

Let's *Grow Back Stronger!*

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As we move beyond the constrictions of the pandemic – soon may it be! – the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood is poised to “Grow Back Stronger!” Some of the “Back” will feel like “Before,” but much more is possible for us as we move forward and create our unique “New Normal.”

Thank you for being part of our community and for sharing our yearning to restore our congregational life – bigger, better, and stronger! With everyone fully engaged we will be able to build on our strengths: wonderful staff, stimulating Sunday Services, varied Religious Education offerings, well maintained facilities, and an active social justice mission.

Our sources of income are still restricted as renters have been slow to return and last year's Federal PPP funds are no longer available. In addition, it has been impossible to hold our regular fundraising events. This brings an urgent focus to our annual pledge drive.

In order to Grow Back Stronger, we've set a challenging goal of \$400,000 in pledges, almost equal to our pre-pandemic levels. Some of us are already giving as much as we can, but if we're going to meet the challenges of next year and beyond, many of us will have to do more. We need to forget what we've pledged in the past and determine a new pledge, a pledge that truly supports Growing Back Stronger.

Please take a look at the enclosed Fair Share guide and consider how you can “Grow” your giving.

Please return the Generosity Card by *Growing Back Stronger Sunday*, April 3rd.

And if you didn't receive your *Seeds of Growth* packet, let us know and we'll get one to you!

Sincerely,

Dawn Walter, President