

**Women's Action to Gain
Economic Security (WAGES)**

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WAGES eco-friendly cleaning cooperatives make a difference in the lives of immigrant women in the Bay Area. Startup loans, accounting services, business planning, legal assistance, and healthy work environment training give economic security and dignity to those in the housecleaning industry.

**Fresno Interdenominational
Refugee Ministries (FIRM)**

Contact: Rev. Sophia DeWitt

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FIRM helps thousands of Fresno's SE Asian, Slavic, and African refugee families with jobs, elder citizenship, mental health, housing rights, and neighborhood and preschool program in one of America's poorest regions. Sophia DeWitt works with Health, Elder, Housing and Citizenship programs. Funds support FIRM's housing and community organizing, improving health, safety, and civic engagement among refugees.

The Welcome Ministry

Contact: Vicar Megan Rohrer

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Giving companionship and care to the homeless and addicted on the streets of San Francisco, this ministry brings the home-ed and the home-less together for hospitality, food, and referrals in one of the high density urban neighborhoods of San Francisco. Serving those who are addicted, ill, poor, or elderly in a setting of community fellowship is what Megan Rohrer calls, "a ministry of presence."

Creative Healing Center

Contact: Rev Bea Morris

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Based in Oakland, this ministry is committed to providing healing to poor women of all faith backgrounds, and those who follow no traditional faith, through creative writing and other arts, Bea Morris provides pastoral care and explores and teaches theology through the writing arts and a compassionate presence. Services are provided free of charge.

Health Ministries

Contact: Rev Nancy Peters

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First Congregational UCC of San Jose has a busy Health Ministry run by a Registered Nurse and supported in part by the Neighbors in Need offering. This ministry offers Men's and Women's Health Days, Health Resource Fairs, both for church members and for the surrounding community.

The Bridge Fellowship

Contact: The Rev Pam Tinnin

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The Guerneville Community UCC church has a brand new Street Church ministry to serve the 200 to 300 homeless, as well as other low income residents in Guerneville. Named for the bridge across the Russian River where services are held, the Bridge Fellowship provides worship, communion, and a fellowship meal each Sunday.

How you can help

Please consider making a generous donation to the California Neighbors and the national UCC Neighbors in Need offerings.

The local 2008 grantees listed inside are community based organizations with local UCC congregational participation, helping.....

- * The sick
- * The homeless
- * The immigrant
- * Children and youth
- * The environment

All of these grantees are available and eager to talk to your congregation about the social justice work they do, and how you can help. Please invite them to tell you their stories.

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Justice and Witness Ministries

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*Interested in
becoming a grantee?
Please contact us for information
about making a grant application.*



Through our Neighbors in Need Offerings

Here are some of the local community ministries able to serve because of your gifts.

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