



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2022 Alternative Gift Market

Make a real difference in the world this Christmas

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

To learn more about each organization, consider attending the in-person Piedmont Community Church 2022 Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, December 11 from 11am – 12 noon, 400 Highland Avenue.

For 19 years, the Alternative Gift Market has given our community a chance to reach out and help people in desperate need.

It's a tangible way to remember the reason for the season - to honor the precious gift of Jesus by giving of ourselves to others.



Over the years, Piedmont Community Church has raised approximately \$950,000 through the AGM. We do it because the gifts we give make a difference in people's lives.

And they truly keep on giving. For example:

- For the cost of a trip to a day spa, you could provide a bed for a newly housed family through Grateful Gatherings.
- For the cost of a pair of sunglasses, you could pay for surgery to give sight to a blind person through the Seva Foundation.
- For the price of a bottle of wine, you could make sure kids get a week's supply of rice at the Chilanga School for the Blind in Malawi.

The AGM lets you make a real difference in the world this Christmas.

So, I invite you to participate in the AGM this year. Do what you can to bring light and life this Christmas, to our community and to our world.

Peace,

Dr. Don Ashburn
Associate Pastor, Mission



To purchase gifts directly online, scan this code with your mobile phone or tablet, or visit PiedmontChurch.org/AGM

PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS



SUPPORT MALAWI FEEDING PROGRAM

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.

- \$25 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 children with albinism 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 children with albinism**
- \$50 Rice for the whole school for one week**

GLOBAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



RESCUE SLAVERY VICTIMS

Mission Partner - **INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM)**

IJM's mission is to protect people in poverty from violence by rescuing victims, bringing criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety and strength, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts. One of the best ways to bring back the childlike spirit of rescued kids is with games like soccer. By providing toys and soccer balls, you can help them reclaim their childhood.

\$25 Soccer balls and toys for rescued children

\$75 Fund slavery rescue operation



BUILD PROTECTED WELLS

Mission Partner - **MARION MEDICAL MISSION** builds protected wells in rural villages covering roughly 60,000 square miles in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania, providing a sustainable source of safe drinking water. These wells mean children no longer die from waterborne diseases and the people are healthier and able to work longer in their fields, producing more food meaning less starvation.

\$45 Share of protected well

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



SUPPORT MEDICAL CARE IN MALAWI AND HAITI

Mission Partner - **MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION**

Nkhoma Mission Hospital is the largest of the five hospitals in Malawi. The hospital is quite busy with over 50,000 patient visits per year including about 720 tiny patients who are treated in the neonatal ward, receiving prenatal and postnatal care. At the Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti, scholarships through MBF help bright students fill the nursing gap, where they commit to two years of service after graduation.

\$25 Maternity care - Malawi

\$50 Train nurses - Haiti



PREVENT BLINDNESS

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 The Chance to See: glasses and medicine

\$50 The Gift of Sight: restore sight to person who is blind



CREATE SMALL BUSINESSES TO LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY

Mission Partner - **VILLAGE ENTERPRISE** has helped lift over 1,240,000 African people out of extreme poverty. By combining group-based business creation, financial literacy training, ongoing mentoring and access to savings groups, our poverty graduation program equips Africans living in extreme poverty with the tools they need to create income-generating, sustainable businesses.

\$40 Lifts one person out of extreme poverty

\$105 One Year training and mentoring for a first-time entrepreneur



ATTACK POVERTY AND INJUSTICE

Mission Partner - **WORLD VISION** is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. A healthy dairy goat can give up to 16 cups of milk a day. Goats also flourish in harsh climates while producing valuable manure to fertilize crops and vegetable gardens.

\$25 Provides 2 chickens to supply eggs for a family

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

LOCAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT



PROVIDE FOOD FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING FAMILIES

Mission Partner - PRIMERA IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA (Hispanic Presbyterian Church) serves the Spanish-speaking community in East Oakland. Many families have recently lost their jobs and are not eligible, or not able, to collect unemployment or other public assistance. Many of these families live in housing situations that are very crowded, and are fertile grounds for the spread of COVID-19. Once a week, PIPH distributes much needed food to 100 to 150 members and other needy families in the neighborhood.

\$20 Cooking oil, flour, beans

\$50 Food supplies for family



HELP A CHILD RISE ABOVE POVERTY & EDUCATIONAL INEQUITY

Mission Partner - CHILDREN RISING is an Oakland nonprofit partnering with under-resourced Oakland public schools to provide one-on-one reading and math tutoring. Due to COVID, 75-80% of the second-graders in Oakland Unified School District schools we serve are two or more grade levels behind in reading or math. Providing at-home teaching tools and techniques for parents provides the additional resources required to more rapidly build foundational numeracy skills and confidence.

\$25 Student math essentials

\$50 Family literacy learning tool kit

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
Chilanga Blind School			
Sunscreen for children with albinism	\$ 10		
Rice for whole school, 1 week	\$ 50		
MALAWI FEEDING PROGRAM			
Food for one child, one week	\$ 25		
Food for one child, 1 month	\$ 40		
International Justice			
Soccer balls for rescued children	\$ 25		
Slavery rescue operation	\$ 75		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of a protected well	\$ 45		
Installs whole protected well	\$ 450		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Supplies Nkhoma - Malawi	\$ 25		
Nurse training - Haiti	\$ 50		
SEVA Foundation			
Prevent vision loss, glasses, meds	\$ 25		
Restore sight to a blind person	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Lifts one person out of poverty	\$ 40		
One year training for small business	\$ 105		
World Vision			
2 Chickens for a family	\$ 25		
Goat for a family	\$ 85		
PIPH Hispanic Church			
Cooking oil, flour, beans	\$ 20		
Food supplies for family	\$ 50		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
Children Rising			
Student math essentials	\$ 25		
Family literacy tool kit	\$ 50		
CityTeam, Oakland			
6 meals for a homeless person	\$ 15		
Food box for a family	\$ 40		
New Day For Children			
Tutoring 1 hour	\$ 25		
Trauma informed therapy	\$ 50		
First Place for Youth			
School supplies for a youth	\$ 25		
Household items for 1st home	\$ 75		
Mosaic Project			
Youth leadership	\$ 25		
Outdoor program	\$ 40		
Grateful Gatherings			
Kitchen supplies	\$ 25		
Share of bed for family	\$ 75		
George Mark Children's House			
One meal family of four	\$ 25		
PPE for nurses 1 day	\$ 50		
Destiny Arts Center			
Movement arts class	\$ 25		
Professional Development	\$ 50		
Warriors Canine			
Buys a service dog collar, leash	\$ 25		
Vaccinations for service dog	\$ 50		
Donation Total			

PAYMENT FORM

YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

Gift Total _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

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

Return with check payable to:

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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 are accepted.

To place your order in person, you may attend the Gift Market Fair with agency representatives on **Sunday December 11**, following the 10am worship service.

Alternatively, an AGM information table for order placement will be available on **Sunday December 4 and 18** following worship.

PURCHASE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

PiedmontChurch.org/AGM

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

For more information contact:

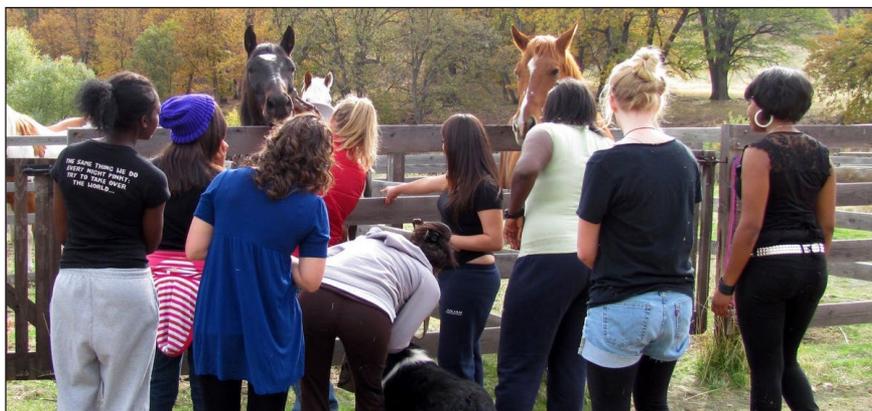
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IGNITE HOPE FOR OAKLAND'S HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

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.

- \$15 Provides 6 meals**
- \$40 Provides a food box for a family**



NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN

Mission Partner - NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN has worked to provide hope and healing to American children who have been rescued from sex trafficking in the United States. New Day partners with topnotch programs and private placements in 6 different states to care for these recovered kids. To date more than 100 American children have benefitted from this vital care and time to heal.

- \$25 Tutoring - 1 hour**
- \$50 Trauma informed therapy session**



HELP FOSTER KIDS TRANSITION TO LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

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

\$25 School supplies for older foster youth

\$75 Household items for foster youth's first apartment



HELP CHILDREN BUILD A PEACEFUL COMMUNITY

Mission Partner - **MOSAIC PROJECT** works toward a peaceful future by uniting children of diverse backgrounds, providing them with essential community building skills, and empowering them to become peacemakers. Their complementary work with youth and adults not only supports the youngest peacemakers, but also reaches wider communities through schools, community-based organizations, and the workplace.

\$25 Youth leadership

\$40 Outdoor program



HELP FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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.

- \$25 Kitchen supplies**
- \$75 Share of new bed for family**



PROVIDE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

Mission Partner - **GEORGE MARK CHILDREN'S HOUSE** (georgemark.org) focuses on quality of life and continuity of care for children with illnesses that modern health care cannot yet cure, or for those who have complex, chronic medical conditions. We invite you to take our virtual tour at: <https://tinyurl.com/GMCH-Virtual-Tour>

- \$25 One meal for a family of four**
- \$50 PPE for our nurses for one day**



FOSTER SAFETY AND PEACEFUL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Mission Partner - **DESTINY ARTS CENTER** inspires and ignites social change through the arts. Destiny is a community of dedicated teaching artists, mentors, and changemakers, building safe and welcoming spaces for young people to express themselves. We believe in the power of artistic self-expression through movement arts. We help young people find their voices, develop their sense of self and change the world around them. At school and community sites throughout the East Bay and at our North Oakland Center, Destiny serves over 3,800 youth.

- \$25** Subsidize 1-hour movement arts class
- \$50** Professional development session for destiny teaching artist



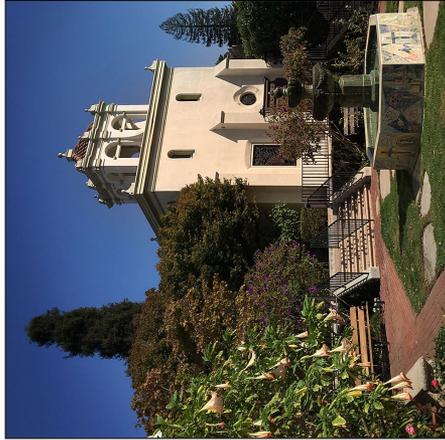
CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

Mission Partner - **WARRIORS CANINE CONNECTION** helps recovering Veterans reconnect with life, their families and community. We enlist Veterans in a therapeutic mission of learning to train service dogs for their fellow Veterans. Your gift brings the healing power of dogs to our Nation's heroes.

- \$25** Collar and leash for future service dog
- \$50** Vaccinations for future service dog

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