

## **Rev. W.H.G. Carter Fund Annual Report 2007**

Since January 1, 2007, the Rev. W.H.G. Carter Fund of First Unitarian Church has funded 4,539.15 in grants which:

- provided rental assistance to six families who were at risk of homelessness;
- provided a grant to the Ladies of Aiken, from Aiken High School in College Hill to match money they raised to purchase T-shirts for when they undertake volunteer service in the community;kathy
- paid for a financial aid counselor at Withrow University High School to be able to continue working with over 40 students to complete their federal financial aid forms for college after CPS ended her contract due to budget cuts;
- paid for required student fees so eight college accepted seniors also from Withrow could graduate and attend college; and
- paid for cabinets to store materials for tutoring program at Winton Hills Academy.

During this same period, church members and friends, and members of the Carter Family made generous donations in the amount of \$4,494. Several individuals not only donated at the annual Carter Racial Reconciliation Service in January, but also responded to special appeals for help at times when our funds had been severely depleted. We are thankful for all the donations, but particularly thankful for those that came in response to our special appeals. We ended the year with \$383.24.

Since the Fund's initiation in 2001, it has provided about \$27,000 in grants:

- to families with emergency housing needs who had exhausted all their other options and risked homelessness or utility cutoffs;
- to low-income children with educational needs that could not be met in other ways; and
- to assist low-income high school seniors attend college.

The Carter Fund is replenished every year in January with the collection at the annual Carter Service and contributions made throughout the year. You are welcome to make it possible for the Committee to continue to support educational programs for disadvantaged children and youth or families with an emergency need who are not eligible for assistance from other agencies. Make your checks payable to First Unitarian Church and indicate Carter Fund on the memo line.

Thank you.

Fritz Casey-Leininger, treasurer

Carter Fund Committee