



PIEDMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH

2025 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 2025 Alternative Gift Market on Sunday, December 14, 11am - 12 noon, 400 Highland Avenue.



This year, 2025, marks the 22nd 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 IN RURAL MALAWI

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



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. Children will no longer die from waterborne disease. People are healthier, no longer need to walk great distances for water, able to work longer in their fields to produce more food, with less starvation.

\$50 Share of a Protected Well

\$475 Whole Protected Well



SUPPORT SURGICAL CLINIC IN MALAWI

In Malawi, **MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION** joins hands with church-led hospitals and clinics to share Christ's healing ministry through life-saving surgical care and healthcare training. From building the new Nkhoma Surgical Center to equipping future nurses with the skills to serve, MBF is helping transform lives and strengthen faith across generations. With your donation, you become part of this powerful mission. Health checkups for patients at the surgical clinic ensure ongoing care and early detection of health concerns. Essential lab screenings help manage chronic conditions and identify new ones before they become life-threatening.

\$40 Healthy Checkups at Surgical Center
\$140 Essential Lab Screenings



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 envisions an African continent forever free of extreme poverty. By equipping the most vulnerable women, refugees, and young people in rural Africa to start life-changing small businesses, they are given the tools to thrive. The organization has trained 373,986 entrepreneurs, started 118,537 businesses, and transformed 2.3 million lives! Entrepreneurship can end extreme poverty—for good.

\$60 Lifts One Person out of Extreme Poverty
\$200 Launch One Business with Start-Up Cash



INSPIRE LASTING CHANGE IN PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

WORLD NEIGHBORS is an international development organization that works to alleviate hunger, poverty, and disease in the most isolated rural villages in Asia, Africa and Latin America. They invest in people and their communities by training and inspiring them to create their own life-changing solutions. Their programs help men and women gain the skills and support they need to build small businesses and earn income by producing and selling high-value goods such as honey at local markets, or sheep for nourishing milk and wool for clothing.

\$20 Honey Bees
\$150 Sheep for Milk and Wool



READING AND MATH TUTORING FOR OAKLAND CHILDREN

Second and third-grade children living in Oakland's lowest-income neighborhoods need your support now, more than ever. These children are struggling to learn, extremely discouraged and failing in school. **CHILDREN RISING** provides personalized one-on-one reading and math tutoring, plus family coaching - so kids gain life changing reading and math skills, rediscover their confidence and learn what they are supposed to learn in elementary school, before it's too late! Each gift will support one child's extraordinary efforts to learn and succeed.

- \$25 Math Family Practice Workbooks
- \$50 Children's Books for Family Reading Time



IGNITE HOPE FOR OAKLAND'S HUNGRY AND HOMELESS

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

- \$25 Provides 5 Meals
- \$50 Food Box for Family



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 making each day extraordinary for children with serious illnesses that modern health care cannot yet cure. Their families are also supported with compassionate care. We invite you to take our virtual tour at: <https://tinyurl.com/GMCH-Virtual-Tour>

- \$50 Meal for Family of Four
- \$75 Adaptive Toys for Therapeutic Spa or All-Abilities Playground



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET ORDER FORM

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
GAIA Global Health			
Malaria Treatment Kits for 50	\$ 50		
Mobile Health Clinic Nurse	\$ 100		
Marion Medical Mission			
Share of Protected Well	\$ 50		
Whole Protected Well	\$ 475		
Medical Benevolence Foundation			
Healthcare Visit	\$ 40		
Essential Labs Screening	\$ 150		
SEVA Foundation			
Glasses and Medicine	\$ 25		
Restore Sight to Blind Person	\$ 50		
Village Enterprise			
Lift One Person Out of Poverty	\$ 60		
Launch One Business Start-Up	\$ 200		
World Neighbors			
Honey Bees	\$ 20		
Sheep for Milk and Wool	\$ 150		
Children Rising			
Math Practice Workbooks	\$ 25		
Children's Books for Reading	\$ 50		
CityTeam			
5 Meals	\$ 25		
Food Box for Family	\$ 50		
First Place for Youth			
Educational Supplies	\$ 25		
Household Items	\$ 75		

Agency	Donation	Quantity	Total
George Mark House			
Meal for Family of Four	\$ 50		
Adaptive Toys	\$ 75		
Harbor House			
Healthy Meals for After School	\$ 25		
Summer Camp Field Trips	\$ 50		
Las Casas Oakland			
ESL Notebook	\$ 30		
Textbook, School Supplies	\$ 75		
New Day for Children			
Healing with Horses	\$ 50		
Trauma Informed Therapy	\$ 100		
Oakland Trybe			
Weekly Community BBQ	\$ 25		
Violence Interrupter Community Library	\$ 40		
Primera Iglesia			
Cooking Oil, Flour, Beans	\$ 20		
Food Supplies for Family	\$ 50		
Prison Fellowship			
Angel Tree Program	\$ 25		
Tools to Re-enter Society	\$ 50		
A Safe Place			
Toiletries and Clothing	\$ 50		
Safe Emergency Shelter	\$ 150		
Warrior Canine Connection			
Collar and Leash 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 14**, following the 10am worship service.

Alternatively, an AGM information table for order placement will be available on **Sunday December 7 and 21** 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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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**



SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS IN FRUITVALE NEIGHBORHOOD

LAS CASAS welcomes immigrant newcomers and empowers them to thrive as they build a better life for themselves and their families here in Oakland. Las Casas offers English Language classes 3 nights/week to over 300 adult English Language learners per year. Powered by 60 volunteer teachers, our 5 levels of instruction meet the needs of these lower-level students - most who come to class after working long days. Las Casas is committed to creating a safe, welcoming space for this vulnerable population, where they can learn, find community, and access critical resources essential to their journey..

- \$30 ESL Notebook for One Student**
- \$75 Textbook, Notebook & School Supplies for Student**



HEALING FOR SEX-TRAFFICKED YOUTH

Every child deserves safety, hope, and the chance to dream again. Yet across our nation, boys and girls are being robbed of their innocence through the tragedy of sex trafficking. **NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN** stands in that broken place, bringing God's love and restoration to life. Through safe housing, trauma-informed therapy, and education, children begin to heal - body, mind, and spirit. With a growing network of expert care partners, New Day walks with each child and their family on the long journey of recovery, helping to rebuild what was stolen and restore lives through hope, courage, and God's redeeming grace.

- \$50 Healing with Horses**
- \$100 Trauma Informed Therapy**



STRENGTHEN OAKLAND YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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**



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



CARE FOR PRISONER'S FAMILIES, TOOLS TO RE-ENTER SOCIETY

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 Tools to Re-enter Society, Life Skills Classes and Bible Study



PROVIDE SAFE SHELTER FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OAKLAND

For over four decades, **A SAFE PLACE** has been a lifeline for survivors of domestic violence in Oakland and throughout the East Bay. As the first and only comprehensive domestic violence agency in Oakland, A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, counseling, legal and advocacy support, community education, and prevention programs—helping survivors reclaim their lives and break the cycle of violence for future generations.

\$50 Emergency Toiletries and Clothing
\$150 One Night of Safe Emergency Shelter and Meals

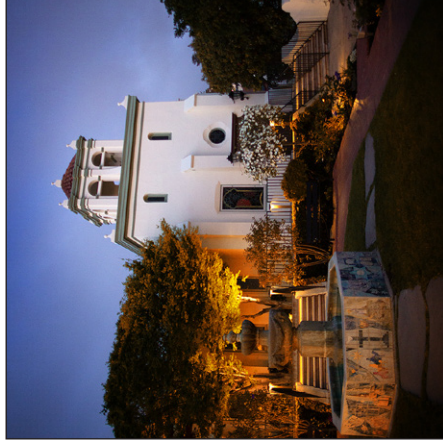


CANINE COMPANIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

WARRIOR 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 1,600 brave American heroes this year.

\$25 Collar and Leash 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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