

# the UNITARIAN SOCIETY of RIDGEWOOD

March 1, 2022

Dear Friends of USR,

Our pledge drive theme, "Grow Back Stronger", is our way of looking to the future of USR,

after being distanced with curtailed operations and activities. Coming out of Covid, this is a most unusual year for USR. Join us in envisioning the vibrant congregation of our dreams.

We have a vital congregation. Take a minute to think of the things that are most meaningful for you. We think of Sunday Services, RE programs, life-long friends, SHARE, the Rainbow Flag, and participating in our Social Justice Programs. Or maybe you think of our music and art programs, our shared sacred space, the youth group, or something else. All this happens through our volunteer efforts and the work of our devoted (and underpaid) staff. Together we have the ability to do almost anything we can dream of. This year we ask you to identify why you care and make a pledge to strengthen USR with your involvement and your financial commitment.

Our goal for the 2022-2023 fund drive is \$400,000 and your personal pledge for growth at USR. On the enclosed "generosity card" you will find a "fair share" giving guide to help decide on your financial support for the coming fiscal year. We're asking you to take one step up--"Supporter" to "Advocate" to "Catalyst" to "Transformer." Some of us can be very generous while others will not be so fortunate, but with everyone's help, we can meet and even exceed this goal.

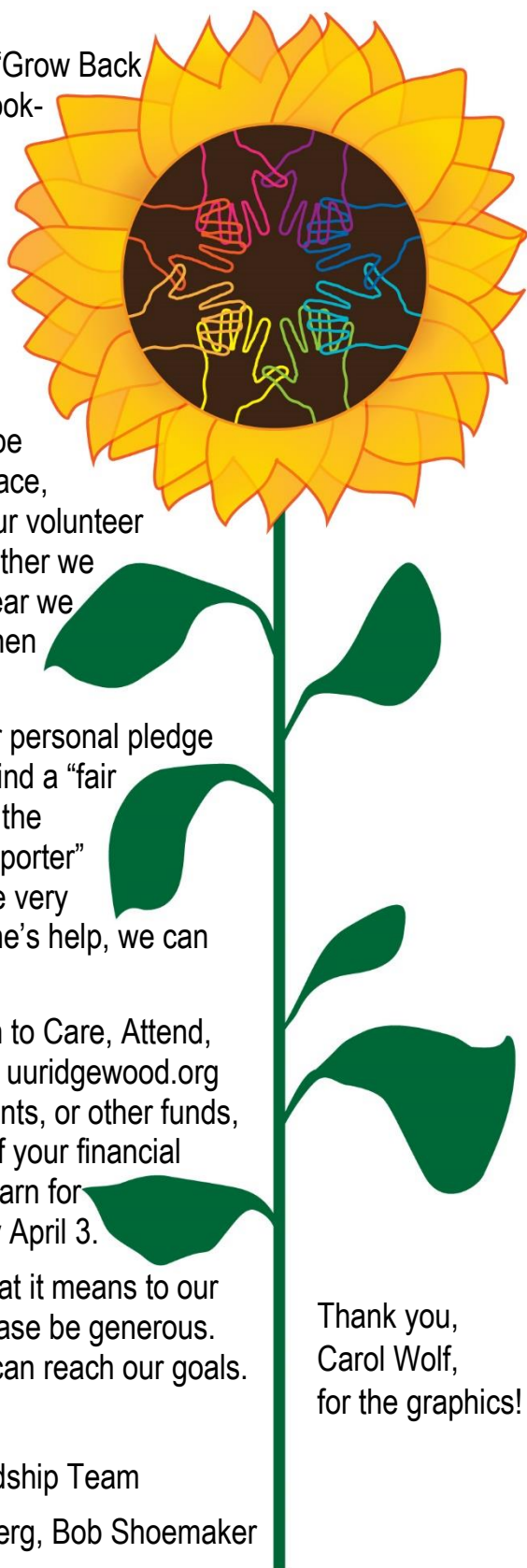
Please reflect on your decision and then fill in your intention to Care, Attend, Serve and Commit. Then mail it to the office, or go to [Realm](http://Realm) or [uuridgewood.org](http://uuridgewood.org) and enter the information there. You may use retirement accounts, or other funds, which may have tax benefits. Your pledge is an intention, and if your financial situation changes you can provide more or less support. We yearn for a 100% response! Our target is for all returns to be received by April 3.

We ask that you reflect on what USR has meant to you, what it means to our youth and what it means to the wider world community and please be generous. With each of us who is able making a significant increase. we can reach our goals.

Don't delay, help USR Grow Back Stronger right now.

Your Stewardship Team

Jack Lohr, Ira Mendelsberg, Bob Shoemaker



Thank you,  
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