



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2024 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 2024 Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, December 15, 11am - 12 noon, 400 Highland Avenue.



This year, 2024, marks the 21st 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



SUPPORT MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS

GAIA GLOBAL HEALTH based in Oakland, CA, partners with the Malawi government and local communities to deliver life-saving services to their most vulnerable citizens: women and children, many living far off the healthcare grid. Mobile Health Clinics (MHCs) bring community-based health care to remote, rural regions of Malawi. Each MHC sees 150 patients every day, totaling to over 200,000 clinic visits annually. Services provided at the Mobile Health Clinics include testing and diagnosis of HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis. GAIA has treated 522,000 cases of malaria with nearly half in children under age 5, for whom the infection can be deadly.

\$50 Malaria Treatment Kits for 50 Sick Patients, Malawi
\$100 Mobile Health Clinic Nurse Salary/Benefits, Malawi



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. Send a special package to make them feel safe and secure, including clothing, toys, art materials, hygiene products. IJM teams with local law enforcement in the places we serve to conduct safe, successful rescue operations. This requires training law enforcement in our work and building collaboration.

\$20 Help a Child Survivor Feel Safe
\$75 Train Local Law Enforcement



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.

\$50 Share of a protected well
\$475 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. At the Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti, scholarships through MBF help students fill the nursing gap, where they commit to two years of service after graduation.

\$25 Maternity care - Malawi
\$50 Train nurses - Haiti



PROJECT MERCY - ETHIOPIA

PROJECT MERCY focuses on a rural community in Southern Ethiopia, with the primary goal: "To serve as a living example of Jesus Christ by transforming lives and empowering rural communities." Through improved education, accessible medical and maternity care, training healthcare providers, and enhancing sustainable agriculture to increase crop productivity, Project Mercy enables individuals to eradicate hunger and break the cycle of poverty.

\$25 Feed and Educate Student for 2+ Weeks, Ethiopia
\$100 Improved Jersey Breed Heifer for Family, Ethiopia



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 under-served 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'S mission is to end extreme poverty in rural Africa through entrepreneurship, innovation, and collective action. The organization has trained 274,000 entrepreneurs, started 80,100 businesses, and impacted the lives of over 1,684,400 women, men, and children living across rural Africa. Village Enterprise operates in seven countries across East Africa with offices in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Ethiopia.

- \$50** 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 by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Chickens provide eggs and a source of income for families, and 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



CHILDREN RISING

CHILDREN RISING provides one-on-one tutoring, in-home learning materials, and family support programs help second and third-grade children living in Oakland's lowest-income neighborhoods learn essential reading and math skills. By helping children during this critical two-year period in their lives, they are given the chance they deserve to succeed academically. Today, with over 200 trained tutors and mentors from church congregations and diverse community and business partners, we provide the children a chance to rise to their God-given potential.

- \$25** Hands-on Math and Counting Tools
- \$50** Family Literacy Learning Kit

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
GAIA Global Health-Malawi			
Malaria Treatment Kits for 50	\$ 50		
Mobile Health Clinic Nurse	\$ 75		
International Justice			
Help Child Survivor Feel Safe	\$ 20		
Train Local Law Enforcement	\$ 75		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of Protected Well	\$ 50		
Whole Protected Well	\$ 475		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Maternity Care - Malawi	\$ 25		
Train Nurses - Haiti	\$ 50		
Project Mercy-Ethiopia			
Feed and Educate Student	\$ 25		
Improved Jersey Breed Heifer	\$ 100		
SEVA Foundation			
Chance to See: Gasses and Medicine	\$ 25		
Restore Sight to a Blind Person	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Lift One Person out of Extreme Poverty in Rural Africa	\$ 50		
One Year Training/Mentoring for First-time Entrepreneur	\$ 105		
World Vision			
Chickens to Supply Eggs for Family	\$ 25		
Goat to Supply Milk for Family	\$ 85		
PIPH Hispanic Church			
Cooking Oil, Flour, Beans	\$ 20		
Food Supplies for Family	\$ 50		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
Children-Rising			
Hands-On Math Tools	\$ 25		
Family Literacy Kit	\$ 50		
First Place for Youth			
Educational Supplies for Older Foster Youth	\$ 25		
Household Items for Foster Youth's First Apartment	\$ 75		
George Mark House			
Meal for cancer patient family	\$ 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		
New Day for Children			
Healing with Horses	\$ 50		
Trauma Informed Therapy	\$ 75		
Oakland TRYBE			
Weekly Community BBQ	\$ 25		
Violence Interrupter Community Street Library	\$ 40		
Prison Fellowship			
Angel Tree Christmas and Summer Camps	\$ 25		
Life Skills Classes and Bible Study	\$ 50		
Warriors Canine			
Treats for Service Dog	\$ 25		
Vest 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:

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 15**, following the 10am worship service.

Alternatively, an AGM information table for order placement will be available on **Sunday December 8 and 22** 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 cancer patient and family
- \$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



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 9 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.

- \$50 Healing with Horses**
- \$75 Trauma informed therapy**



OAKLAND TRYBE

OAKLAND TRYBE is a community-based nonprofit rooted in East Oakland. Trybe strengthens youth and families with programming in youth internships and mentorships, age 0-12 enrichment activities, food and basic need distributions, multicultural family events, sports teams, art and wellness programs, job readiness programs, violence interruptors and safety ambassadors, serving over 20,000 community members annually. Help the Violence Interruptor community project program place street community libraries in the neighborhood or Support a weekly community BBQ.

- \$25 Weekly Community BBQ**
- \$40 Violence Interruptor Community Street Library**



GIFTS FOR CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

PRISON FELLOWSHIP® believes that Jesus Christ heals broken people and systems. 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 enables incarcerated parents to provide a Christmas gift and personal message to their child, delivered by caring, local volunteers, as a tangible representation of their love, and Angel Tree Camp enables children to attend summer and sports camp. The Prison Fellowship Academy gives inmates the needed tools to operate back in society through life-skills classes, and intensive Bible study.


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



CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

WARRIORS CANINE CONNECTION provides ADI accredited, skilled Service Dogs to Veterans with physical or psychological combat injuries and their Military families. With your generous gift, you can help bring hope and the healing to more than 1,000 brave American heroes this year.

- \$25 Treats for Service Dog**
- \$50 Vest for 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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