

# **2022 Missions Giving Christmas Market** **Giving • Loving • Enriching**



*The Sidewalk School*



*Soul Fire Farm*



*Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts*

**The Missions Giving Committee will *MATCH* donations to these organizations.**

- Give online: <https://www.unitedparishbrookline.org/news/missions-giving-christmas-market-2022>
- Or mail one check and form to the United Parish office.
- The United Parish will MATCH and distribute donations.



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**A lot of GOOD is right here.**

The 10 organizations in this brochure are helping in many ways... locally, nationally, or internationally.

“Above all, I dare you to do good so that the world might be great.”

- *Amanda Gorman, National Youth Poetry Laureet,  
at the 2022 United Nations General Assembly*

**This Christmas, let's help the world be great!**

# Agape Global Health for Haiti

This mission of this nonprofit, volunteer organization is to help advance and promote the health and well-being of the people of La Gonave, Haiti, a remote island which historically has been ignored by the government, organizations, and the private sector.

**Violence, hurricanes, and politics have made life in Haiti more complicated than ever. But Agape is still helping.** They need support more than ever.

- *The Agape Clinic*
  - A health clinic specializing in prenatal and newborn care.
- *Menstrual health education*
  - Teaching girls and women about their bodies and menstruation.
  - Providing washable, reusable menstrual kits empowering girls to stay in school when they're menstruating.
- *Clean water access*
  - Training and equipping women to clean water using high-efficiency filtration systems to supply safe drinking water to their and other families.



Doctors from the Boston medical community – including a parishioner from United Parish in Brookline – have traveled to help at Agape to provide assistance and training.

**Gift #1: Agape Global Health for Haiti**

# **Brookline Food Pantry**

None of our Brookline neighbors should go to bed hungry.

In August 2021, the *Brookline Food Pantry* moved its headquarters into United Parish in Brookline. The *Food Pantry* now works out of three locations: our church, and 55a Egmont, and 226 High Street. Before the pandemic, the *Food Pantry* provided food to about 300 Brookline residents every month. Now **800 Brookline residents** monthly receive fresh produce, canned good, toiletries, and healthy snacks.

*Brookline Food Pantry* also gives free take-home weekend meal packs to **school-age children** in need.

United Parish is proud to have supported the *Brookline Food Pantry* for decades through monthly food collections, the *Walk for Hunger*, and other financial support.

Contact [brooklinefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:brooklinefoodpantry@gmail.com) to **volunteer** throughout the year.



## **Gift #2: Brookline Food Pantry**

## **common cathedral**

*An outdoor church for people experiencing homelessness.*

Since 1994, *common cathedral* (Ecclesia Ministries, Inc.) has been an outdoor congregation on the Boston Common of people who are un-housed and housed, sharing God's love through community, pastoral care, creative expression, and worship. All Ecclesia Ministries are non-proselytizing and ecumenical.

Every Sunday, a housed congregation, including United Parish, provides and serves food for the service on Boston Common. Other programs include *Common Art*, which provides space, materials and caring staff to support unhoused and low-income individuals as they develop their artistic abilities. One of their previous pastors, Laura Shatzer, was a member of United Parish. Before COVID, *common cathedral* artists ran an art show of their work at United Parish.

*"I came for the art... and I stayed for the love." – DS, a longtime common artist*



*United Parish members serving lunch at common cathedral, October 9, 2022*

Watch the April 26, 2020 sermon of Senior Pastor Kent French and Laura Shatzer, [Held in Common: A Conversation with Laura Shatzer of common cathedral](#)

**Gift #3: common cathedral**

## **Dhansa Maweni School, Kenya**

A school for local **children, ages three to fourteen**, 63 girls and 48 boys, whose families cannot afford public school fees. Four teachers and a maintenance worker have come together to help children have a better chance of **lifting themselves out of poverty**. Children study math, science, Christian religious education, English, Swahili, creative arts and physical education. Staff strive to feed the children physically, academically, and spiritually.

Staff and students are dedicated. Their work goes a long way. So do donations to this visionary school.

- \$25 pays one week of a teacher's salary.
- \$50 provides one year of a student's school supplies.
- \$100 provides one month of breakfast porridge.



**Gift #4: Dhansa Maweni School, Kenya**

## **Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy**

*Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts* is a non-profit, affiliated with the Historic Charles Street A.M.E Church in Roxbury, MA, that is committed to the development of Boston's next generation of innovative artists through the celebration and preservation of Black music.

Their flagship program, the *Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy* provides high caliber formal music instruction to youth throughout Greater Boston, preparing them for a future in music that challenges inner-city youth to see themselves as positive producers of culture, music, and the arts as a whole, rather than merely consumers of it.

In October 2021, the *United Parish in Brookline* started collecting donations to support the *Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy* whenever performing Negro Spirituals in worship. *The United Parish Missions Giving Committee* matches the amount of the offering.



Watch the [Celebrating Negro Spirituals](#) sermon from November 6, 2022 by Gerami Groover-Flores, Executive Director of Hamilton-Garrett. Music by the Hamilton-Garrett Youth Choir.

Read or listen to the sermon by Susan DeSelms, United Parish in Brookline's Minister of Music, announcing the [Negro Spiritual Royalties Project](#).

Check the local and national news coverage of the initiative on the United Parish in Brookline website [here](#).

### **Gift #5: Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy**

# **Jewish Family Services Metrowest**

*Vital social, health, and community services to alleviate suffering, enhance lives, and support people in need.*

**Immigrant and Resettlement** services provide innovative, integrated resources that address the social, emotional, and financial needs of immigrants, refugees, and asylees, giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Services Include:

- Refugee Resettlement Support
- Support for Jewish Ukrainian War Refugees
- Afghan Evacuee Resettlement Project
- Syrian Refugee Humanitarian Project



Read or listen to the October 16, 2022 sermon, [Making Room for the Refugee](#), by friend of United Parish, Lisa Weinstock, who has opened her home to refugees.

**Gift #6: Jewish Family Services Metrowest**



# Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

The social, emotional, spiritual, and cultural devastation from forced boarding schools has been passed down to Native American individuals, families, communities, and Tribal Nations today. The time for healing inter-generational trauma is now.

*Baptist, Congregational and Methodist churches historically sponsored these boarding schools. Once, we were part of the problem. **Today, let's be part of the healing.***

Until the 1970's, some Native American children were abducted by government agents and sent away to boarding schools. Children were beaten, starved or otherwise abused when they spoke their native languages. It's estimated that there were 500 boarding schools. The objective of the schools was to *kill the Indian and save the man*.

The Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition works for **truth, healing and justice** for boarding school survivors and descendants.



See NABSHC [free lesson plans](#) for elementary, middle, and high school teachers and the NABSHC [online database](#) of educational resources.

**Gift #7: Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition**

## **Rosie's Place**

*The first shelter specifically for homeless women in the United States.*

**When times get tough, they get tougher for women.**

Rosie's Place is a multi-service community center offering women emergency shelter and meals, and more:

- Food pantry
- ESOL classes
- Legal assistance
- Wellness care
- One-on-one support
- Housing and job search services
- Community outreach

Women find support, opportunity, and the tools they need to make a new start.

*“Because we accept no government funding, we rely on our many friends to make all we do possible. Thanks to their generosity, we can remain a safety net for women struggling to survive during these difficult days. Please join us in our life-changing work!”*



**Gift #8: Rosie's Place**

## **The Sidewalk School**

*The Sidewalk School* provides quality education, medical care, COVID-19 testing, employment, housing, and food assistance to those who would go without as they experience displacement at the Mexico border.

*The Sidewalk School* has been in 9 cities across Mexico to serve Children Asylum Seekers as they await their trials or their turn to file for U.S. asylum. They work alongside the asylum-seeking community, employing experienced professionals who are currently facing displacement in the refugee camps and shelters to create lesson plans, teach classes, and provide support to students.

The educational focus is English, math, and science. Local volunteers and non-profits help with physical activity to encourage teamwork and exercise.



**Gift #9: The Sidewalk School**

## **Soul Fire Farm**

*An Afro-Indigenous centered community farm committed to uprooting racism and seeding sovereignty in the food system.*

“We raise and distribute life-giving food as a means to end food apartheid. With deep reverence for the land and wisdom of our ancestors, we work to reclaim our collective right to belong to the earth and to have agency in the food system. We bring diverse communities together on this healing land to share skills on sustainable agriculture, natural building, spiritual activism, health, and environmental justice.”

Food sovereignty programs reach over 160,000 people each year through:

- Farmer training for Black and Brown growers
- Reparations and land return initiatives for northeast farmers
- Food justice workshops for urban youth
- Home gardens for city-dwellers living under food apartheid
- Doorstep harvest delivery for food insecure households
- Systems and policy education for public decision-makers



**Gift #10: Soul Fire Farm**

# United Parish in Brookline

## *Missions Giving*

United Parish Missions Giving is committed to financially supporting organizations doing good work locally, nationally and internationally.

Funds come from three sources:

- **Interest** from the United Parish church **endowment**
- Roughly **10% of all pledges** to United Parish goes to Missions Giving and other philanthropic efforts
- Specific **offerings** in church services

Missions Giving also *supplements, matches, doubles or triples* the amounts raised by congregants involved in church-sponsored initiatives, such as **One Great Hour of Sharing**, the **Negro Spiritual Royalties Project**, and **Walk for Hunger**.

“Where your treasure is, your heart will be also.”

– Matthew 6:21



## United Parish in Brookline Missions Giving Christmas Market 2022

Organization		Dollar Amount
Gift #1	Agape Global Health for Haiti	
Gift #2	Brookline Food Pantry	
Gift #3	common cathedral	
Gift #4	Dhansa Maweni School, Kenya	
Gift #5	Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts Academy	
Gift #6	Jewish Family Services Metrowest	
Gift #7	Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition	
Gift #8	Rosie's Place	
Gift #9	The Sidewalk School	
Gift #10	Soul Fire Farm	
Additional Donation		
<b>Grand Total</b>		

(To fill out the above form online, please click [here](#).)

- Give online at [unitedparishbrookline.org/give](https://unitedparishbrookline.org/give).
  - Click the green “Make a Donation” button.
  - Enter your total amount next to “Special Gift Christmas Mission Market.”
- Or mail one check and form to the United Parish office.

The United Parish will match and distribute donations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to United Parish in Brookline. Memo: Missions Giving Christmas Market)

\_\_\_\_\_ Venmo (Search @unitedparishinbrookline on the app)

\_\_\_\_\_ PayPal (Click [here](#) or search [office@upbrookline.org](mailto:office@upbrookline.org) on the app)