

Alternative Gift Opportunities



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Alternative Gift Giving

Do you have someone on your Christmas gift list for whom it is difficult to buy? The person who seems to have everything? The person who doesn't really need or want more "stuff"?

Or do you feel that Christ has been lost in the commercialism of Christmas? Well, here is a chance to solve both of these problems.

Give someone an **Alternative Gift** this year: a gift of a donation to a ministry in their name. One that will have an impact on someone who **really** needs it.

Look through this catalog and read about the eight featured ministries dealing with COVID to which you can donate. For each donation, you will receive a card to give as a Christmas gift that explains the organization you have chosen.

The cards become your gifts to give, and the money you donate will be a gift to people in need, reflecting the true meaning of Christmas.

HOW WILL THIS WORK WHEN WE'RE NOT IN CHURCH?

- Print and fill out the order form that you will find on Trinity's website. You will have 3 choices on how to get it back to us with your payment:
 1. Mail the order form to Trinity or drop it off in Trinity's outside mailbox. Address it to **Trinity Pres Church, ATTN: AGO** (must arrive by **Dec 11**)
 2. Scan (or take a photo of) your completed order form and email it to debbybrown@comcast.net
 3. Call Mike Garoutte (867-5717) or Pam Tenn (591-7007) and they will fill out the form for you over the phone
- You can either write a check made out to Trinity and mail it to the church, or pay using your credit card at www.trinity-pres.org/AGO. There will be a 3% non-refundable credit card convenience fee required on the transaction total.
- Come to Trinity's parking lot after church on Dec 13 (11:00 – 12:00) to pick up your cards.

Global Ministries



Amor Ministries



Amor organizes trips for volunteers to build houses in Mexico and supports five food banks. During the COVID pandemic, Amor could not host, so building stopped. In early November, the Mexican government authorized Amor to build again using their own staff. Donations to Amor will be used to build houses for those in need in Mexico as well as to support their five food banks.

GAIA (Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance)



GAIA works in impoverished Malawian villages, to provide basic health services in communities affected by HIV, AIDS, TB, and malaria. COVID response teams operating from GAIA's Mobile Health Clinics educate rural communities on hygiene, social distancing, and other pandemic prevention steps. Donations to GAIA will be used toward community health programs including HIV testing and education, nursing education, and mobile health clinics.

More Global Ministries



MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)



In times of disaster, MAF's large fleet of planes and helicopters transport aid workers, medical teams, missionaries, food, and supplies to some of the hardest hit

and remotest areas of the world. Their work was needed more than ever as COVID spread in the world. Donations to MAF will be dedicated to MAF's "Medical Assistance and Health Care Fund".

World Vision



World Vision is a global Christian organization that improves the lives of children through child sponsorships which support education, community, and health initiatives. COVID relief programs help protect vulnerable children from hunger, violence, and neglect by providing food

and educational support, and more. Donations will be directed to their "Corona Virus International Response Fund".

Local Ministries



LUEC (Latinos Unidos en Cristo)



Latinos Unidos en Cristo (LUEC) is one of Trinity’s longest-running ministry partners. This small, mostly Hispanic, church in San Mateo and their companion church, First Brazilian Presbyterian (IBP), have been hit hard by the pandemic and its subsequent economic slowdown. LUEC’s Food Bank provides needed groceries to their congregation, IBP, San Mateo County residents, and three East Bay Hispanic congregations each week – about 900 people. To support those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity, donations will be used to purchase food for LUEC’s Food Bank.

Puente Ministries



For 20 years, Puente Ministries has been serving farm workers and low-income families on the San Mateo coast. Their “safety net” approach includes food distribution, financial assistance to pay rent & utilities, immigration/legal services, adult education, and other programs. Dealing with both COVID, and the CZU wildfire evacuations this year, Puente’s need for services doubled, and the holidays are upon us. Additionally, undocumented immigrants and mixed-status families were excluded from the CARES Act benefits. To support struggling farm workers and low-income families, donations will be used to purchase food, provide financial assistance, and sustain ongoing programs.

More Local Ministries



Second Harvest Food Bank



Second Harvest of Silicon Valley is committed to doing whatever it takes to build a hunger-free community. In a time of prolonged uncertainty, they continue to provide regular access to nutritious food. Since the pandemic began, Second Harvest has been providing food to about 500,000 people every month - double the amount they served before the pandemic. To support those experiencing food insecurity, donations will be used to purchase food which will be distributed through Second Harvest's 310 nonprofit partner agencies and their Food Connection program.

Siena Youth Center



The Siena Youth Center is positively impacting the lives of at-risk, low-income Redwood City youth by promoting them, even during the pandemic, to live healthy and active lifestyles and to create lifelong friendships and mentorships. Under the umbrella of St. Francis Center, Siena provides an after-school safe place with both Zoom and in-person hybrid academic enrichment, tutoring, physical activities, and leadership training. During the pandemic, Siena's after-school program charge is being waived. To support these youth, donations will be used to cover staff expenses, in-person co-hort supplies, sanitizing supplies, and Siena's youth leadership programs.



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