Today we gather as representatives of millions of Americans who would like our government to spend more on human needs and less on war. Thousands of American engage in the additional step of resisting paying the bill for killing, by resisting some or all of our federal tax payments and redirecting these funds to human needs and to help those harmed by war.

My name is Mary Regan. I have been a war tax resister since 1983, when I decided that I could not, in good conscience, participate in killing and destruction funded with our tax dollars. I pay about half of my federal taxes because about half of the US discretionary budget goes to pay for past, current or future killing and war.

New England War Tax Resistance is group of Boston area war tax resisters. We are proud to announce the donation of $6900 to local organizations working for a more just and peaceful society.

This donation is money not paid to the federal government that we redirect to efforts that we see as a better use of our common fund than the military budget.

Organizations that are the beneficiaries of these funds are:

- **Asian American Resource Workshop** to support anti-oppression political education workshops for the Asian Pacific American community.
- **Beantown Society** to support youth empowerment for political action in Roxbury & Jamaica Plain
- **Boston Mobilization** to support teen leadership development for social justice in Greater Boston
- **Dorchester Not For Sale** to support multilingual, intergenerational resident organizing to ensure development in Dorchester actually benefits residents, especially working class, people of color and immigrant communities.
- **Dorchester People for Peace** to support their “Outreach in White Communities” project to engage white people in conversation about racial profiling, white privilege, racism and the Black Lives Matter movement
- **Maine WTR Resource Center** to support their work to disseminate information about war tax resistance and support resisters in Maine
- **Men Teach** to support development of African American male teachers in the early education of African American boys.
- **Reclaim Roxbury** to support democratic participation by Roxbury residents in determining equitable development in their neighborhoods
- **Student Immigrant Movement** to support the Summer Liberation Program and the development of leadership of immigrants to resist oppression of all types
- **The Youth Justice & Power Union** to do leadership development and base-building with low-income young people of color to end violence and fight for racial, economic, queer, and gender justice in Boston.
- **Traprock Center for Peace and Justice** to support the Children's Books Collaborative to purchase books on peace, social justice and environmental justice for the Montague Library.

Our choices to defund killing and promote justice and peace made these donations possible. They offer a glimpse of what would be possible if our government made a similar choice to fund affordable housing, education, health care, climate protection and the services we need, instead of constant war, killing and destruction of our environment.

If you would like more information about war tax resistance, please visit our table at this rally and participate in the Poll to show how you would like our tax dollars spent.

**For more about refusing to pay for war, contact:**
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