

Alternative Gift Opportunity 2025



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30 December 7 December 14



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 to which you can donate. For each donation, you will receive a card to give as a Christmas gift. It explains the organization and says that you have given a donation in the recipient's honor.

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 I order?

Visit the AGO table in Fellowship Hall on Nov 30, Dec 7, and Dec 14 to fill out your order form, make a donation of any amount (give us a check, use Zelle, or use your credit card – a 3% credit card fee will be added), and pick up your cards.

If you are not coming to the sanctuary to worship, just go to Trinity's website and click on AGO to find the order form. Fill it out online and print it. Then mail it to Trinity or email a picture of it to debbybrown@comcast.net. You can make your donation by mailing a check, using Zelle (to giving@trinity-pres.org and note AGO) or paying with a credit card on Trinity's website (a 3% credit card fee will be added). We will contact you about getting you your cards.

Global Ministries



Mark Stoscher (in Albania)



Crossroads (Mark Stoscher, Erseka, Albania) includes a flourishing church, Torchbearers Bible School, Summer Camps for nearly two thousand at-risk and disabled youth from all over Albania, the Foleza program for at-risk children in the local community, and the House of

Hope residential program for ten children who live with the Stoschers. A donation to the Stoscher family will support all of these programs.

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. 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. Donations to MAF will be dedicated to where MAF needs it most.

Village Enterprise



Village Enterprise works to end extreme poverty in rural Africa through entrepreneurship and innovation. Their one-year graduation programs provide entrepreneurs with seed money, training, and ongoing mentoring. Entrepreneurs are

organized into business savings groups that provide savings and build capital. Your donations will be used to support these programs.

Local Ministries



Siena Youth Center



Siena Youth Center, under the umbrella of St. Francis Center, focuses on economically disadvantaged youth in the Redwood City area. Through their after school programs, summer camps, and special projects they promote young people to live a healthy and active lifestyle, promote education, and teach them how to find their voice and engage in their community. The center provides a safe place with academic enrichment, tutoring, sports, leadership training, and field trips. Donations will be used to support these activities.

Street Life Ministries



Five nights a week, Street Life Ministries provides hot meals and hope to many who are living on the streets in Redwood City, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto. They also provide clothing, sleeping bags, and most of all, LOVE. Street Life Ministries works to get people off the street and into rehabilitation and permanent housing. They are currently creating a Christian residential substance abuse center. Donations will be used to support Street Life in its work.

More Local Ministries



St. Francis Center



St. Francis Center is located in Redwood City. To meet the needs of the working poor in this area, St. Francis Center provides education to both children and adults, housing, groceries, clothing, along with other needed services. To support very low-income families, donations will be used to support the center's programs, so families have what they need to live with dignity.

Hope House



For 35 years, Hope House has been helping women who suffer from substance abuse. As a residential treatment program, Hope House can serve up to 16 women. Four beds are reserved for pregnant women so their children can be born healthy and drug free. To support these at-risk women, donations will fund counseling, continuing education, job skills and parenting classes, on-site 12 Step meetings, and more, while teaching the women valuable skills for living healthy, clean, and sober lives.



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