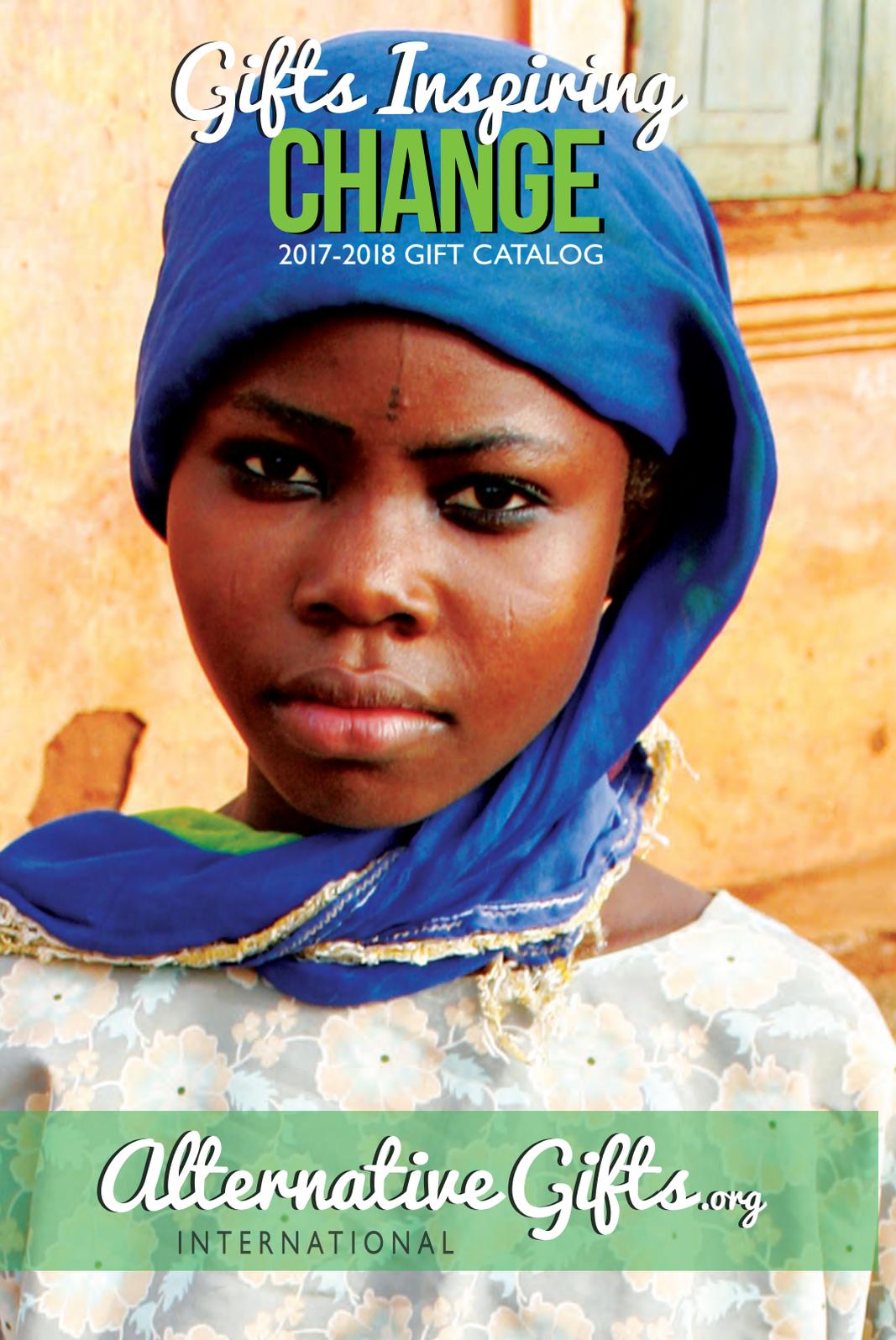


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**CHANGE**

2017-2018 GIFT CATALOG



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# from the Director



Dear Friends,

I know how transformative a united community can be. It's a moving thing to witness people using their creativity to help a hurting world.

Each project page in this catalog offers a way to make a bigger impact through a fundraiser. The inspiring story featured on page B shows how one grandmother and her grandkids decided to start a holiday tradition. For 12 years their street-side hot cocoa fundraisers have helped feed people, educate children, plant trees, and heal the sick. Equally uplifting are the volunteers who give their time and energy to hosting Alternative Gift Markets in churches, schools, and community centers across the USA. And You, the one who decided to gift in a more meaningful way—are a testimony to the positive impact we have when we see a troubled world, and decide to help.

Our catalog presents an opportunity to change lives by gifting alternatively, the simple act of which transforms you into a GLOBAL HELPER. Know that your actions are changing the world, one gift at a time.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for being a HELPER.

Peace,

Surinder Kaur Moore  
Executive Director  
Surinder@alternativegifts.org

**Communities, Churches and Schools are making the holidays more meaningful by hosting Alternative Gifts Markets.**

See Page D or call: Call 800.842.2243



# the Power of Community

When a small group of people decide they want to make a difference, wonderful things happen. Last December marked the 12th year Cullen and Liam Morris, their cousins, Ryan and John Edelstein, their grandmother, Mary Waterbury, and friend, Max Kronstadt held their annual curbside hot cocoa fundraiser for AGI. Or what we like to call, a Mini-Market!



(Pictured from left to right) Liam, Mary, Max, John, Ryan & Cullen

*"I remember when we first started, it was just a little table with a few kids running around with their grandma trying to settle them down. Now it's a mini-part of AGI!" ~John*

Planning their fundraiser begins with selecting projects they like. Cullen says, "I like to pick projects that support the environment, like planting trees and water purification." While Liam shared, "I like the ones that stand out, like planting a chocolate forest or giving a pregnant goat." Once they've picked projects, then it's time to get creative. They keep it

simple with posters to promote the causes and a decorative table to draw donors to purchase home-made cookies and hot chocolate! The boys all agree that when they're older, they'd like to do this kind of project with their own children or grandchildren. And they'd be happy to help anyone who thinks they could use tips for setting up a similar AGI sale.

**"Pick something that you really care about and find a fun way to help them"**  
~Ryan

Email [agi@alternativegifts.org](mailto:agi@alternativegifts.org) for info. about fundraisers



# What is an Alternative Gift?

An Alternative Gift is a nontraditional way of giving.

## ANY OCCASION IS A REASON TO GIFT ALTERNATIVELY!

Rather than buying yet one more gadget for Uncle George, honor him instead by giving in his name a life-sustaining gift to help abolish global poverty or to renew our planet's environment.



### SAMPLE GIFT CARD AND INSERT



## WHAT WILL MY GIFT RECIPIENT RECEIVE?

Your gift recipient will receive a greeting card of your choosing (see pages E & F) with a gift insert (see example above) describing the cause you supported in their honor.

## How to Order a Gift...

Browse through this catalog and use the order form (center pages) to note the projects you would like to support and indicate the greeting card style and quantity. Greeting cards are \$2 each, \$3 if inscribed and mailed to your gift recipient.

### 3 WAYS TO ORDER



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Wichita, KS 67201

# Host an Alternative Gift Market



Each year, hundreds of community groups host an Alternative Gift Market. Congregations, schools, and community groups, have adopted our projects as their mission and host fundraisers to support them. No matter how large or small your group is, a Gift Market is an actionable way to do something about global issues like hunger and poverty.

## How hosting a market can benefit your local programs:

By hosting an alternative gift market, you may also nominate a local food pantry or homeless shelter program for a chance to receive funding through our Project 3.



FOR MORE INFO. EMAIL: [MARKETS@ALTERNATIVEGIFTS.ORG](mailto:MARKETS@ALTERNATIVEGIFTS.ORG)

## Create an online fundraiser...



Fundraisers are a great way to mark any occasion. Celebrate a birthday, a wedding, or any reason to raise funds for the project you care most about.

## ... In a few steps

- Choose a project
- Click "fundraiser" on the AGI facebook page
- Fill out your fundraiser page & share with friends!

If you have a Facebook page, you can now launch a Fundraising Campaign right from your mobile device and invite your friends to support the cause you are passionate about!

VISIT: [FACEBOOK.COM/PG/ALTGIFTS/FUNDRAISERS](https://FACEBOOK.COM/PG/ALTGIFTS/FUNDRAISERS)

# Greeting Cards

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ORDER? GIVE US A CALL AT 800.842.2243

CHOOSE A BEAUTIFUL GREETING CARD TO ACCOMPANY YOUR GIFT INSERT

NEW



**H15**  
**SILENT NIGHT,  
HOLY NIGHT**

Silent Night,  
Holy Night  
All is Calm,  
all is Bright

ARTIST:  
ISABELLE STER



**A7** **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

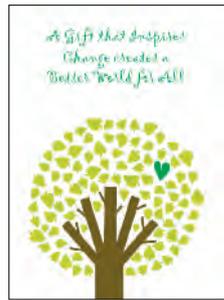
NEW



**A16**  
**NATURE**

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PHOTOGRAPHER:  
DENISE MARIE



**H9**  
**GIVING TREE**

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MORE CARD CHOICES ON OUR WEBSITE

[www.alternativegifts.org](http://www.alternativegifts.org)



**A2**  
**THE WORLD TREE**

The World is what  
we all have in  
common.

~ Wendell Berry

ARTIST:  
STEPHANIE MARTENS

CARDS ARE \$2 EACH. INSCRIBED \$3

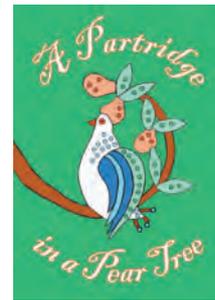


**A14**  
**VIEW FROM A  
OAXACAN ROOF**

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



**A1** **LEAVES**

One touch of  
nature makes the  
whole world kin.

~William  
Shakespeare

ARTIST:  
REBECCA BRIDGES

## Gift Cards



By purchasing a Pre-Paid Gift Card for your recipient, you **let them choose the project(s) that speaks to them.** Pre-Paid Gift Cards start at just \$5!

### GREEN GIVING

Send an e-Gift Card via email to reduce paper waste! An electronic gift card will be sent to your recipient via email.



GIFT CARDS ARE A FANTASTIC WAY TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS, HOLIDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS, OR JUST TO SAY "THANK YOU!"



### MAIL A GIFT CARD

Order Gift Cards at: [alternativegifts.org](http://alternativegifts.org) or call us at 1.800.842.2243 and we will mail it for you.

All transactions are safe and secure



# Project list

2017-2018

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Each page has one or more sustainable development goal icons. As a result of the new structure, each project is categorized by Continent. There are some projects that cross over multiple continents, so those projects are grouped together under "Multiple Continents."

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HUNGER RELIEF

GOAL 2



QUALITY EDUCATION

GOAL 3

EMPOWER WOMEN  
AND GIRLS

GOAL 4



HEALTH &amp; WELL-BEING

GOAL 5



AGI PROJECTS

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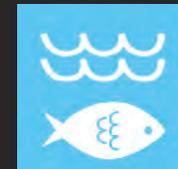
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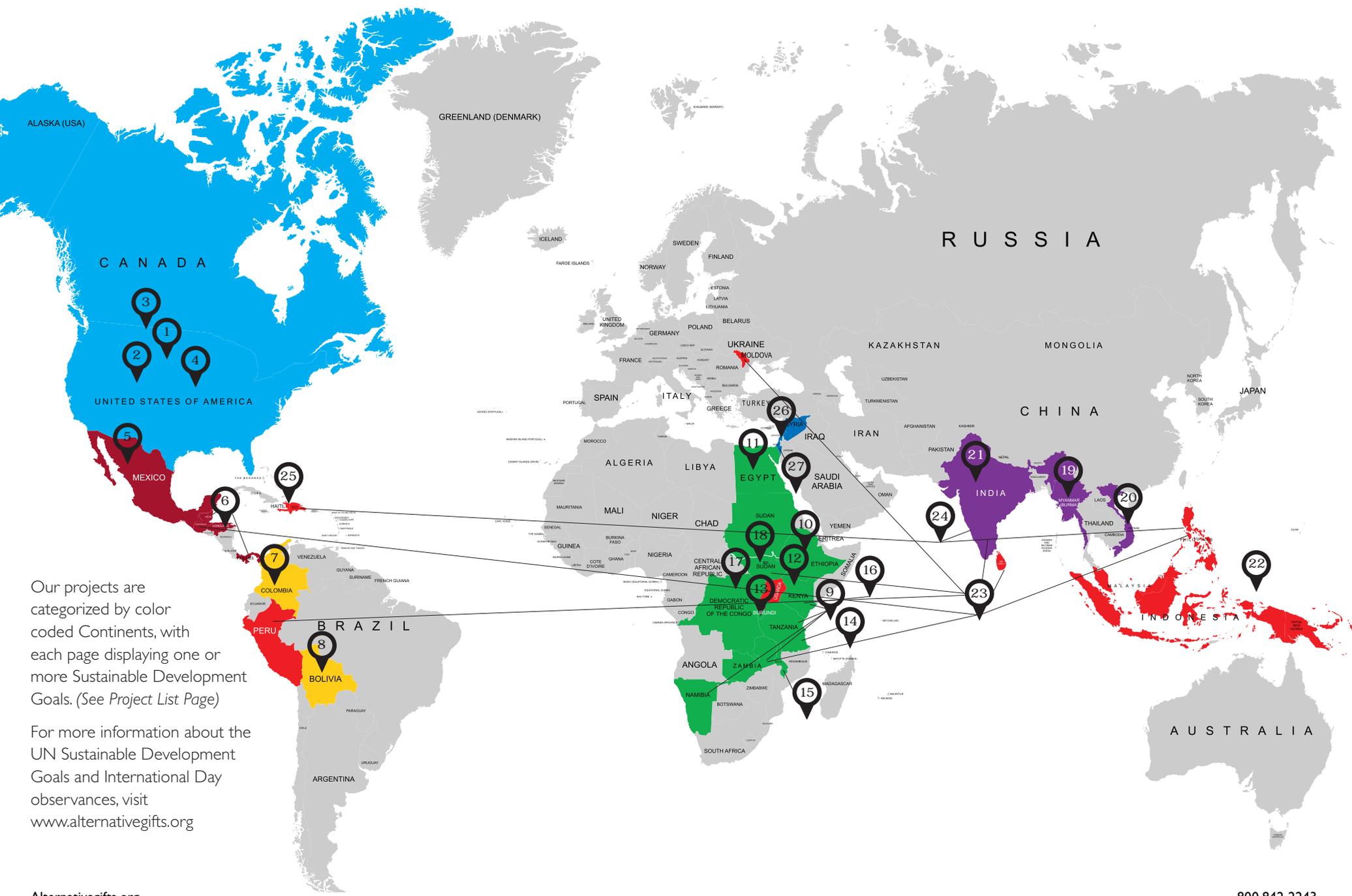


PRESERVING OCEAN LIFE

# Project by Continent

2017-2018

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GLOBAL



Our projects are categorized by color coded Continents, with each page displaying one or more Sustainable Development Goals. (See Project List Page)

For more information about the UN Sustainable Development Goals and International Day observances, visit [www.alternativegifts.org](http://www.alternativegifts.org)



## ECO HOMES FOR TRIBAL FAMILIES

*For the first time, the Shields family has a home with running water and an affordable way to keep warm.*

On the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, 97% of the residents live below poverty level. For generations, the Lakota Tribal members have not had a dignified place to call home. There is a dire need for housing. Government housing is scarce, over-crowded, and expensive to heat.

**Trees, Water & People** addresses the chronic housing shortage with an eco-friendly, energy-efficient, and culturally-appropriate alternative through Compressed Earth Block (CEB) technology and renewable energy. CEB homes are made from locally sourced materials, are well-insulated, and when built with Solar Air Furnaces, can save families up to 30% on their monthly heating bills. With your support, we can ensure more tribal families are housed in affordable comfortable homes.



**\$33** 20 CEB Eco-blocks

**\$71** One day workshop teaching a Tribal member about eco-friendly home building

### EARTH DAY FUNDRAISER

Complete the Home (incl. furniture, appliances) **\$1,650**

Earth Day is April 22

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## LEARNING IS THE PIPELINE TO SUCCESS

*Poverty should never determine whether a child will succeed or fail in life.*

The Mississippi Delta area is one of the most economically poor regions in the US. Schools in the region are some of the worst performing nationwide, leaving students ill prepared for future advancement. Perhaps the most troubling, is graduates from local high schools in Sumner and Glendora complete school, but their literacy and math functioning levels remain low. This leaves them unprepared for joining the workforce.

**The Partners In Development** in partnership with local schools helps identify children who are struggling in school and high school graduates who want to improve their chances of receiving a higher education. Through tutoring programs these kids receive the needed support to help them succeed. Students also have an opportunity to learn about healthy eating, cooking, arts and crafts and social skills. Your gift will help a child set higher goals and receive the support to achieve them.



**\$33** Send one at-risk student to the tutoring program

**\$165** Provides one month of tutoring to at risk children



PHOTO BY: PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

### CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Give 20 kids skills through community service and cooking lessons **\$660**

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## NOURISH THE HUNGRY. SHELTER THE HOMELESS.

Job loss or health problems can put any struggling family at risk of further hardships.



PHOTO BY: CANSTOCKPHOTO

The impact of hunger is devastating, particularly on children. Hunger robs kids of more than just food. Going to school hungry means they are unable to focus and lack the energy to fully participate in learning. This is the reality for 1 in 6 children in the US.

Furthermore, over 5 million senior citizens on a fixed income are forced to choose between paying for food or medicine. Mobility challenges also put them at a greater risk of hunger. Your gift through **Alternative Gift International**, will stock food pantries across the US and Canada, and supply shelter programs with hygiene products and other necessary items.

### THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER

Stock the shelves of a food pantry or homeless shelter **\$850**

[Alternativegifts.org](http://Alternativegifts.org)

#### \$14

One night of shelter for one person

#### \$55

Groceries for a family (of 5) for 1 week



## TRAVELING DENTAL CLINICS FOR THE UNDERSERVED

*“Not one person was judged. And I got help. I didn't have insurance ... They saved my life” ~Melissa (attended a dental event in CO)*



PHOTOS BY: AMERICA'S DENTISTS CARE FOUNDATION



In the United States, millions lack access to basic oral health care every year. Health disparities affect people who live in rural areas and those who have systematically experienced obstacles, such as poverty. The need is critical and there are underserved communities which include veterans, the homeless, minorities, the young and elderly.

**America's Dentists Care Foundation** partners with dentists to provide free dental care to low-income individuals and families, through dental care mission events. These events are set-up in locations easily accessible to all populations. Your gift gives access to dental care which could lead to better performance in school, improved childhood development, lower risk of heart disease and stroke, and healthier pregnancies.

### DENTAL OFFICE FUNDRAISER

Sponsor one share of a two-day dental care event **\$1,100**



**\$31** One dental clinic visit and dental care for one child

**\$124** Complete dental care for a family (of 4)

800.842.2243

## BETTER VISION, BRIGHTER FUTURE

Arturo had very poor eyesight. He had to repeat the first grade three times because he could not see the blackboard.



PHOTO BY INTERNATIONAL RELIEF TEAMS

In low-income countries, many lack access to vision care. Poor eyesight can prevent children from succeeding in school, and adults from earning a living to support their families.

At age nine, Arturo received his first pair of eyeglasses through the **International Relief Team's** Better Vision, Brighter Future program. Trained volunteers travel to rural communities to conduct vision tests, and provide men, women and children with corrective glasses. With your gift we can help more children, like Arturo get access to eyecare and eyeglasses so they can live a more productive life.

### EYE DOCTOR OFFICE FUNDRAISER

Eyeglasses for two classrooms of children in need **\$495**



**\$10** One pair of eyeglasses for one adult or child

**\$30** Eyeglasses for three people

## COFFEE & CHOCOLATE: A HARVEST FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Curb global warming and help families generate income through the sale of cacao and coffee.



PHOTOS BY SUSTAINABLE HARVEST INTERNATIONAL

Cacao (used to make chocolate) and coffee beans are valuable cash crops that can be grown with other crops such as ginger, nutmeg, and bananas in multistory plots that mimic a natural forest. For families in rural Central America, income from the sale of these goods and other cash crops helps them to earn a living.

**Sustainable Harvest International** teaches farmers to grow organic crops to feed their families and increase income, while also preserving wildlife habitat and protecting the environment. Your gift can help families conserve precious resources, become self-sufficient, and overcome poverty through the sale of their yields.

**\$17** Plant a Chocolate Forest (10 cacao trees)

**\$47** Start a Coffee Nursery (100 coffee seedlings)



### WOMEN'S GROUP FUNDRAISER

Help families plant, grow & maintain Coffee and Chocolate Crop (incl. materials, training & 3 yrs of support) **\$665**

## HOPE FOR FORMER GIRL CHILD SOLDIERS

*"I freed myself through theater... I'm a survivor, I will keep moving forward," says Clara\**



PHOTOS BY: MADRE

For over 50 years, Colombia's civil war has left devastating impacts. While the peace accords were recently signed, it does not negate the fact that more than five million people have been killed, over 220,000 displaced, and thousands of young women recruited as child soldiers and targeted with sexual violence.

**MADRE** works with a local partner, Taller de Vida, to provide trauma counseling and healing art therapy to former girl child soldiers and survivors of sexual violence. Clara was eight when a paramilitary group ravaged her village and forced her to fight. Managing to escape, Clara found her way to Taller de Vida, where art therapy lessons gave her a vital creative outlet to express and heal from her traumas. Today, she's a theater instructor with Taller de Vida, teaching other girls exercises to help them heal also.

*\*Name changed for security reasons*

### WOMEN'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Supports rental of dance & art studio facilities for 1 mth **\$550**

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PHOTOS BY: MADRE



**\$21** Art supplies for survivor art therapy workshops

**\$110** Support weekly art workshops & trauma counseling for 15 survivors

**International Women's Day is on March 8**

## RECYCLE TO EQUIP A HOSPITAL

*Hospitals in the U.S. often dispose of millions of dollars worth of usable medical inventory, yet clinics in remote areas of Bolivia often turn patients away due to lack of supplies.*

In Bolivia's remote tropical regions, hospitals and clinics serve an estimated population of 5,000-10,000 mostly indigenous residents. These facilities struggle to care for patients and lack the most basic supplies and equipment, ranging from gauze and gloves to x-ray machines and oxygen tanks.

**Mano a Mano** responds to this dire need by sending discarded but usable equipment to programs that serve Bolivia's poorest patients. Your gift to this project will help increase the capacity of remote Bolivian health care facilities; allowing them to effectively serve their deeply impoverished patients.



**\$55**

Send one case of wound care supplies (incl. sutures, gloves, gauze)

**\$275**

Send one piece of medical equipment (gurney, incubator, oxygen tank)



www.manoamano.org PHOTO BY: MANO A MANO

### MED STUDENT GROUP FUNDRAISER

Sponsor an entire container section with 12,500 pounds of supplies **\$12,600**

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PHOTOS BY: BICYCLES FOR HUMANITY

## BIKES FOR KIDS, TEACHERS & HEALTH CARE WORKERS

*Something as simple as a bike means children can learn and have fun, and the sick can get health care.*

In remote villages in Sub-Saharan Africa, if a person falls ill, the nearest clinic is usually many miles away. The most marginalized are women and children who are the least likely to receive the support necessary to get them to the distant clinic. Additionally, an impediment to children and teachers getting to school is often the lack of transportation.

**Bicycles for Humanity's** mission is simple; to change the world two wheels at a time. Donated bikes are shipped to Africa to be used by health care workers 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 health care or an education.

### BIKE SHOP FUNDRAISER

For a full shipment container of bikes (350 bikes) **\$6,600**



**\$38**

Ship one  
bike

**\$110**

Ship three  
bikes



PHOTOS BY: ETHIOPIA READS

## URBAN MOBILE LIBRARIES

*By creating an environment in which children can connect emotionally and intellectually with books, attitudes about reading will change.*

Like children everywhere, Ethiopia's boys and girls thrive when given an opportunity to learn. An estimated 58% of Ethiopians age 15 and older cannot read. Though school enrollment has increased over the recent years, only 55% of boys and 32% of girls complete primary school.

**Ethiopia Reads** works to address core literacy needs among children. The Urban Mobile Library program provides reading rooms and libraries with training, books, and fun reading activities for children and young adults, ages 4-18. Ethiopia Reads provides educational materials in local languages, trains new staff in reading instruction, and works alongside local leaders to staff the libraries and reading rooms. Through your gift, children will be able to embrace the joy of reading.

### YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Stock a Library **\$825**



**\$14** Send  
5 Books

**\$70** Send  
25 Books



PHOTOS BY: HANDS



## CREATIVE RECYCLING OUT OF POVERTY

*Ikhlass (pictured left), the daughter of a zabaleen family, got her business diploma and is now working as an executive in paper recycling.*

In Cairo's "Garbage City," about 50,000 residents known as "zabaleen" survive by sorting and recycling 90% of the city's trash, which is piled high in the streets. The zabaleen are one of the poorest communities in Egypt. Most of their work is done in unsanitary and dangerous conditions. Women and girls sort collected trash by hand, without protective equipment.

**Hands Along the Nile Development Services** offers job skills training programs for women based on using safe recycling methods in partnership with the Association Protection of the Environment. Through these programs, girls like Ikhlass have the opportunity to use their experience in recycling to learn how to make sellable items like greeting cards and rugs. Through your gift, more young women can earn a living and help the planet.

### EARTH DAY FUNDRAISER

A small loom to make rugs from recycled fabric **\$440**

*Earth Day is April 22*

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**\$11**

Materials & supplies to create recycled paper greeting cards

**\$50**

Send a girl to a recycling training class

## BRIDGE THE GENDER GAP WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

*Through a Bridge Scholarship, girls have an equal opportunity to obtain a degree and life skills necessary to escape poverty, early marriage and child bearing.*



PHOTO BY: KENYA EDUCATION FUND

Some of the girls supported through last year's Project 14 "Help a Girl Graduate," have completed high school and are ready for higher education. They have an opportunity to go further on to university.

The *Bridge Scholarship* program through **Kenya Education Fund** awards scholarships to young women who qualify for public university. In addition, they provide the support needed to successfully transition from high school to university. By covering the first year of tuition and boarding costs, these girls and their families are alleviated from a heavy burden. Through your gift, a girl can succeed academically and create a stable life beyond poverty—reaching beyond what society would otherwise expect of them.

### STUDENT GROUP FUNDRAISER

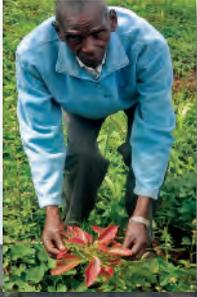
Supports one full year of university for one student **\$660**



**\$33** One semester boarding at university

**\$213** Tuition for one semester at university

## EMPOWER FARMING FAMILIES



*Elisé Kaganda (pictured left) from Burundi shares, "Now we realize that we cannot separate the environment from other aspects of life, like spiritual growth, farming, or economic and social issues."*



PHOTOS BY: PLANT WITH PURPOSE

Burundi is ranked 184th out of 188 countries on the UN's Human Development Index, indicating extreme poverty and a lack of infrastructure. Farming families in Burundi rely on the land for their livelihood. Yet due to environmental degradation, the land does not produce well, causing these families to suffer tremendously.

**Plant With Purpose** works to provide training and resources to give farmers a sustainable way to lift themselves out of poverty. Families are taught to plant trees, implement sustainable agriculture techniques, and participate in the Village Savings and Loan Association groups. These families are reducing their level of poverty by half. With your gift, more farm families can become self-reliant.

### COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Sponsor an entire community development project (helps 30 families to renew their land) **\$5,500**

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- \$17** Plant 15 fruit or hardwood trees
- \$36** Equip a farmer with training in sustainable agricultural & financial tools



## SAVE EVERY WOMAN WITH EARLY DETECTION

### SUCCESS STORY

*Roza Joseph, Elizabeth Joseph Malonta, Rebeca Daniel, Remi Paulo Hengeleka: four women whose lives were saved by a simple screening for cervical cancer.*



Roza Joseph



Elizabeth Joseph Malonta



Rebeca Daniel



Remi Paulo Hengeleka

PHOTOS BY: IMA WORLD HEALTH

Cervical cancer is the most treatable form of cancer, but it must be detected early. For women living in poverty, a lack of access to screening puts them at incredible risk. In Tanzania, the number of women suffering from the disease is 50 percent higher than all of East Africa, and nine times higher than North America and Europe. Eighty percent of those found to be positive with cervical cancer in Tanzania are already in the advance stages of the disease.

**IMA World Health** works to end cervical cancer through prevention, screening and treatment. Your gift will save lives by ensuring women receive cervical cancer screening, and access to treatment they might not otherwise receive.

### SURVIVOR GROUP FUNDRAISER

Training health care workers on treatment procedures **\$1,650**



- \$55** Cancer screening for one woman
- \$165** Cancer screening for three women

800.842.2243



PHOTO BY: PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL

## HELP A NEWBORN THRIVE

*Some of the most basic supplies can help a new baby who was born too early survive.*

In Malawi, 18% of babies are born prematurely and 14% are born too small each year. Health services are limited and the facilities that provide care often lack basic supplies for mothers and their tiny newborns. Mothers generally have only one light linen to carry with them to the clinic which must serve as a sheet, a pillow, or a wrap for their newborn.



Warmth is a critical concern, as premature and low birth weight newborns are too small to regulate their own temperature. **PCI's** Every Premie Project works to provide special feeding cups, wraps for skin-to-skin contact, bed linens, hospital gowns, hats, socks and bed bolsters to improve care for these fragile newborns and their mothers. Premies often lack the strength to breastfeed, and calibrated feeding cups allow babies to receive the nourishing breastmilk they need to grow and thrive.

### NEW BABY FUNDRAISER

Clinic Upgraded and Midwife Capacity Package **\$550**

Alternativegifts.org

**\$28**

Newborn Comfort Kit  
(incl. hats and socks)

**\$33**

Mother Support Kit  
(incl. a gown and wrap)



PHOTOS BY: MADRE

## LIFE-SAVING, ECO-FRIENDLY COOK STOVES

*When indigenous women are equipped with cooking techniques that protect their health and environment, everyone benefits.*



Eunice (pictured) knew the smoke from cooking indoors over an open fire was dangerous to her family's health, but she had no alternative. She, like many others in the village, had no knowledge of the devastating impact their cooking techniques had on the environment; the stoves used too much wood, and they were stripping away the forests.

Eunice had an opportunity to take part in **MADRE's** Women Climate Defenders Initiative and learned climate change mitigation strategies, including how to design indigenous "Jiko" stoves, which are built from clay and contain smoke. These stoves use 80% less wood while emitting less smoke, making cooking efficient and healthy. Your gift can help more women safeguard their families' health and pass on valuable knowledge of how to create sustainable communities and prevent deforestation.

### BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

Send an indigenous woman to a climate change conference **\$990**

**\$11**

Materials to assemble one Healthy Stove

**\$165**

Materials to assemble Healthy Stoves for a community (50 families)





PHOTO BY: BITTERSWEET

## MOBILIZE & EDUCATE KIDS

*Pair educational support with the gift of mobility and a child is equipped to participate socially and academically.*

Parents of children with disabilities in the DR Congo can rarely afford the special equipment needed to enable their children to walk to school, or the fees required to send them to school. These children are excluded from society and left at home, ostracized because of the false misconceptions regarding their physical and mental capacities.

**STANDPROUD** works with a local non-profit in DR Congo which is staffed by former beneficiaries to fund primary education; including fees, books, and uniforms for disabled Congolese children. It also helps the children to attain maximum mobility through the crafting of simple orthopedic leg braces, thus significantly improving their health and well-being. With your gift, more children will enjoy equal opportunities to learn, at the same time influencing society to better respect the rights of people living with disabilities.

### SPORTS TEAM FUNDRAISER

Tuition for 25 children with disabilities for 1 year **\$8,800**

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#### \$44

Replacement straps and shoes for a child's leg braces

#### \$66

A child's school fees for 3 months



PHOTOS BY: WATER FOR SOUTH SUDAN

## FRESH WATER WELLS FOR VILLAGES

*The basic human need of clean water still remains an issue for people living in remote rural villages.*

The region of sub-Saharan Africa, including South Sudan did not meet the 2015 UN Goal target for providing safe drinking water. Seventeen percent of South Sudan's population still does not have access to water, and only two percent of the population has piped water on their premises. Poverty is rampant and the role of fetching water lies with women and girls who walk miles to the only source available—polluted streams and rivers.

**Water for South Sudan** installs water wells in remote areas and provides training in hygiene practices. There is very little electricity and no paved roads. Water for South Sudan honors the dignity of the people served by including them in its work to make clean water accessible to all.

### WORLD WATER DAY

Fresh clean water and hygiene training for a village (approx. 750 people) **\$550**

*World Water Day is March 22*



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



## A MILLION DOSES FOR MEDIC TEAMS

Medics are still traveling through dangerous terrain to reach the most vulnerable. They risk their lives to assist refugees hiding in Burma's jungles.



PHOTO BY: BURMA HUMANITARIAN MISSION

For six decades, Burma's ethnic minorities have sought to live in peace. Burma's government army has attacked them, taken their land, oppressed and isolated them. Violence has caused 1 million villagers to flee their homes. The consequence is horrific: 13 out of 100 infants don't survive, and 1 in 10 mothers die during child birth.

Through your gift, **Burma Humanitarian Mission** will supply 16 backpack medic teams with 1 million doses of medicine. Traveling through dangerous territory, these medic teams treat sick and injured patients. The most vulnerable are the elderly, children, and expectant mothers. By providing basic medicine the results are inspiring – maternal mortality has dropped 80%, while infant mortality is down 90%. In addition, 60% of children's deaths are prevented.

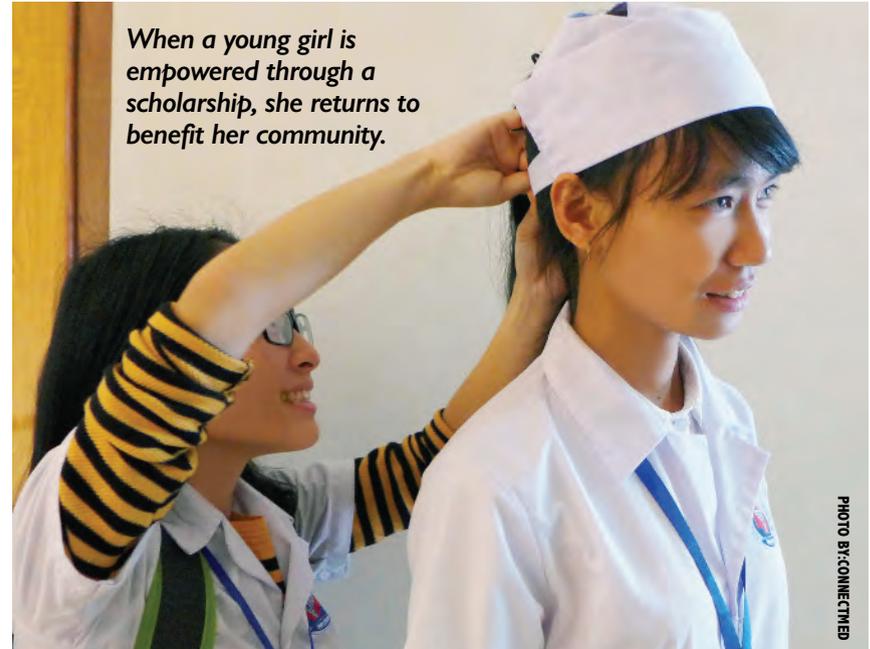
### HOSPITAL STAFF FUNDRAISER

One year of medical supplies for a team **\$330**



**\$1** 35 doses of medicine  
**\$28** 6 months of penicillin for a medic team

## NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS IN RURAL VIETNAM



When a young girl is empowered through a scholarship, she returns to benefit her community.

PHOTO BY: CONNECTMED

Rural central Vietnam is marked with rugged terrain, and poverty is prevalent due to the poor economy. Access to health care is difficult, and the few clinics are overburdened with patients. There's a high demand for nurses, and young girls from these areas are eager to learn. While many aspire to become nurses and doctors, the financial hardship makes it near impossible for these aspirations to be realized.

The Hue University Faculty of Nursing is the only nursing school in the area through which **ConnectMed** offers scholarships to nursing students who meet specific academic and financial criteria. A gift to this program will help a bright young girl follow her dream of becoming a nurse, which in turn will benefit her community.

### OFFICE FUNDRAISER

One semester of tuition for nursing school **\$248**



**\$33** Nursing textbooks for 5 students  
**\$55** One month of nursing school tuition for 1 student



## SEWING MACHINES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

PHOTO BY: INDIA PARTNERS

*A sewing machine can provide a dignified income to women trapped in a cycle of poverty, fueled by India's caste system.*

Poverty in India is a symptom of many things, including lack of education. Girls born into India's lowest social class, the Dalit (*Untouchables*), have three strikes against them: First, they face societal discrimination, second, they have little or no access to education and health care, and third, they are restricted on where they can live and worship.

Tailoring Schools supported by **India Partners** give young Dalit women in rural villages the opportunity to learn a valuable skill and earn income. Five schools have already helped scores of women, but more are in need of training. Through this tailoring program women learn a dignified trade and are able to improve the lives of their children and gift them with the opportunity of a brighter future.

### SEWING CLUB FUNDRAISER

Sewing machines for 12 graduating women **\$1,320**

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#### \$22

Sewing lessons for one woman for a month

#### \$110

A sewing machine for a new graduate



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## PROTECT CORAL REEFS AND SEA TURTLES

*The coral reef, a natural resource, is facing growing threats: overfishing and harmful fishing practices, pollution, and climate change are all contributors to its destruction.*



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The Coral Triangle holds the world's highest diversity of corals (76% of global coral species), and provides feeding and breeding grounds for whales, dolphins, sea turtles and manta rays. It supports the livelihoods of 130 million people living in coastal areas and supplies the protein needs of millions more. But coral reefs are in serious decline and in dire need of protection and restoration.

Over the next year, **The Nature Conservancy** will help the people of the Coral Triangle to protect their reefs and communities from climate change threats by developing action plans that use nature-based solutions. Your gift will help regrow coral and protect other vital ocean habitats.

### WORLD OCEANS DAY FUNDRAISER

Protect a mile of coral reef **\$832**



#### \$55

Protects a sea turtle nest

#### \$208

Helps protect ¼ mile of coral reef

*World Oceans Day is on June 8*

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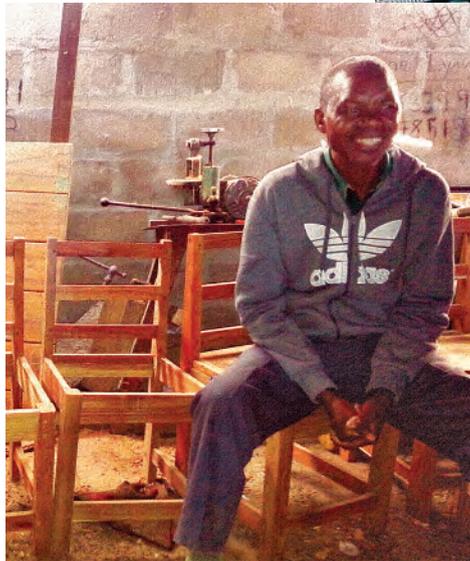
# MICRO-LOANS CHANGE LIVES

Imagine living on \$3 or less per day. Over 3 billion in our world do. The poor don't want a handout, they want a hand up and a chance to succeed. Micro-loans offer that opportunity.

Wickneswary's husband left war-torn Sri Lanka looking for work. She never saw him again. Micro-loans helped her to grow her tailoring business and educate her son. She has now trained 40 young women.



PHOTOS BY: PEER SERVANTS



Victor needed capital to grow his carpentry business in Zambia. Micro-loans have enabled him to provide for his family, send his children to university, and employ others from his community.

Your gift will help other like-minded entrepreneurs turn an idea into a way out of poverty.

**\$55** One share of a micro-loan  
**\$110** One start-up micro-loan



## WOMEN'S GROUP FUNDRAISER

A group startup loan for 5 people **\$550**

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PHOTO BY: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

# RESCUE CHILDREN FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

Seven-year-old Maarko\* and his younger sister were sexually abused and exploited in shows broadcast online. Sadly, the trafficker was their own mother.



Sex trafficking is a form of violent slavery that affects at least two million children around the world, and countless women. A devastating form of sex trafficking is called cybersex trafficking of children, through which pedophiles and predators search online and pay to sexually abuse children anywhere in the world. Victims of cybersex trafficking are often alarmingly young, and unable to seek help.

**International Justice Mission** trains and mentors local law enforcement officials as they plan and conduct covert rescue operations for victims of sexual abuse—both online and offline. Your gift to this project can help eradicate sex trafficking and ensure that perpetrators of this violence are brought to justice wherever they may be.

\*A pseudonym

## STUDENT GROUP FUNDRAISER

Fund a sex trafficking rescue operation **\$6,300**

**\$33** An aftercare package for a survivor (incl. clothes, toiletries, comfort toy for young survivors)

**\$55** Help rescue a victim of sex trafficking





## PAY IT FORWARD WITH FAMILY FARMS

*Livestock to a poor Haitian family is a small business that can transform their community.*

PHOTO BY: COMMUNITY COALITION FOR HAITI

Poverty and poor nutrition continues to be a daily struggle for most Haitian families. Protein rich foods are not easily accessible, leading to malnutrition in one third of women and children. The situation worsened when Hurricane Matthew killed many livestock.

**Community Coalition for Haiti** works to transform lives through a long-term, community driven, sustainable approach to hunger and poverty. A small farm of goats, turkeys and bees produce diverse products that can improve nutrition and create a source of income. Your gift will help families learn to care for and breed animals, which provide nutritious food and can be a source of income. Your gift will also help teach families to care for and breed animals. Once families are able to feed and support their household, they "pay it forward" by passing livestock on to another family, or by selling livestock to support their local school.

### BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

A complete family farm with goats, turkeys, & beehives **\$1,018**

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**\$28** A share of livestock & training

**\$99** Help a family start a farm (a goat, trio of turkeys, a bee hive or training)



## HEALING & HOPE FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

*Millions of civilians have been displaced due to violence in Syria. Over 2 million refugees have fled to Lebanon alone.*



PHOTO BY: NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Many families have been forced away from their homes, becoming refugees, and their children are no longer in the nurturing environment of their schools. These children often cannot attend school in their refuge countries because they are so far behind in their schooling, or they have language deficiencies.

**The Syrian Transition Education Program** through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries serves refugee children ages 4-15. This program provides informal education including English, Arabic, Math and Science to Syrian and Iraqi refugee children. In addition, students receive nutritious daily meals of familiar foods during shared meal times, which can help with adjusting to their new environments. Recognizing the many ways education can change lifetime outcomes of children, together we can create a stable learning environment to help them heal.

### CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Provide school supplies, books, hot meals, and school clothes for one child for one year **\$350**



**\$28**

School clothes for one a child

**\$75** School supplies & warm meals for one child for 1 month



PHOTO BY: PILGRIMS OF IBILLIN

## BUILD PEACE ON DESKTOPS

**Scholarships are crucial: almost 2/3 of Israel's Arab minority (20% of Israel's population) live below the official poverty line.**

The Mar Elias Educational Institutions were founded in the Palestinian village of Ibillin in Israel by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Father Elias Chacour. The Ibillin schools bring together Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Druze teachers and students to work together on peace strategies, in addition to other core subjects.

**Pilgrims of Ibillin** supports the "Build Peace on Desktops" program whose goal is to provide academic excellence while modeling values of respect, mutual understanding, nonviolence, and equal worth of all children. Modest scholarships make the excellence of a Mar Elias education available to low-income families and provide better opportunities throughout life. Almost all Mar Elias graduates pursue higher education and become key leaders in their careers and communities.

### CLASSROOM FUNDRAISER

Help launch an arts enrichment program **\$8,800**

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**\$17** One high school scholarship for one student

**\$38** Book fees for one student



PHOTO BY: TFL

**TRAINED TEACHERS, BETTER STUDENTS!**



**"I want to be an astronaut."**

~Preksha

Every child has a dream—like Preksha, a 5-year-old girl from a village in India, who says, "I want to be an astronaut." But in rural areas of developing countries, children like her aren't able to pursue their dreams because they can't get a quality education. The main teaching method is "recite and repeat," giving children the ability to memorize but not the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in today's world. A major obstacle is the lack of well-trained teachers.

Teach for Life, a program of **Trees for Life**, is helping to overcome that obstacle. Through simple, yet powerful instructional videos, highly trained teachers share their most effective techniques with teachers in need of training—in their own native language. People everywhere are joining this global movement, motivated by a common vision: *Better Teachers, Better Students, Better World*. As teachers around the world become trained, they can offer a higher quality education to help children like Preksha reach their dreams.



**\$33** Put a trained teacher in a classroom





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## WHERE NEEDED MOST

*Even the  
smallest project  
can help break  
the cycle of  
global poverty.*

Each of the projects in this catalog addresses a real, vital need in the world. However, important projects are sometimes overlooked.

Our *Where Needed Most* fund helps support the projects that don't receive the attention they deserve by boosting the funds raised for them.

**\$25**

One share to boost lesser funded projects



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## SUPPORT OUR WORK

*We work to change  
the world, one gift  
at a time.*

Each year, we work hard to select projects around the world that will help address a number of global problems. We have vetted and built relationships with the partners featured in this catalog; partners that assure your donated dollars will be used as featured in this catalog.

Since we take just 10% of what you give to projects, we need your help to continue our work. We want to change the world one gift at a time, and we can only do that with your help.

**\$20**

Support of AGI's Continued Mission



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Did you know that your employer can double the impact of a charitable contribution?



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Partners In Development	P2	<a href="http://pidonline.org">pidonline.org</a>
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International Relief Teams	P5	<a href="http://irteams.org">irteams.org</a>
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