

Christmas Joy Offering

San Marino Community Church receives the annual **Christmas Joy** offering in December. The offering, which dates back to the 1930s, provides gifts to Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and retirement communities. SMCC's offering supports Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena, Westminster Gardens in Duarte, and Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM.



Monte Vista Grove Homes is a residential Christian ministry dedicated to meeting the needs of qualified retirees of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

It seeks to support its residents within the context of a caring, Christian community that assists in meeting their spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs and interests. Their Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, and recently completed Memory Care Residence are open to the greater community.

Monte Vista Grove Homes is committed to being a leading multi-level retirement community in a faithful expression of Christian love towards its residents. Monte Vista Grove Homes seeks to provide superior facilities and services for older adult living, to reflect the inclusive nature of God's grace in an ethnically and economically diverse community; to expand facilities and services to meet present, future and changing needs, to exercise wise stewardship of resources and to serve as a welcoming community that fosters abundant life. Residents, trustees and staff contribute their various gifts with a sense of social responsibility to the larger community and to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Monte Vista Grove Homes strives for excellence in all things for the well being of the residents and to the glory of God. Visit MVGH.org for more information.



Westminster Gardens is a retirement community in Duarte, CA

established in 1951 by a forward-looking gift of \$1,000,000 by

Mr. Frank Shu. Mr. Shu's gift was offered as a way to provide retirement housing for retired ministers and missionaries and their spouses. With the assistance of Mrs. William C. Booth, that dream became a reality.



Various agencies have managed Westminster Gardens over the years. They are currently part of HumanGood, which serves nearly 10,000 residents in 80 communities across California, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, and Idaho.

Westminster Gardens' mission is "to redefine the meaning of aging well for adults 55 and older." The products and services offered are designed to support residents and their families in the pursuit of an active, purposeful life and to support people in their aspiration to live useful, engaged, and stimulated lives.



Menaul School is an independent college prep institution that educates students from around the globe. Located in the heart of urban Albuquerque on Menaul Boulevard and Broadway, the almost 120-year-old school serves 185 New Mexico and international students from 18 countries.

Some of the international students are children of genocide survivors in Rwanda; others are from across Africa, Asia, China, Scandinavia, and Latin America. Many board at the school; some are exchange students living with Albuquerque families, and others live with family members.

Spanning grades 6 through 12, Menaul School provides small classes, supportive staff, involved parents, and the teaching of committed values. The school has a graduation rate of 99 percent and 98 percent of graduates attend college – with between 70 and 80 percent completing college.

Menaul School was founded in 1896 as a Presbyterian mission boarding school for Spanish-speaking boys, primarily those from northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, although its roots go back to 1881. The Rev. James A. Menaul implemented the vision of a Presbyterian mission school in Albuquerque. The first class graduated in 1906. In 1934, Menaul School became co-educational. The school offers arts and athletics programs, as well as emphasizing community involvement and hands-on learning expeditions. In addition to the Albuquerque campus, Menaul School operates two schools in China.

Visit www.menaulschool.org for more information.

