



Piedmont Community Church

Alternative Gift Market



Make a Real Difference in the World This Christmas



2017 CATALOG

MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER



"Inevitably, an individual is measured by his or her largest concerns."
— Norman Cousins

Dear Members and Friends of Piedmont Community Church,

The words above echo the call of Jesus for those of us who follow him to expand the circle of our concerns. The Alternative Gift Market gives us the opportunity to care for more than just our family and friends at Christmas. In fact, the gifts in this catalog will reach around the world to bring life-giving aid to people who are in desperate need.

In the past fourteen years, Piedmont Community Church has raised more than \$750,000 through the Alternative Gift Market. Why? Because the gifts provide incredible value and your dollar goes so far.

- For the price of an iPad, you can buy a protected well that gives clean water to a village of 300.
- For the cost of dinner and a movie, you can restore sight to a blind person.
- For the price of a few cups of Peets coffee you can provide an equal number of meals for a homeless family in Oakland.

This catalog gives you the opportunity to make a real difference in the world this Christmas. May God bless you as you seek to follow Christ's example of caring and sharing during this season's celebration of his birth.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb, Senior Minister

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS



SUPPORT ORPHANS IN MALAWI

ORPHAN FEEDING CENTER IN MALAWI - For more than a decade, PCC has been working with our friends and partners in the East African nation of Malawi to help the most vulnerable, especially widows and orphans.

- \$10** Provides food for one child for one week
- \$50** Provides food for one child for one month



SUPPLIES FOR BLIND CHILDREN IN MALAWI, AFRICA

CHILANGA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, MALAWI - To be a blind orphan is devastating, but albino children are especially vulnerable in Africa. They are ostracized, and sometimes killed since, according to folklore, their skin has magical power. The Chilanga School for the Blind provides shelter, food and education to blind children in Malawi.

- \$10** Sunscreen for albino children
- \$50** Rice for the whole school for one week



HELP A REFUGEE FAMILY IN THE BAY AREA

PCC REFUGEE TASK FORCE - Because refugees flee their homelands, they often arrive with few possessions and are in need of basic goods to set up their first home in America. For their apartment, they need essential furniture, household furnishings from pots and pans to bedroom linens, initial supply of personal care products, household cleaning supplies, school supplies and more.

- \$35** Provides initial supplies of food, clothing, and communication
- \$75** Provides assistance for rent utilities, and transportation

GLOBAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



RESCUE SLAVERY VICTIMS

PCC Mission Partner - INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM) is the largest anti-slavery organization in the world. Teams of investigators, lawyers and social workers work to rescue victims, restore survivors, bring criminals to justice and strengthen systems.

- \$13** Share of package for a rescued family; clothing, food, tools, and blankets (complete package, \$130)
- \$63** Share of a slavery rescue operation (entire operation costs \$6,300)



BUILD PROTECTED WELLS

PCC Mission Partner - MARION MEDICAL MISSION - Builds protected wells in villages throughout Malawi, Zambia and Tanzania, providing access to clean drinking water. This is a crucial resource, promoting health and hygiene and shortening the distance families must travel to get water.

- \$40** Buys a share of a well
- \$400** Installs a whole protected well for a village of 150 people



SUPPORT MEDICAL CARE IN MALAWI, AFRICA

PCC Mission Partner - MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION MBF has established and maintains several hospitals in Malawi, one of the world's poorest countries. Your gifts can fund 1) a major upgrade of the sanitation system for Embangweni Hospital and; 2) ongoing work of Dr. Martha Sommers at Nkhoma Hospital.

- \$15** Pays for medical supplies at Nkhoma Hospital, supporting Dr. Martha Sommers
- \$50** Pays for 20% of needed tools for project at Embangweni Hospital



HEALTH CARE FOR THE WORLD'S POOREST

PCC Mission Partner - **PARTNERS IN HEALTH** - Established nearly 30 years ago by Dr. Paul Farmer in the mountains of Haiti, HIH provides quality health care and assistance to some of the poorest communities in 10 countries around the world, including Haiti, Malawi, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Navajo Nations.

\$10 Buys a set of agricultural tools
\$30 Provides a collection of child vaccines



PREVENT BLINDNESS

PCC Mission Partner - **SEVA FOUNDATION** - For 35 years the Seva Foundation has worked to prevent blindness in 15 nations in Asia and the Americas.

\$25 Improve Access to Eye Care for children in India
\$50 Provide cataract surgery to restore sight for children in India



CREATE SMALL BUSINESSES TO LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY

PCC Mission Partner - **VILLAGE ENTERPRISE** - Since 1987, Village Enterprise has developed and refined its innovative “Graduation model” out of extreme poverty, combining training and ongoing mentoring, seed-capital grants, and a savings program to create small, sustainable rural businesses in East Africa. More than 80% of participants are women.

\$25 Lifts one person out of extreme poverty
\$75 Provides one year of training and mentoring for a small business



ATTACK POVERTY AND INJUSTICE

PCC Mission Partner - **WORLD VISION** - Since the end of World War II, World Vision has been one of the leading Christian agencies sponsoring children in poor countries and tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

\$25 Provides 2 chickens to a family struggling with poverty and hunger
\$75 Provides a goat to a family

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
Chilanga Blind School			
Sunscreen for albino children	\$ 10		
Rice for whole school, 1 week	\$ 50		
Orphan Feeding, Malawi			
Food for one child, one week	\$ 10		
Food for one child, 1 month	\$ 50		
Refugee Task Force			
Initial supplies of food, clothing and communication	\$ 35		
Rent, utilities, transport	\$ 75		
International Justice			
Share of package for rescued family (<i>complete cost = \$130</i>)	\$13		
Share of slavery rescue operation (<i>entire cost \$6300</i>)	\$63		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of a protected well	\$ 40		
. Installs whole protected well	\$ 400		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Medical supplies at Nkhoma	\$ 15		
Sanitation system at Embangweni	\$ 50		
Partners in Health			
Agricultural Tools, Haiti	\$ 10		
Collection of child vaccines, Africa	\$ 30		
SEVA Foundation			
Improve access to eye care	\$ 25		
Cataract surgery	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Grant for a small business startup	\$ 25		
1 year training for small business	\$ 75		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
World Vision			
2 Chickens for a family	\$ 25		
Goat for a family	\$ 75		
CityTeam, Oakland			
5 meals for a homeless person	\$ 10		
Food box for a family	\$ 40		
Faith Network			
Dr. Seuss book for a child	\$ 5		
Phonic Practice Kit	\$ 15		
First Place for Youth			
School supplies for a youth	\$ 20		
Household items for 1st home	\$ 50		
Habitat for Humanity			
Paints a child's room	\$ 30		
Child's bedroom door	\$ 50		
Grateful Gatherings			
Toys or books for a child	\$ 20		
Provides a bed for a family	\$ 200		
George Mark Children's House			
Diapers and wipes for a week	\$ 25		
"Memory Making" supplies	\$ 250		
Destiny Arts Center			
Pays for a performance class	\$ 20		
Enables a child to go to camp	\$ 50		
Warriors Canine			
Buys a service dog vest	\$25		
6 Months medication for a dog	\$50		
Donation Total			

PAYMENT FORM

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Gift Total _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

(MINIMUM \$100 FOR CREDIT CARD CHARGE):

☐ Check Number _____

☐ Cash

☐ Visa or MasterCard

Name on Card _____

Billing address (if different from above)

Card number _____

Expiration date _____ 3-digit security code _____

DEDICATION FOR MALAWI SHALLOW WELL:

Given in **memory** / **honor** (circle one) of:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Do not share my information with Donor Agencies

Return with check payable to:

Piedmont Community Church
400 Highland Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

A small amount of money donated here can go a long way toward helping people around the world and here at home. Your gifts will literally change the world. It's simple – instead of buying another present this year, select a donation from the catalog as a gift to be given in someone's honor. When you purchase this gift, you will receive a descriptive insert that you can place in a card, letting the person know what you have purchased in their name.

WHO GETS THE DONATION?

100% of the monies collected for this program will be donated to the specific causes you have selected. If you know of someone outside Piedmont Community Church who would be interested in purchasing these gifts of hope for their friends or loved ones, feel free to give them a catalog. Pass on the joy of making a difference in the world.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

You can look through this catalog and mail in the attached order form, check out the catalog on our web site at www.piedmontchurch.org and order online or attend one of the planned Gift Market Fairs during the upcoming Christmas season. If you mail us your order or order on-line, your inserts will be mailed to you directly.

Cash, checks, VISA and MasterCard (\$100 minimum for credit cards) are accepted.

If you would like to attend the Gift Markets in person, they will be held **Sunday December 3, December 10 and December 17** following the **9 am and 10:30 am** services at Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Ave, Piedmont, CA

PURCHASE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

Visit PiedmontChurch.org and click on the link "Purchase AGM Gifts"

GIVE THE WORLD A GIFT THIS YEAR. MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OAKLAND'S POOR AND HOMELESS

PCC Mission Partner - CITYTEAM, OAKLAND - Located in downtown Oakland, Cityteam is a Christian mission providing shelter, meals, and many educational and vocational programs to help the city's poor, hopeless & homeless.

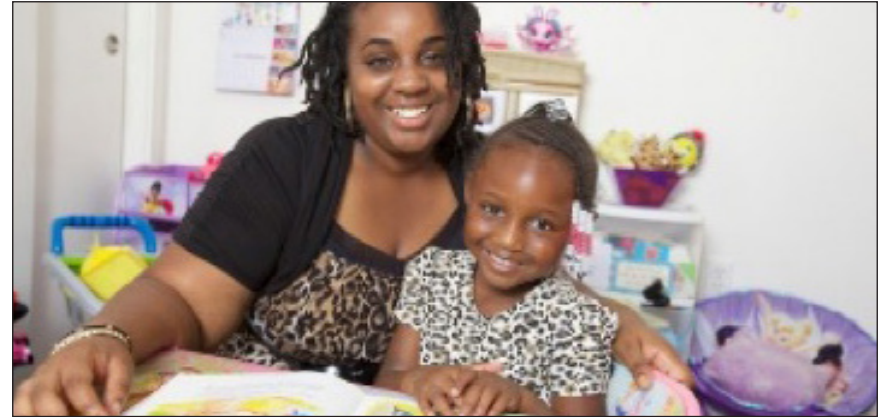
- \$10** Provides 5 meals for a homeless adult or child
- \$40** Provides a food box for a family



SUPPORT OAKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

PCC Mission Partner - FAITH NETWORK is a dynamic collaboration of Christian ministries, community-based organizations, individuals, businesses, educators and civic leaders mobilized to improve the whole health of children and families of the East Bay. PCC volunteers have served for more than 8 years with East Oakland Pride (formerly Webster Academy) in East Oakland.

- \$5** Buys a Dr. Seuss book for use in reading clinics
- \$15** Provides a "Phonic Practice Kit" for new readers



HELP FOSTER KIDS TRANSITION TO LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

PCC Mission Partner - FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH is an innovative housing program, head-quartered in Oakland, that supports young adults as they transition from foster care to independent living. First Place guides young people who don't have family support to find a safe place to live, get a first job and stay in school.

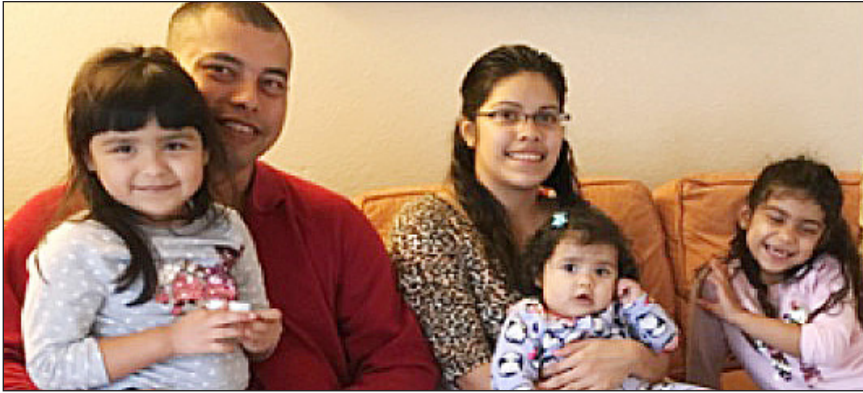
- \$20** Provides school supplies so youth are prepared for class
- \$50** Helps foster youth with household items for their first apartment



BUILD HOMES & FINANCIAL STABILITY

PCC Mission Partner - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST BAY/SILICON VALLEY builds strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homes. Provide a family struggling in the Bay Area with the opportunity for homebuyer and credit counseling, critical home repairs for seniors and those with disabilities, or the opportunity to build and purchase their own affordable home.

- \$30** paints a child's room
- \$50** provides a child's bedroom door



HELP FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

PCC Mission Partner - GRATEFUL GATHERINGS is a community-based effort to help families moving from homelessness into a new life. Once they get a place to live, they rarely have anything to put in it. No bed, furniture, kitchen needs, linens or even toys for the kids. With a host of volunteers, we collect what they need, deliver it and set it all up to create a warm, safe, equipped place to call home

- \$20** Provides a toy or book for a boy or girl in their new home
- \$200** Provides a bed for a family member sleeping on the floor



PROVIDE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

PCC Mission Partner - GEORGE MARK CHILDREN'S HOUSE was founded in 2004 and is located in San Leandro. George Mark Children's House is a leader and model for pediatric palliative care. GMCH focuses on quality of life and continuity of care for children with illnesses that modern healthcare cannot yet cure, or for those who have chronic medical conditions.

- \$25** Covers cost of diapers and wipes for patients for a week
- \$250** Provides "Memory Making" supplies for one month



FOSTER SAFETY AND PEACEFUL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

PCC Mission Partner - DESTINY ARTS CENTER inspires and ignites social change through the arts by providing young people with inclusive spaces for self-discovery, expression, and connection. In our North Oakland studios, at school and community partner sites and on stages throughout the Bay Area, young people are taught mastery of movement arts, conflict resolution and how to be advocates for peace towards the goal of becoming confident and honorable citizens and leaders.

- \$20** Enables a youth to take a performance class
- \$50** Enables a youth to participate in Summer Camp



CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

PCC Mission Partner - WARRIORS CANINE CONNECTION is a pioneering organization that utilizes clinically based Canine Connection Therapy to help wounded Warriors reconnect with life, their families, their communities, and each other.

- \$25** Buys a service dog vest and a leash
- \$50** Buys six months of flea medication for one dog



Thank You

Piedmont Church is a vibrant faith community dedicated to service. Your gift helps to alleviate the daily struggles of those in the Bay Area and abroad. We are grateful for your support and welcome you to participate in worship and fellowship each Sunday at 9 and 10:30 am.



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