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2019 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Pictured: Underfunded Causes 1,4,9,16,19,20,21,24

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to gift through us this year. Many of you gave in a meaningful way. There is no doubt in my mind that your gifts generated much warmth for the receiver and the giver (you). Your decision to gift alternatively has changed lives and given hope. As we draw nearer to the end of our 2018-19 catalog year (ends June 30th), we still have some work to do and we need your help! There are a handful of causes that were overlooked and need a little extra support. We need to raise just \$10,500 for these causes. Any amount will help us.

Gratefully,

Surinder Moore

Executive Director
Alternative Gifts International



Last year, AGI's Where Most Needed fund was used to boost the "Save Every Woman" cancer screening cause, which helped give life-saving screenings to 2127 women and treat 87 women for small lesions.

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YOUR GIFTS INSPIRE CHANGE

Find out how your support last year (2017-18) impacted families around the world!

Cause 23 Micro-Loans Change Lives



Rasotha (pictured left with her husband) started with a **\$200 micro-loan** to grow her farming business. Her family has faced many challenges. For example, her husband was blinded by a bomb blast during the war, and her valuable bull was stolen. She has overcome, and now employs three people (including two with disabilities), feeds the hungry in her community, and shares her successful farming methods with her neighbors at no cost to them.

Cause 6 Coffee & Chocolate: A Harvest For Self-Sufficiency



Pictured Above: Ms. Petrona admiring her cacao pod.

By the end of 2018, with AGI's support **17,000 cacao trees** were planted, and a total of **10 acres** were preserved.

As a result of your support, families can not only make a living from the land and provide for their families, but also protect and rebuild the ecosystem around them.

Cause 15 Help A Newborn Thrive



Warmth for a newborn baby is essential, particularly when the baby is born prematurely.

With support from you, **Cause 15 Help a Newborn Thrive**, had the means to provide comfort and care kits to 401 pre-term babies.

Did You Know?

You can now set up a **crowdfund page** for any occasion and invite your connections on social media and email to give to your campaign.

Get started: <https://alternativegifts.org/giving/crowdfunding>



Ways To Give



When you give an alternative gift to your loved one, you are also giving a gift to someone around the world to improve their life. Each cause in our gift catalog, is carefully selected to ensure that the recipient will receive a sustainable gift that will create lasting change for their children and communities.

Ready to start gifting?

Visit <https://alternativegifts.org/> select the **GIVING** tab, then choose **OUR CAUSES**. Learn about the causes and input the amount you want to give.

If you receive a catalog by mail, fill out the order form inside of the catalog and send it with your donation.

Or you can call **1.800.842.2243** and one of our friendly staff will help you order.

Our Commitment: 90% of each donated dollar goes directly to the cause.

Opportunities to Gift:

April 7 World Health Day

You can support Cause 17: Mobile Clinics for At-Risk Communities

April 22 Earth Day

Cause 24 protects the grasslands of Mongolia

April 23 World Book Day

Cause 5 sends books to kids in Ethiopia

April 25 World Malaria Day

Cause 18 provides an anti-malarial cure for pregnant women

May 2 World Tuna Day

Cause 21 Provides fish and a fish pond for Hill Tribe families in Thailand

May 15 International Day of Families

Cause 9 Helps a woman gain a skill to provide for her family

May 17 World Information Society Day

Cause 8 Brings a STEM solar suitcase curriculum to Native American classrooms so they can learn technology to help their reservations

May 29 International Day of UN Peacekeepers

Cause 29 Where Most Needed helps boost underfunded causes

Your church or organization can help another community grow out of poverty by hosting a **gift market!** Each year, hundreds of caring volunteers come together to host fundraisers in their local communities. Hosting a market is easy! Form a committee to help you organize your fundraiser, choose which causes you want to raise money for, then call us at **1.800.842.2243** to send you your planning guide!



WILLS & ESTATES

Provide a means to impact the future beyond your lifetime, by leaving a charitable gift through your will.

You can:

- Leave a legacy
- Enjoy lower taxes
- Generate income or protect assests for your heirs
- Endow AGI's mission

For more info, contact:

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Greeting Card Design Contest

Show off your creative skills!

We will choose two winning designs to be featured for purchase in the Gifts Inspiring Change catalog, and website. The winners will receive a \$50 gift card to Amazon.com

For entry form and more rules, go to:

www.alternativegifts.org

Deadline to enter: April 17

