

Central Unitarian Church (Paramus NJ) Raises \$37,000 in Annual Outreach Auction

Central Unitarian Church's 8th Annual Outreach Auction held on November 15 raised \$37,000 to benefit nine Bergen County non-profit organizations: Bergen County Sanctuary, Center for Food Action, Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, Holley Childcare and Development Center, Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless, Outreach Angels, Shelter our Sisters, Table-to-Table, and the Teaneck National Guard Family Assistance Center.

This year's gala evening, themed "Put A Little Love In Your Heart," featured a tricky tray and live and silent auction items.

Donating to Bergen County non-profit organizations that fulfill basic life needs, the Annual Outreach Action calls upon members, friends, and visitors of Central Unitarian Church (CUC) for support.

The 2008 Outreach Auction was dedicated to the members and friends of the Tennessee Valley UU Church (TVUUC) in Knoxville, following the horrific attack on their congregation by a deranged man July 27 in which three people lost their lives. A portion of the auction receipts was sent to the TVUUC to support its recovery.

In 2000, CUC held its first Outreach Auction, raising \$9,000. In 2007, CUC was recognized by receiving the Mendon W. Smith award from the Metro NY District. Says Brooke Cannata, event organization, "Our highest expectations could not prepare us for the overwhelming success of the Outreach Auction that year. We raised almost \$33,000, a 70% increase over the 2006 grand total of \$19,000. This year we raised an amazing \$37,000 in support of the nine Bergen County charities. In these economic times, we salute those who attended and gave so generously to help their neighbors. Our results show that when we work together we are greater than the sum of our parts."

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