



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2023 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 2023 Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, December 10, 11am - 12 noon, 400 Highland Avenue.



This year, 2023, marks the 20th year that Piedmont Church has hosted the Alternative Gift Market (AGM). It's a great opportunity for our community to help people in desperate need - whether they live near or far. And, 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 over a million dollars through the AGM. So, this year, I invite you to give what you can to make a difference in people's lives.

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**



CARE FOR ORPHANS IN MALAWI

CHILDREN OF THE NATIONS provides holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children by caring for them in four main areas: physical health, social welfare, spiritual care, and education. Children's Homes provide well-rounded care for orphaned children. Each home consists of a house mother (or in some cases a set of married house parents) who care for 6 to 12 children with the assistance of house aunts. These homes allow the children to experience all that having a family entails - the love and care of siblings and parents, and the responsibilities that come with running a household.

\$25 Food for children and orphans

\$50 Support orphan children's homes



SUPPORT MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS

GAIA GLOBAL HEALTH is a longtime strategic partner of the Malawi Ministry of Health and is based in Oakland, CA. Seven fully stocked and staffed Mobile Health Clinics provide access to quality health care for 1.2 million rural Malawians living far off the healthcare grid. Their Orphans and Vulnerable Children program provides school support, hygiene supplies, and food supplements for orphan-headed households, enabling them to remain in school, rather than dropping out to work.

\$25 Medical supplies for mobile health clinic

\$50 Orphan and Vulnerable Children program



RESCUE OPERATIONS AND TOYS FOR CHILDREN

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION works 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. Rescue operations can free dozens or hundreds in a single day. 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/toys for rescued children

\$75 Fund slavery rescue operation



BUILD PROTECTED WELLS

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

\$45 Share of a protected well

\$450 Whole protected well



TRAIN NURSES IN MALAWI AND HAITI

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION provides partnership, resources and expertise to expand and improve medical care in developing countries. Nkhoma Mission Hospital is the largest of the five hospitals in Malawi, serving 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



GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Since 1978, **SEVA FOUNDATION** has provided sight-saving surgeries, eyeglasses, medicine, and other eye care services to more than 40 million people in underserved communities. Glasses help children stay in school and help adults maintain their independence, while a 15-minute cataract surgery can restore sight to a person who is blind. Transform a life by giving the gift of sight.

\$25 Chance to see: glasses and medicine
\$50 Restore sight to a blind person



CREATE SMALL BUSINESSES TO LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY

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

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



PROVIDE FOOD FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING FAMILIES

PRIMERA IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA (PIPH) serves the Spanish-speaking community in East Oakland. The church is a vibrant place for the community to celebrate with God, providing fellowship and Growth Groups. Outreach includes English and computer classes offered to the Hispanic community. 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



FEED THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

CITYTEAM OAKLAND has given people experiencing homelessness, poverty, hunger and addiction a chance to find help, hope, and a new life since 1956. They provide essential services 365 days a year including hot meals, fresh groceries, safe emergency shelter, and life-saving programs for those in our community lost in addictive behavior and shame. CityTeam has multiple residential programs serving men, women, and children in need of a helping hand.

- \$15** 6 meals
- \$40** Food box for family

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
Children of the Nations			
Food for children and orphans	\$ 25		
Support orphan children's homes	\$ 50		
GAIA Global Health			
Medical supplies for mobile health clinic	\$ 25		
Orphan and Vulnerable Children program	\$ 50		
International Justice			
Soccer balls/toys for rescued children	\$ 25		
Fund slavery rescue operation	\$ 75		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of a protected well	\$ 45		
Whole protected well	\$ 450		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Maternity care - Malawi	\$ 25		
Train nurses - Haiti	\$ 50		
SEVA Foundation			
Chance to see: glasses and medicine	\$ 25		
Restore sight to a blind person	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Lifts one person out of extreme poverty in rural Africa	\$ 40		
One year training/mentoring for first-time entrepreneur	\$ 105		
World Vision			
Chickens to supply eggs for family	\$ 25		
Goat to supply milk for a family	\$ 85		
PIPH Hispanic Church			
Cooking oil, flour, beans	\$ 20		
Food supplies for family	\$ 50		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
CityTeam Oakland			
6 meals	\$ 15		
Food box for family	\$ 40		
First Place for Youth			
Educational supplies for older foster youth	\$ 25		
Household items for foster youth's first apartment	\$ 75		
George Mark House			
One meal for a family of four	\$ 25		
PPE for our nurses for one day	\$ 50		
Grateful Gatherings			
Kitchen supplies	\$ 25		
Share of bed for family	\$ 75		
Harbor House			
Healthy after-school meals	\$ 25		
Summer camp field trips and excursions	\$ 50		
Mosaic Project			
Youth leadership	\$ 25		
Outdoor program	\$ 50		
New Day for Children			
Tutoring one hour	\$ 20		
Trauma informed therapy	\$ 50		
Prison Fellowship			
Angel Tree Program	\$ 25		
Prison Fellowship Academy	\$ 50		
Warriors Canine			
Collar and leash for future service dog	\$ 25		
Vaccinations for future 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:

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 are accepted.

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

Alternatively, an AGM information table for order placement will be available on **Sunday December 3 and 17** 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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HELP FOSTER KIDS TRANSITION TO LIVING INDEPENDENTLY

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 Educational supplies for older foster youth**
- \$75 Household items for foster youth's first apartment**



PROVIDE PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE

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**

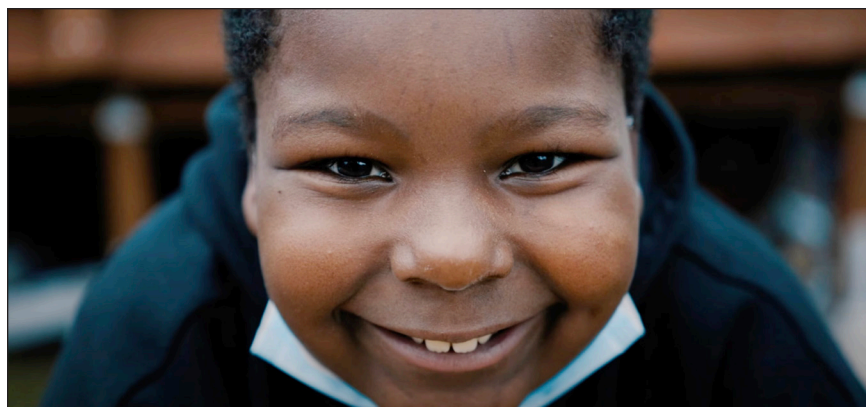


SUPPORT FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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 A SAFE PLACE FOR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

HARBOR HOUSE MINISTRIES is located in the San Antonio neighborhood of Oakland. Their programs of after-school tutoring, youth leadership internships, summer camps, Soul Care groups, and weekly food distribution, nurture the heart, soul, mind and body of the many refugees, immigrants and low-income families living in the community. Harbor House is a safe place for opportunities, resources, and relationships to be shared so that children, teens, and families may flourish.

\$25 Healthy after-school meals

\$50 Summer camp field trips and excursions



OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

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. The Outdoor Program is Mosaic Project's principal program and brings together 4th and 5th grade classes from markedly different communities for a profound weeklong experience in nature. Our evidence-based, social-emotional learning curriculum is designed to address issues of difference, build self-esteem and inspire inclusion.

\$25 Youth leadership
\$50 Outdoor program



HEALING FOR SEX-TRAFFICKED YOUTH

NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN works 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. Your Alternative Gift will help provide: long-term safe housing, education, trauma informed therapy, equine therapy, private tutoring, medical/dental care and more.

\$20 Tutoring one hour
\$50 Trauma informed therapy



GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

PRISON FELLOWSHIP® believes that Jesus Christ heals broken people and systems. Through restorative programming, the cycle of crime and incarceration are replaced with productive futures. They care for prisoners' families and help inmates learn to live as productive and positive contributors to their communities inside and outside of prison. Angel Tree Christmas gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message to their child, delivered by caring, local volunteers, as a tangible representation of their love. Angel Tree Camps enable children to attend summer and sports camps.


\$25 Angel Tree Program
\$50 Prison Fellowship Academy



CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

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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Piedmont Community Church is a vibrant faith community dedicated to service. Your gift helps to alleviate the daily struggles of those in the Bay Area.

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