



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH



2019 Alternative *Make a difference in the world this Christmas* Gift Market



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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 stop buying more of what we have enough of and 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 15 years, Piedmont Community Church has raised more than \$800,000 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 shallow 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,

Dr. William H. McNabb, Senior Minister



SUPPORT ORPHANS IN MALAWI

KAFITA FOOD BANK & BENEVOLENCE FUND - On a weekly basis, there are as many as 100 families that attend Kafita - or live in the surrounding villages - that go without food and basic necessities. This fund provides them with life-sustaining food.

\$10 Provides food for one child for one week

\$40 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

GLOBAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



RESCUE SLAVERY VICTIMS

Piedmont Church 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.

\$19 Share of package for a rescued family; clothing, food, tools and blankets (complete package, \$190)

\$60 Share of thatched home for rescued family (\$120 to build entire



BUILD PROTECTED WELLS

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **MARION MEDICAL MISSION** - Builds protected wells in villages throughout rural Africa, 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. Note: Photo above is of a well installed in 2001, but taken this year, 2019 - a tribute to the sustainability of the well program.

\$45 Buys a share of a protected well

\$450 Installs a whole protected shallow well for a village



SUPPORT MEDICAL CARE IN MALAWI, HAITI

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION (MBF)** is committed to improving medical care around the world. In Malawi, MBF strives to manage chronic illnesses, prevent blindness and reduce the mortality rates for mothers and their babies. In Haiti, there are only 11 nurses for every 100,000 people. MBF educates nurses so that they can practice health care within their own home communities, fulfilling the desperate need for health care throughout all of Haiti.

\$25 Medical supplies at Nkhoma Hospital - Malawi
\$25 Train nurses at Ste Croix Hospital (\$250 total) - Haiti



PREVENT BLINDNESS

Piedmont Church Mission Partner – **SEVA FOUNDATION**. Since 1978, Seva has provided sight-saving surgeries, eyeglasses, medicine, and other eye care services to more than 40 million people in underserved communities. You can free someone from blindness for only \$50.

\$25 Chance to see, glasses and meds
\$50 The Gift of Sight: Restore Sight to Person Who is Blind



CREATE SMALL BUSINESSES TO LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **VILLAGE ENTERPRISE** - By combining group-based business creation, financial literacy training, ongoing mentoring and access to savings groups, Village Enterprise provides participants with a sustainable path out of extreme poverty. Our entrepreneurs, 76% of them women, are able to provide better nutrition for their families, send their children to school, build household savings for the first time and improve their living conditions.

\$35 Lifts one person out of extreme poverty

\$100 Provides 1 year of training and mentoring for a small business



ATTACK POVERTY AND INJUSTICE

Piedmont Church 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 supply eggs for a family

\$85 Provides 1 goat to a family to supply nourishing milk

LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



FIELD TRIP SPONSOR

Give a **HARBOR HOUSE** child or teen an experience they will never forget. This gift will allow youth to go on exciting excursions in the community that they otherwise would be unable to afford, including museums, parks, pools, zoos and amusement parks. These trips are vital in the healthy development of our youth, sparking their imaginations and developing their self-confidence. Harbor House Ministries serves families in the San Antonio neighborhood of Oakland, CA.

\$10 Send a child on an adventure-filled trip

\$50 Send a small group of students on an excursion



HELP A CHILD RISE ABOVE POVERTY & EDUCATIONAL INEQUITY

Piedmont Church Mission Partner – **CHILDREN RISING** (formerly Faith Network) is an Oakland nonprofit partnering with severely under resourced Oakland public schools to provide life changing, one-on-one reading and math tutoring for 2nd grade children not able to read or count - and struggling to not fall further behind in school. Church volunteers have tutored these children for more than 13 years at various elementary schools in Oakland.

\$25 Reading for Success word building kit, hands-on phonics tools

\$30 Path2Math tutoring kit of engaging workbooks, tools

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, one month	\$ 40		
Harbor House			
Send a child on an adventure-filled trip	\$ 10		
Small group excursion	\$ 50		
International Justice			
Share of package for rescued family (<i>complete cost = \$190</i>)	\$19		
Share of <i>thatched home</i> (\$120 to build entire home)	\$60		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of a protected well	\$ 45		
Installs whole protected well	\$ 450		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Medical supplies, Malawi	\$ 25		
Nurse training seminar, Haiti	\$ 25		
New Day for Children			
School supplies	\$ 25		
One hour of therapy for rescued girl	\$ 50		
SEVA Foundation			
Chance to see, glasses and meds	\$ 25		
Restore sight to a blind person	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Lifts one person out of poverty	\$ 35		
1 year training for small business	\$ 100		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
World Vision			
2 Chickens for a family	\$ 25		
Goat for a family	\$ 85		
CityTeam, Oakland			
5 meals for a homeless person	\$ 10		
Food box for a family	\$ 40		
Children Rising			
Reading for Success kit	\$ 25		
Path2Math tutoring kit	\$ 30		
First Place for Youth			
School supplies for a youth	\$ 25		
Household items for first home	\$ 75		
Habitat for Humanity			
Paints a child's room	\$ 30		
Child's bedroom door	\$ 50		
Grateful Gatherings			
Books and toys for children	\$ 25		
Share of bed (\$300 full set)	\$ 60		
George Mark Children's House			
Books for children's library	\$ 25		
Therapeutic toys	\$ 50		
Destiny Arts Center			
Pays for a performance class	\$ 20		
Dance class in Oakland School	\$ 50		
Warriors Canine			
Buys a service dog collar, leash	\$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 PROTECTED WELL:

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Donation to offset the AGM printing costs or costs associated with credit card fees \$ _____

☐ **Do not share my information with Donor Agencies**

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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 into a card to let 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 peruse this catalog and mail in the attached order form, check out the catalog on our web site at PiedmontChurch.org/AGM and order online or place your order in person after a church service during the upcoming Holiday season. If you mail us your order or order online, your inserts will be mailed to you directly.

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

To place your order in person, you may attend the Gift Market Fair with agency representatives on **Sunday December 15**, following the 9 am and 10:30 am services.

Alternatively, an AGM information table for order placement will be available on **Sunday December 8 and 22** following church services.

PURCHASE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

PiedmontChurch.org/AGM

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

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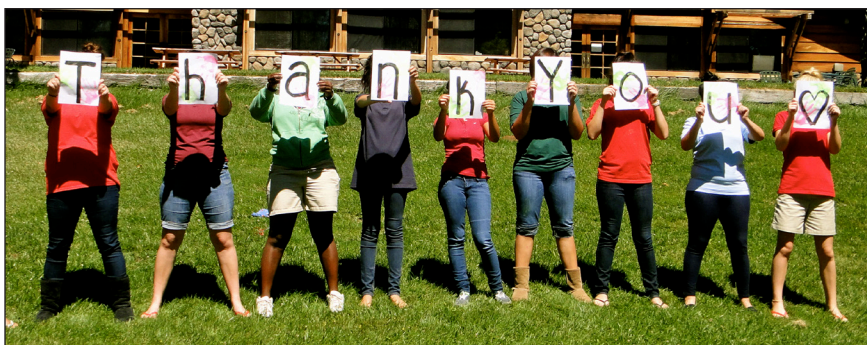


IGNITE HOPE FOR OAKLAND'S HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **CITYTEAM, OAKLAND** - CityTeam Oakland shares Christ's unconditional and redemptive love by caring for immediate needs and enabling lasting solutions for families struggling with food insecurity, lack of stable shelter, and addiction.

\$10 Provides 5 meals for a homeless adult or child

\$40 Provides a food box for a family



NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN** is a faith-based 501(c)(3) working to provide hope and help to families of sex trafficked children in the Bay Area. Hope is given as they learn they are not alone and that there is a safe haven. New Day provides the financial and community support needed for care and healing. We work with law enforcement, other faith based and community organizations and families to support the needs of American girls, ages 10 to 18, suffering from the trauma of human trafficking.

\$25 Encourage her education with school supplies

\$50 One hour of therapy for a rescued girl with a therapist who specializes in PTSD and sexual trauma



HELP FOSTER KIDS TRANSITION TO LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH** helps foster youth build the skills they need to make a successful transition to self-sufficiency and responsible adulthood. We provide housing and education and employment support in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Contra Costa and Solano Counties.

\$25 School supplies so youth are prepared for class

\$75 Household items for first apartment



BUILD HOMES & FINANCIAL STABILITY

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, EAST BAY/ SILICON VALLEY** builds strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homes. Provide a family 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 Provides paint for a child's bedroom

\$50 Provides door for child's bedroom



HELP FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Piedmont Church 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 up, creating a warm, safe, equipped place to call home.

\$25 Provides books and other educational toys for children

\$60 Provides a share of new bed set for family (1 bed set \$300)



PROVIDE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **GEORGE MARK CHILDREN'S HOUSE**, founded in 2004 and located in San Leandro, is the first pediatric palliative care home in the U.S. George Mark 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, in our beautiful homelike setting.

\$25 Provides books for our children's library

\$50 Provides therapeutic toys



FOSTER SAFETY AND PEACEFUL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **DESTINY ARTS CENTER** inspires and ignites social change through the arts, helping 2,600 Oakland youth annually become peaceful, powerful and creative. At our N. Oakland studios, at school and community partner sites and on stages throughout the Bay Area, Destiny Arts Center teaches mastery of movement arts, conflict resolution and how to be advocates for peace since 1988. Destiny moves at the intersection of the arts, civic engagement and social change.

\$20 Dance class at our N. Oakland center for a low income youth

\$50 Dance class for 30 youth in a low-income Oakland school



CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

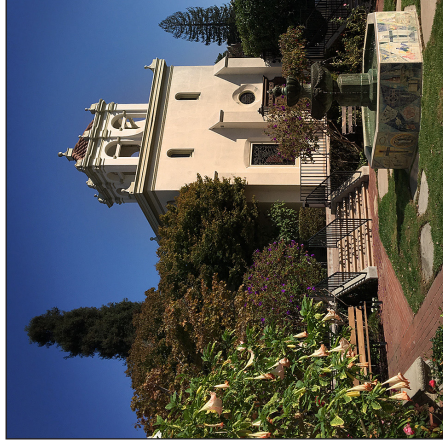
Piedmont Church Mission Partner - **WARRIORS CANINE CONNECTION** is a pioneering organization that utilizes clinically based Canine Connection Therapy to help wounded Warriors reconnect with life, their families, their communities, and each other.

\$25 Buys a service dog collar and a leash

\$50 Buys six months of flea medication for one dog



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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.

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