in Chattanooga TN by providing resources, education, support, and community while celebrating differences through arts and culture.
Elizabeth Haley: CEO 706-280-0533
Nominator: Jan Brookes
21. **Bridge Refugee Services** – Bridge Refugee Services Inc. works with the communities of Knoxville and Chattanooga to connect refugees to opportunities to grow and connect to their new homeland.
<https://www.bridgerefugees.org>
Nominator: Jan Brookes
22. **RISE Chattanooga** – R.I.S.E (Responsive initiatives for Social Empowerment) is an independent black-led and founded 501c3 community arts and culture organization dedicated to the development of creative programming and events that aim to transcend cultural barriers while promoting more awareness, inclusiveness, and resiliency for the greater Chattanooga communities.
www.Risecha.org
Nominator: Jan Brookes
23. **CALEB** – CALEB’s (Chattanooga in Love, Equality and Benevolence) “purpose” is to bring together an institutional coalition of Faith-Based, Labor, and other institutions in order that our constituents gain a powerful voice in public affairs and issues in the Chattanooga community.
info@calebch.org
[Nominator: Jan Brookes](#)
24. **Project Return** – Founded in Nashville in 1979, Project Return expanded to Chattanooga in 2021. The non-profit program provides the resources and services, including employment training and networking, social enterprises, education, and coaching programs, transportation support, affordable housing, and prison in-reach programs to prepare prospects for a new life upon release.

www.chattanooga chamber.com

Nominator: Jan Brookes

25. **New Suffragettes** – Our mission is to galvanize public support to actively promote human rights policies that ensure privacy, healthcare, and reproductive autonomy. We stand to defend our right to own and control our bodies. We commit to uphold the separation of church and state.

Contact: www.NewSuffragettes.net

Nominator: Jan Brookes