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Gifts Inspiring Change

2018-2019 GIFT CATALOG

from the Director

Dear Friends,

Basic human needs are still inaccessible to many around the world: Food, shelter, water, education, freedom, and stability. Regardless of the circumstances we are born into, every human being should have the right to these basic things.

Our AGI team considers one critical question when choosing the causes in this catalog: Does this project offer a long term, sustainable solution to a problem? In selecting the causes to present to you (the donor) we want to make sure the ultimate beneficiary of your gift is able to make a way out of their situation.

Each gift in this catalog makes a direct impact in the lives of those who might otherwise be trapped in a hopeless cycle. For a family that has endured generations of poverty, your gift is a path toward stability.

For the young girl who was coerced by traffickers, your gift is freedom and a path toward healing. To the woman with a business idea but no means to bring it to life, your gift opens a road to stable and growing income, providing food, shelter and an opportunity to educate her children. Your “alternative gift,” or your action to invite others to join in the giving, lifts people, steering their lives in a positive direction.

Our work wouldn't be possible without you. We hope we help you feel the joy of giving and we thank you for helping us change the world, one gift at a time.

Peace,



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the Power of Community



“Each of us is trying to help families that need extra help. I met a precious family who literally lost everything.”

Lindy Nelson-Paryag
Kingwood Christian Church, TX

When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas in August 2017, some smaller towns surrounding Houston were impacted too. Kingwood, Texas, where one of AGI's markets is held, was one of them. We called Lindy Nelson-Paryag (Kingwood Christian Church market coordinator) to check on things, and she informed us that her church was operating as a temporary shelter for those affected. Some families had no insurance and lost nearly everything, forced to rebuild their lives from scratch. AGI was able to help this community as they recovered from the devastation.

Perhaps the most astonishing thing to hear from Lindy was, “We're planning on hosting a market in December...” Hearing this was unexpected, but not surprising. Our market hosts extend a helping hand time after time. They put heart and soul into helping their global neighbors through gift markets.

This community, despite their devastation, raised over \$500—a gift which planted trees in Central America, gave books to children in Ethiopia, clothes, food and school supplies to Syrian refugee children, clean water to villages in South Sudan, and sewing machines to oppressed women in India. Kingwood is a prime example of the POWER of community.

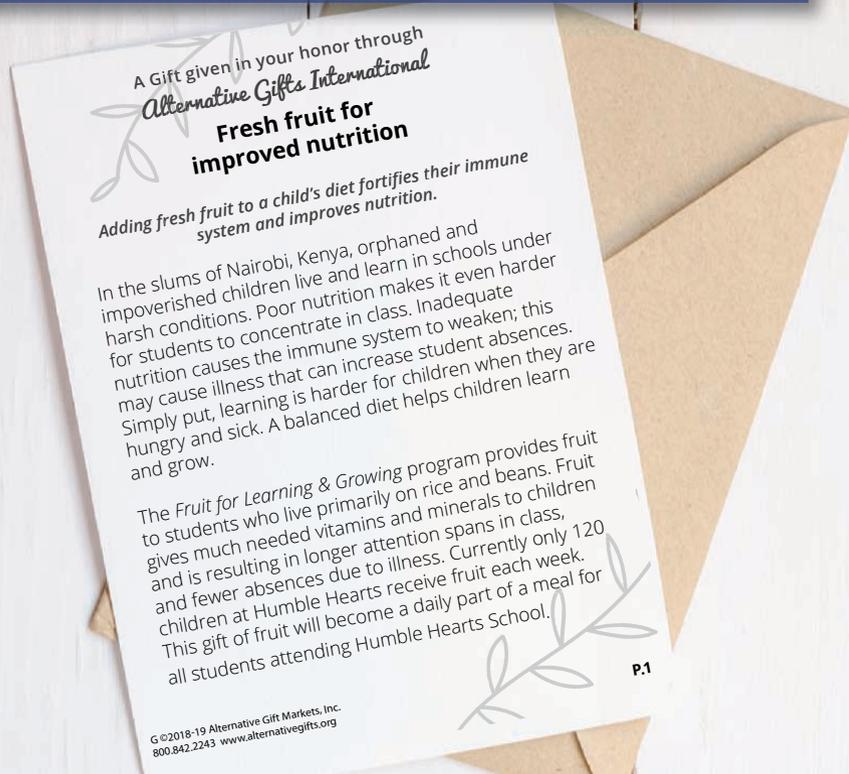
“Only they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do”

- Galatians 2:10

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What is an Alternative Gift?

It's a gift that empowers people, giving them opportunities for a brighter future. So, instead of a gadget for a special occasion, it's a gift that lifts people out of poverty, gives clean water, or education. By sending a greeting card of your choice (see pages G & H) with an enclosed gift insert describing the gift (sample below), your friends or family members can be honored in a meaningful and thoughtful way.



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*Discover the people
behind the mission,
learn why and how we
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so much more.*

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A1 LEAVES

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.

~William Shakespeare

ARTIST: REBECCA BRIDGES



A2 THE WORLD TREE

The World is what we all have in common.

~ Wendell Berry

ARTIST: STEPHANIE MARTENS



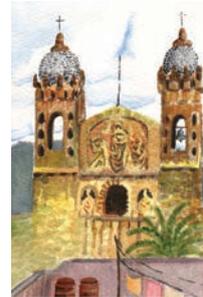
H7 JOY OF HEAVEN

Goods news from heaven the angels bring, Glad tidings to the earth they sing: To us this day a child is given, To crown us with the joy of heaven.

ARTIST: WADE HAMPTON

MORE CARD CHOICES ON OUR WEBSITE
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CARDS ARE \$2 EACH. INSCRIBED \$3



A14
VIEW FROM A OAXACAN ROOF

Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.

~Anne Frank

ARTIST:
ADAM CRISPIN



H2 PARTRIDGE

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

~ Hamilton Wright Mabi

ARTIST: LYNDA LEGG



A16 NATURE Blank Inside PHOTOGRAPHER:
DENISE MARIE



NEW A17 PEACE Blank Inside

Gift Cards



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2018-19 Causes

These causes run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019



HUNGER

- P1. Fruit For Learning And Growing - Kenya
- P2. Lunches And Textbooks For Kids - Cambodia/Thailand
- P3. Feed The Hungry And Shelter The Homeless - USA & Canada
- P4. Backyard Gardens For Food Stability - The Philippines



EDUCATION

- P5. Books For Urban Mobile Libraries - Ethiopia
- P6. Education & Hope For Syrian Refugee Children - Syria's Border Countries
- P7. Better Teachers, Better Students, Better World - Global
- P8. STEM For Native American Youth - USA



GENDER EQUALITY

- P9. A Brighter Future For At-Risk Youth - Egypt
- P10. Weaving Towards Empowerment - Guatemala
- P11. From Students To Career Women! - Kenya
- P12. Literacy & Leadership For Girls - Mexico
- P13. Rescue Children From Sex Trafficking - The Philippines, India, Dom.Rep.



HEALTH & WELLBEING *(con't on next page at Project 18)*

- P14. Clean Water & Sanitation For Rural Villages - India
- P15. Bikes for Teachers, Doctors & Kids - Namibia, Tanzania & Zambia
- P16. Healthy Children, Healthy Families - Mexico
- P17. Mobile Clinics For At-Risk Communities - Haiti



ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION

- P20. Food Stability For Bolivian Farmers - Bolivia
- P21. Pig Pens & Fish Ponds For Hill Tribe Families - Thailand
- P22. Plant A Forest - Belize, Honduras, Panama
- P23. Fresh Water Wells - South Sudan
- P24. Protect The Land, Preserve Endangered Species - Mongolia



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- P25. Pay It Forward With a Goat! - Haiti
- P26. Life Changing Micro-Loans - Guatemala, Haiti, India, Moldova, Peru, The Philippines, So. Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Zambia
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RESTORE & REBUILD

- P28. Relief For Flood & Hurricane Victims - USA



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FRUIT FOR LEARNING AND GROWING

Adding fresh fruit to a child's diet fortifies their immune system and improves nutrition.



PHOTO BY: ANGEL COVERS

In the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, orphaned and impoverished children live and learn in schools under harsh conditions. Poor nutrition makes it even harder for students to concentrate in class. Inadequate nutrition causes the immune system to weaken; this may cause illness that can increase student absences. Simply put, learning is harder for children when they are hungry and sick. A balanced diet helps children learn and grow.

Angel Covers (AC) provides fruit to students who live primarily on rice and beans. Fruit gives much needed vitamins and minerals to children and is resulting in longer attention spans in class, and fewer absences due to illness. Currently only 120 children at the Humble Hearts School receive fruit each week. With your support, fruit can become a daily part of a meal for all students attending Humble Hearts.

• \$22 Provides
80 pieces of fruit

• \$55 Provides
200 pieces
of fruit

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$550 Provides
1000 pieces
of fruit

LUNCHES AND TEXTBOOKS FOR KIDS

Finley (pictured), has achieved a healthy weight gain, and her previously reddish-blond hair, due to the chronic malnutrition, is nearly all black.



PHOTO BY: LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

In Cambodia, developmental delays are prevalent due to chronic malnutrition. Many children (under age 5) are below 1% in growth, which has serious implications for brain development, cognitive functioning, and long-term health.

In 2016, **Love Without Boundaries** (LWB) built its first Believe in Me School to bring education to rural children who had never before learned to read. By establishing a daily hot meal program for students, the nutrition needs of children are being met, and overall health is improving. With your help even more children can receive what is often their only meal of the day, along with new books.

• \$9 A textbook &
weekly hot lunch
for a student

• \$22 A hot school
lunch for a student
for one month

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$550 Lunch for
a whole class of
students every
school day for
a month



FEED THE HUNGRY AND SHELTER THE HOMELESS

PHOTO BY: ISTOCK

In 2016, 42 million Americans including 13 million children suffered from food insecurity.*

Job loss, health issues or other unforeseen situations can change anyone's life in an instant. No one ever expects to be in a tough situation, but the impact of hunger and homelessness can become all too real. It is most devastating for children, as 1 in 7 children in the US suffers from food insecurity. Furthermore, over 5 million senior citizens on a fixed income are forced to choose between paying for food or medicine. Mobility challenges also put the elderly at a greater risk of hunger.

Through **Alternative Gift International's** Feed the Hungry and Shelter the Homeless program, you can help struggling families throughout the USA and Canada. By providing groceries and shelter, you're helping people get back on their feet as they rebuild their life.

*FeedAmerica.org

- \$15 Shelter for 1 night for 1 person
- \$55 Groceries for a family of 4 for a week
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- \$850 Stock food pantry shelves with groceries, or hygiene supplies for homeless shelters



BACKYARD GARDENS FOR FOOD STABILITY

PHOTO BY: PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL

Teach a family to grow their own food, and they can have a stable source of nutrition and income.

In the Manganvaca Community in the Philippines, parents struggle to provide for their children due to lack of income and opportunity. Children of these families suffer from stunted growth due to lack of food. With a goal of creating a sustainable food source, **Pearl S. Buck International** (PSBI) is enabling these families to grow their own food through the Backyard Gardening, bio-intensive gardening project.

This program proved successful in another area (Pampanga). The condition in the Manganvaca area is very similar to Pampanga—the soil is rich for growing vegetables. This success can be replicated. With your help, families can learn about sustainable gardening practices; which will result in nutritional food on their table, and surplus vegetables can become a source of income.

- \$13 Vegetable seeds & soil for a family
- \$28 Training in bio-intensive gardening for 1 family (incl. materials)
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- \$540 Supply a sustainable food source to 10 families through bio-intensive gardening

BOOKS FOR URBAN MOBILE LIBRARIES

When children have access to books at an early age, they are exposed to a whole new world of learning.



In Ethiopia, an estimated 58% of youth ages 15 and older cannot read. Though school enrollment has increased over the recent years for boys, only 32% of girls complete their primary level education. Access to books at an early age is a critical part of helping children thrive in school.

Through **Ethiopia Reads'** (ER) Urban Mobile Library program, core literacy needs among the children in Addis Ababa are being met. Reading rooms and libraries along with training and books in local languages create fun reading activities for children and young adults. Through your gift, Ethiopian children will be able to embrace the joy of reading.

- \$14
Sends 5 Books
- \$70
Sends 25 Books
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
\$825
Stock a library



Countless homes have been bombed, many schools have been destroyed and entire neighborhoods are now piles of rubble.

Since 2011, around 5 million Syrians fled the violence to border countries. The ongoing civil war has kept many refugee children out of classrooms, without the structure, safety, and education a school provides. Attending school in their host countries presents challenges for children who have missed years of education or do not speak the language that classes are taught in. But there is hope!

The Syrian Transition Education Program (STEP) through **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries** serves these students who have been deprived of an invaluable education. STEP provides informal education to Syrian refugee children, ages 4-15. Subjects offered include English, Arabic, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. Along with education, this program also provides hot meals for students whose families can't always afford to provide the nutrition they need at home. Additionally, this program helps children with special needs gain necessary services including speech therapy and trauma counseling.

• \$28 School activities for 1 child for 1 month (recreation, crafts, and regular hot meals)

• \$55 School supplies and textbooks for 1 child

• **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
\$1,000

• Provides education materials, hot meals each week, and extra-curricular activities for 4 children



Preksha wants to be an astronaut. Better trained teachers can make dreams like hers possible!

People in developing countries face many challenges: generational poverty is one. A primary cause of generational poverty is the lack of access to quality education. Without a quality learning experience, children can't pursue their dreams. With mainly "recite and repeat" teaching methods, children do not gain knowledge of critical thinking skills needed to succeed in today's world. This is a common problem—but there is a global movement changing that!

Teach for Life, a program of Trees for Life, is helping train teachers. That includes teachers in schools and parents at home—a child's "first teachers." Through simple instructional videos, which are adaptable to local languages, highly trained teachers share their most effective techniques with those in need of training. People everywhere are joining this movement inspired by a common vision: Better teachers, Better students, Better world. As teachers and parents around the world become trained, they can offer a higher quality education to help children reach their dreams.

• \$25 Put a trained teacher in a classroom



A hands-on learning experience using STEM, can help re-write the life story for Native American youth.

Across tribal lands, there is an urgent need for cleaner energy and employment opportunities for Native youth. Over half of the residents on Great Plains reservations live below the federal poverty level, and unemployment rates are around 90%. Native youth have little opportunities on the reservation, and have much lower rates of high school graduation, and double the rate of teen suicide than the national average.

Trees, Water & People (TWP) and We Share Solar, seek to unlock the potential of Native youth, by increasing their knowledge in solar technology. This program improves their self-esteem and offers a career in renewable energy as a viable option. By introducing teachers to the We Share Solar Suitcase curriculum, TWP will bring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) awareness and hands-on learning for Native youth, particularly girls, into the classroom. This project will be focused on high-risk communities starting with both the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations; areas with significant solar energy potential.

• \$33 A share of a Solar Suitcase
• \$71 Implementation of STEM Solar Suitcase curriculum in a class

• **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
• \$1,650 Send a Native American teacher to a Solar Technology workshop

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK YOUTH



PHOTO BY: HANDS

In Egypt, an education and job-skills training can pave the way for youth who are otherwise destined to continue the cycle of poverty.

Egypt, home to almost 100 million people, has an illiteracy rate of over 50% and more than 25% of people live in poverty. Political unrest has caused economic instability and joblessness has increased. Youth are becoming destitute and hope for a stable future is bleak. The unemployment rate among youth is a staggering 33.4%. The problem is even more dire for women who often don't get equal opportunities.

The **HANDS** (Hands Along the Nile Development Services) job skills training program offers new hope to the poorest of the poor. Nora, from a garbage collectors' settlement, received training in cosmetology and learned how to become a hairdresser. She is now able to provide a better life for her family and an education for her children. With your help, this story can be replicated for so many in need of a new path forward.

• \$14 Study materials & tools for one trainee

• \$198 A 10-day training for one youth

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$1,980 Ten-day job-skills training for a class of 10 youth

WEAVING TOWARDS EMPOWERMENT



PHOTO BY: MADRE

Empower Indigenous women to become economically stable, while helping them preserve their cultural identity.

Indigenous Ixil women in the Quiché region of Guatemala endured 36 years of civil war. They were targeted with genocide, lost their homes and their loved ones. Today, many Ixil women are the sole breadwinners for their families and continue to face discrimination—such as denial of access to basic rights and resources for themselves and their children.

MADRE, in partnership with MUIXIL, will work together to create sustainable, lasting change for these women through the Indigenous Women's Weaving Collective. Through the Collective, Ixil women practice entrepreneurship by weaving traditional Indigenous artifacts to sell at local markets. Their business success enables them to provide for their families, while contributing to the preservation of their Indigenous culture and identity.

• \$28 Material for 1 woman to join the Weaving Collective

• \$110 One weaving loom or sewing machine

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$560 Raw materials for 20 Ixil women to participate in the Weaving program

FROM STUDENTS TO CAREER WOMEN!

With guidance, Kenyan girls will be prepared to take their education to the next level toward thriving careers.



In Kenya, fewer than 10% of girls complete high school and only 4% of all Kenyans continue to university or tertiary education due to extreme poverty that deprives young women of the most basic needs, like feminine sanitary pads. Since 2002, **Kenya Education Fund** (KEF) has helped 2,400 Kenyans finish high school—half of them girls. Now, many students are in need of career guidance as they prepare to attend schools for higher education.

Enow, a former KEF student, is one example of a girl who is studying medicine in Istanbul, Turkey as a result of KEF's career workshops. The goal is to support the high school students and help them make informed career choices. By helping these girls, you will equip them to choose the right course of study at university, explore scholarship and internship opportunities, and ultimately start the career of their dreams.

• \$29 A years' supply of sanitary pads for 1 girl

• \$46 One-week at a Career Readiness Workshop for 1 girl

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$769 One year of university tuition for 1 girl



LITERACY & LEADERSHIP FOR GIRLS

Education for women and girls opens doors, builds confidence, and gives the tools for self-sufficiency.

In current day Chiapas, Mexico, indigenous women and girls have little chance of education due to the expense, their gender and the lack of secondary schools in mountain communities. Traditionally, girls married and had children at a very young age. **Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation** provides scholarships and funds children's programs that strengthen academic skills, develop creativity and foster environmental stewardship. Each scholarship recipient is responsible for service work in her community, such as leading a weekly children's program or teaching literacy to adults.

Success story! Virginia and her daughter Gabriela both became scholarship recipients in 2010. Since then, Virginia obtained her secondary certificate and graduated from preparatory school. In 2018 she will finish university with a degree in computer science. Gabriela began secondary study at the same time as her mother and is currently in the second year of university, majoring in architecture. With your gift more women and girls can succeed.

• \$47 Send 1 child to the education program for 1 year

• \$75 One month of literacy training for 1 woman/girl

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$900 A full year of literacy training, computer classes and life skills workshops for 1 woman/girl



PHOTO BY: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Help rescue young girls and children from the grips of human traffickers so they can begin restoring their lives.

RESCUE CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

Sex trafficking affects millions of children each year worldwide. They are exploited in brothels or are victims of cybersex trafficking—a new crime where pedophiles search online and pay to live stream sexual abuse from anywhere in the world. In the Dominican Republic, Clarisa* was sexually exploited by two men when she was 14 years old. **International Justice Mission** (IJM) rescued her in one of their first cases in the Dominican Republic. In 2015, the IJM team secured convictions against these two men.

For the first time in her life, Clarisa is now going to school and getting the medical care and counseling she needs to restore her life. IJM trains and mentors law enforcement officials as they conduct rescue operations for victims of sex trafficking. With your help more perpetrators of this violence can be brought to justice wherever they may be.

*pseudonym

••••• **\$20** A share of trauma counseling for 1 survivor

••••• **\$30** A survivor aftercare package (incl. toiletries, clothes and comfort toy for rescued children)

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

••••• **\$420** Support a cybersex trafficking investigation (4 days)

CLEAN WATER & SANITATION FOR RURAL VILLAGES

The recent UN World Water Development Report declared India as one of 16 countries that could be water scarce in 10 years.

Unsafe drinking water can carry a number of life threatening diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, or typhoid. Diarrhea is the second most common cause of death among children under the age of five in India.

India Partners (IP) is bringing clean water to people in remote villages in India by drilling wells and installing storage tanks. Villagers no longer have to walk great distances in search of water that is often unsafe, causing disease and even death. With your gift, IP also provides Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) training. The training focuses on community health and hygiene, educating the villagers on how to keep their water source safe and the simple effective practice of hand washing. The combination of a source of clean, safe water and WASH practices together can save lives.

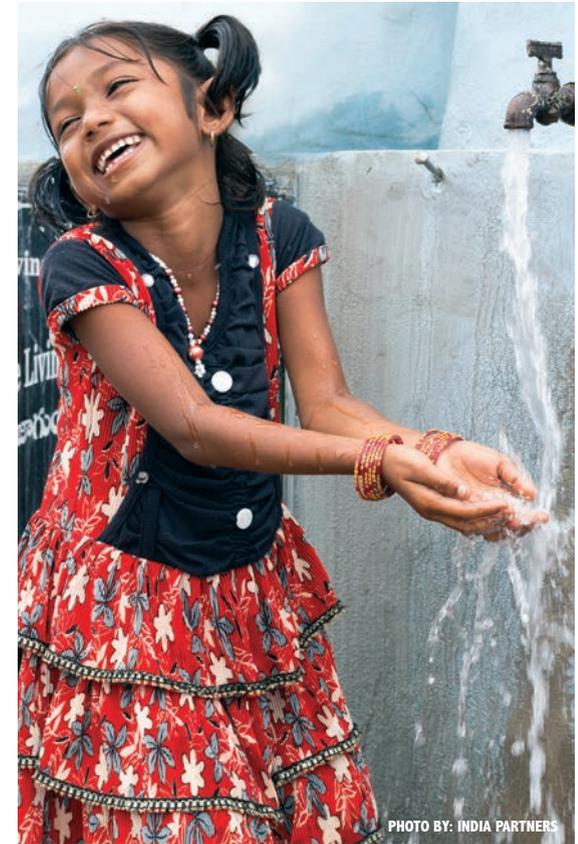


PHOTO BY: INDIA PARTNERS

••••• **\$28** Provides WASH training for a village

••••• **\$59** Clean water for one family

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

••••• **\$672** Provides 12 families clean, safe water

BIKES FOR TEACHERS, DOCTORS & KIDS

Thousands of bikes are discarded in the US. These bikes can be repaired and shipped to Africa where they solve the problem of mobility.



PHOTO BY: BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY

Lack of transportation is a huge impediment in remote African villages. If a person falls ill, the nearest clinic is usually many miles away. Women and children are the most marginalized, as they are the least likely to receive the support necessary to get them to distant clinics. Additionally, children and teachers must walk miles to get to school, often because of the lack of transportation.

Bicycles for Humanity's (B4H) mission is to mobilize the most vulnerable rural communities. Donated bikes are shipped to Africa to be used by doctors to reach the sick, and by children and their teachers to reach school. With your help, we can ensure transportation doesn't prevent anyone from going without healthcare or an education.

• \$38 Send
• 1 Bike

• \$110 Send
• 3 Bikes

• **HAVE A
FUNDRAISER**

• \$13,200
• One complete bike shipment (incl. parts, tools & 400 bikes)

HEALTHY CHILDREN, HEALTHY FAMILIES

Proper healthcare, paired with nutrition education, can help strengthen the health of the most vulnerable communities.



PHOTO BY: PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL

Almost half of Mexico's population lives at or below the poverty line. People in underdeveloped colonias at the US/Mexico border have a higher risk of sickness and disease due to over-population and poor access to safe water, basic sanitation and healthcare. Children living in the colonias face significant health risks from poor air quality to lack of healthy food.

Project Concern International (PCI) trains Community Health Workers (CHW) to address the healthcare needs of these communities. PCI also works with schools teaching the importance of healthy eating habits. The CHW program has provided preventive care and immunizations to over 75,000 children in Mexico's most at-risk communities. With your help, generations of children and families can improve their health, diet and quality of life.

• \$22 A Health check-up for 2 children

• \$46 Train 5 Community Health Workers

• **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**

• \$1,100 Health check-ups for 100 children

MOBILE CLINICS FOR AT-RISK COMMUNITIES

Overall health and nutrition is improved by bringing healthcare to those in need.

The realities of Haiti's rural population are troublesome. An estimated 30% of Haiti's medical providers are only reaching about half of the rural population. Such realities motivated **Haiti Healthcare Partners** (HHP) to establish its primary clinic in the remote, mountainous town of Cherident. During the past decade, HHP has treated over 40,000 patients and many of these patients still walk up to three hours to be seen.

A Haitian proverb reads, "It's easier to go to the mountains than to wait for the mountains to come to you." Fortunately, HHP received a donation of a mobile medical unit, enabling their staff to assist patients in remote villages. These clinics treat on average 100 patients per month, but HHP lacks resources to conduct these clinics regularly. Through increased support, they can help care for the vast needs of these areas. Their Haitian medical staff will be able to reinstate their malnutrition program, purchase prescriptions for these mobile clinics, and routinely visit four villages on a monthly basis.



PHOTO BY: HAITI HEALTHCARE PARTNERS

- **\$28** Provides medical treatment for a family of 5
- **\$77** Restores a child to health with a Medika Mamba (6-week nutrition plan)
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- **\$275** Stock the shelves of a village pharmacy with medicine for 1 month



PHOTO BY: BURMA HUMANITARIAN MISSION

SUPPLY MEDICINE TO WAR-TORN VILLAGES

Refugees in Burma have endured brutal oppression, forcing them to hide in the jungles despite the health risks.

In Burma's jungles, war and malnutrition inflict horrible suffering on men, women and children who have fled their homes to seek refuge there. The jungles present a complex array of dangers, for refugees who lack medical care and other basic necessities. But there is hope with Backpack Medic Teams.

In 2018-19, **Burma Humanitarian Mission** (BHM) will support 30 backpack medic teams with 1.5 million doses of medicine. Medic teams travel to isolated villages in Burma treating the sick and provide maternal and infant care. The results are inspirational—maternal mortality has dropped 7-fold while infant mortality is down 80-fold. In addition, 60% of children's deaths are prevented with basic medicine. In northern Shan State, Burma, Naw Ooch's youngest child suffered from diarrhea and fever. The medics treated him with IV medicine while caring for him for one week. Without the medics, the child would not have survived. He recovered and is thriving now. With your help, we can tell more stories like this one.

- **\$1** 40 doses of medicine
- **\$11** Anti-malarial cure for 2 pregnant women (saving 4 lives)
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- **\$330** One year of medical supplies for a team

PROVIDING HOPE THROUGH WHEELCHAIRS

The World Health Organization estimates 70 million people are in dire need of a wheelchair.



PHOTO BY: FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Mobility is a basic human right. 1 in 100 people in the developing world have a mobility related disability, and the penalty is often poverty. Without wheelchairs, people with disabilities are unable to access the world outside of their home. A wheelchair can give someone with a disability access to education, employment, and community.

Take a moment to imagine what life would be like if you had to crawl everywhere? For 18-year-old Moses (pictured), this was his reality. At the age of 2, he contracted malaria and due to complications, was left unable to walk. When Moses received his **Free Wheelchair Mission** (FWM) wheelchair, his life completely transformed. His wheelchair helped him gain an education and ultimately find a job. The gift of a wheelchair means more than mobility. It means renewed dignity, independence, and hope.

• \$28 Wheelchair maintenance toolkit & instruction manual

• \$88 One Wheelchair for someone living with a disability

HAVE A FUNDRAISER
• \$880 Ship 100 wheelchairs to people living with a disability



FOOD STABILITY FOR BOLIVIAN FARMERS

PHOTO BY: MANO A MANO

Nearly 60% of Bolivian families live below the poverty line, many of which are rural farmers.

Bolivia is one of the poorest countries in South America. Many families live on whatever they are able to grow for food. Subsistence farmers in Bolivia have recently completed a water project with the help and guidance of **Mano a Mano** (MAM). This provides agricultural water for 9,000 families whose incomes average \$300 yearly.

Once these families had access to a reliable water supply, they asked MAM to teach them how to grow fruits and vegetables (their diet had been almost entirely corn and potatoes) and train them on the most efficient use of water. In response, MAM initiated the Center for Ecological Agriculture (CEA). It includes a 2.5-acre crop demonstration garden with greenhouses, pens and pasture for small animals, prototype farm ponds and cisterns, a bio-digester, mulching, composting areas, and ecological sanitation facilities. Your gift will help train subsistence farmers to manage their water and soil resources, and plant fruits and vegetables appropriate for their land.

• \$9 Fruit & Vegetable seeds/seedlings (incl. training materials) for 1 family

• \$83 Help train one farmer in sustainable agriculture (incl. tools)

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$3,780 Train a small community of rural farm families in sustainable agriculture (250 people)



PIG PENS & FISH PONDS FOR HILL TRIBE FAMILIES

With training in basic agriculture techniques and animal rearing, Thailand's hill tribe families can become self-sufficient.

Hill tribe families in Thailand face the constant threat of poverty, hunger and exploitation. **Plant With Purpose** is empowering farmers (mostly women) to feed their families and increase their income through land restoration, raising animals and basic agriculture techniques.

With help from Plant With Purpose, these families learn to raise animals such as pigs, fish and frogs, and grow vegetables like potatoes, beans, or squash. Raising animals can become an income source and animal waste can also be used as fertilizer for crops. With a stable source of food and way to create income, these families are equipped to fight hunger and poverty.

• \$66 Fish and frog ponds (incl. material costs for cement ponds)

• \$149 A pig and materials to build a pen

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$330 Start a Land Restoration Project

PLANT A FOREST

Create wildlife habitat, mitigate global warming, and help feed a family.

Forests are under threat, which comes in many forms—including clear-cutting for agriculture. This method of farming leads to food insecurity and rampant deforestation of valuable tropical forests. Some 50,000 square miles of forest are lost each year, impacting people's livelihoods and threatening a wide range of plant and animal species.



PHOTO BY: SUSTAINABLE HARVEST INTERNATIONAL

By partnering with **Sustainable Harvest International (SHI)**, families adopt regenerative farming methods that preserve forest ecosystems and restore land degraded by generations of slash-and-burn agriculture. Families learn how to improve soil health and grow a variety of nutritious organic crops that can withstand our changing climate. Collaboration with local schools helps children appreciate the positive impact trees have on the environment and in their communities.

• \$17 Plants 15 fruit or hardwood trees on a family farm

• \$83 Starts a tree nursery (incl. maintenance of saplings)

HAVE A FUNDRAISER

• \$1,650 Plant an acre of trees



FRESH WATER WELLS

A water well installed in a rural village can help prevent sickness and disease.

Seventeen percent of South Sudan’s population still does not have access to water, and only 2% of the population has piped water on their premises. The role of gathering water lies with women and girls; they must trek for hours a day to collect water from marshes, ditches, or hand-dug wells where water is often contaminated with parasites and bacteria. The results are severe sickness and even death.

Water for South Sudan (WFSS) has installed 340 water wells in 15 years in remote areas, honoring the dignity of the people served by including them in its work. Your gift will make clean water accessible to more South Sudanese people in need of a safe water source.

- \$55 One water pump
- \$110 Supplies to install a water pipe (incl. pipes, drilling, equipment, pump)

HAVE A FUNDRAISER
 • \$550 Hygiene kits & hygiene training for a village (approx. 750 people)



PROTECT THE LAND, PRESERVE ENDANGERED SPECIES

The demand for Mongolia’s grasslands is increasing due to its struggling economy. This will impact several endangered species, like iconic gazelles and snow leopards, as well as nomadic herder families.

Mongolia is the 19th largest country in the world. Its grasslands are globally rare habitats that span 80% of the country (over 300 million acres), representing the largest intact grasslands in the world. Nearly 180,000 nomadic herder families rely on this land, which provides a rare refuge for wide-ranging wildlife.

By 2025, **The Nature Conservancy** (TNC) aims to help protect and sustainably manage 41 million acres of grasslands. Your gift will help herders form community-based initiatives that will generate income, help them gain rights over their land, and implement grazing practices.

- \$56 To help conserve Mongolia’s grasslands & wildlife habitat
- \$115 Train a woman herder in wool craft making for income.
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- \$3,135 Save a Snow Leopard or Gazelle with tracking collars



PHOTOS BY: QUIXOTE CENTER

A gift of a goat can multiply to help struggling families and their neighbors generate income.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. Approximately 60% of the population lives under the poverty line, and 40% rely on income from sales of crops and animals. The **Quixote Center's** (QC) Pay it Forward with a Goat program, helps the economic standing of communities in Gros Morne, Haiti, by giving them a renewable source of income. Each household in a block of ten families receives a female goat of breeding age, and one male goat to share. The families receive education and training in goat husbandry, while a mobile veterinary clinic travels monthly to monitor the health of the goats.

Mama Marta (pictured) is a 27-year-old mother of three. With the help of the goat she received, she was able to "pay it forward" with the first litter—giving one goat to a neighbor and selling another to pay for school fees for her children. From a second litter, she sold another goat to purchase school books and supplies for her children. Through your gift, a goat can be the gift that keeps giving!

- \$55 A Nanny Goat
- \$77 A share of a Billy Goat
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- \$1,067 A Herd of Goats (incl. 10 female goats, 1 male & training)



PHOTO BY: PEER SERVANTS

LIFE CHANGING MICRO-LOANS

Micro-loans, used for starting and expanding small businesses, are widely recognized as a strategy in fighting poverty and creating opportunities.

Over 3 billion people in the world live on less than \$3 a day. Jobs are scarce in underdeveloped countries of the world. Many people have ideas for generating income but don't have the money to turn their dreams into reality. They are trapped in a cycle of poverty, unable to support their families, and their children are destined to be trapped in the same cycle of hardship.

Peer Servants (PS) works to provide micro-loans for resilient, hard-working people. Many use their success to better the lives of others in their communities. For example, Mimosas's crab-picking business in the Philippines employs 40 people. Lucky, a Ugandan tailor, trains high school dropouts so that they have a trade. Your gift can enable more entrepreneurs to succeed in business.

- \$55 One share of a micro-loan
- \$110 One start-up micro-loan
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- \$550 A group start-up loan for five people



NOTHING SWEETER THAN HONEY BEES

Training in Beekeeping can become a small but healthy business for Haitian families.

Haitian families living in poverty continue a daily struggle to survive. Many families exist primarily through subsistence farming, with little opportunity for income generation.

Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) works to transform lives through a long-term, community-driven, sustainable approach to hunger and poverty: through Beekeeping! Participating families are learning how to care for bees, about the role of bees in pollination and the benefits they provide to agriculture. The honey produced is highly sought after and can be sold at market to provide a great source of income. This income will then be used to purchase additional nutritious food, help families pay for school tuition, healthcare, and/or to support their communities or local schools.

- **\$33** A share of a bee colony & hive
- **\$126** Help a family start a bee colony (incl. hive & training)
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- **\$990** Training, bee colonies and hives for 8 families



RELIEF FOR FLOOD & HURRICANE VICTIMS

Disaster recovery is a long-term process affecting communities long after the TV cameras leave.



The 2016 Louisiana flood was the worst natural disaster to hit the U.S. since Superstorm Sandy. Unprecedented levels of rainfall destroyed more than 140,000 homes, businesses, and schools. In 2017, Hurricane Harvey's widespread damage in Texas was unparalleled; 77 people were killed, hundreds of thousands of homes were damaged, thousands were temporarily displaced and 33 Texas counties declared a federal disaster. Many victims are poor families and most did not have flood insurance.

After the devastation, **International Relief Teams** (IRT) responded by sending immediate emergency supplies, ready-to-eat meals, and medical and sanitation supplies. Then they began the massive repair of damaged homes for victims who cannot recover on their own. Since the flood waters receded, IRT has been making deliveries of materials and is sending skilled construction teams as part of a multi-year commitment to help those families, especially the poor, elderly and uninsured, restore their lives and their homes.

- **\$81** Provides supplies to rebuild the interior of a home (drywall, screws, insulation, etc.)
- **\$350** Provides roofing materials to replace one lost to disaster
- **HAVE A FUNDRAISER**
- **\$2,310** Will help deploy a skilled construction team to rebuild homes



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Every program in this catalog deserves a chance to succeed.

Gifts to this program help support causes that don't receive the funding they deserve.

Each of the causes in this catalog address a real vital need in the world but some are overlooked. However, important projects are sometimes overlooked. While we suggest a \$20 gift, any amount added to other gifts you chose is much appreciated and will help us give those underfunded causes a funding boost.

\$20 A share to boost an underfunded cause



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