



Alternative Gifts
INTERNATIONAL

Gifts Inspiring
CHANGE

2021-22
GIFT CATALOG

DEAR FRIENDS,

I have said it before, we could not do it without you! That could not have been truer this past year. For Alternative Gifts and our nonprofit partners, the pandemic presented many challenges, but also opportunity to create new ways for you to make a difference through AGI.

We needed help to figure out how to navigate through this difficult time and our supporters stepped up! There were fewer gift markets due to venues being closed but we teamed up with our past market hosts and together developed new ways to host Gift Markets in this time of social distancing (see pages C-D). This is another example of how our supporters are very much a part of AGI.

Our organization was formed with the help of people (youth) talking through an idea to change the world. We are still very much grassroots, and we welcome your ideas to help us evolve, reinvent and grow. I encourage you to call me so that we may talk about any thoughts or ideas you might have.

Whether you're hosting a gift market, giving alternative gifts to business clients, or starting a meaningful tradition with your family, your gifts bring justice, dignity, and peace to those struggling against a tide of complex issues. Thank you for gifting with us and inspiring others to do the same.



Prayerfully onward,



SURINDER KAUR

Executive Director

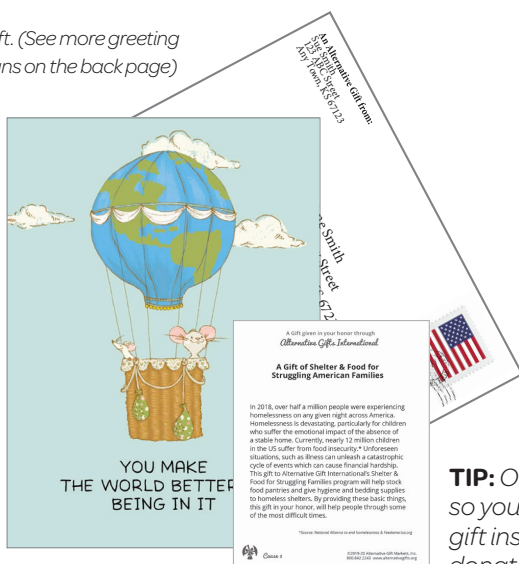
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With Us:**



WHAT IS AN Alternative Gift?

Your anniversary, your friend's birthday, a graduation, wedding or new baby—any gift occasion is perfect to gift alternatively! An alternative gift is a donation that helps people out of poverty, or helps our environment. There are a variety of 29 unique Causes to give a gift in honor of someone. Start changing the world by changing how you gift!

Sample gift. (See more greeting card designs on the back page)



TIP: Our pages are designed so you can use them as your gift insert! Simply cut off the donation levels.

How to Order a Gift

1. Browse the catalog
2. Select your Cause(s)
3. Choose a Greeting Card (see back page). Tell us where to send the card and gift insert!



Order by Phone
800.842.2243



Online
alternativegifts.org



Send your form by mail
P.O. Box 3810,
Wichita KS 67201

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WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET?

An Alternative Gift Market is a fundraiser that helps your local community and our global friends as well! Local markets are typically held in community spaces and feature booths where donors can “shop” and support various Causes. They choose Causes from this catalog, and receive handmade gift ornaments that represent the Causes they donated to.



Visit our website for more information and resources!

Alternative Gifts' staff and seasoned market volunteers are available to guide you through each step. Also, our free information packet will walk you through the different types of markets: multi-congregational market, service learning market, virtual market, business open house event, catalog markets or family fundraiser! There are no limits to the different ways you can unite, engage and do good.

**Increase your market impact with our
online fundraiser tool!** (See page E)

Ask us how you can create an online fundraiser in a few simple steps. To learn more call **800.842.2243**



Unite, Engage & Do Good!

By hosting an Alternative Gift Market you can also support your local food pantry or shelter programs.

Find out how to help, call 800.842.2243

AGI's Commitment: 90% of each donated dollar is directed to the Cause as described on the catalog page. AGI is a fully accredited with the Better Business Bureau.

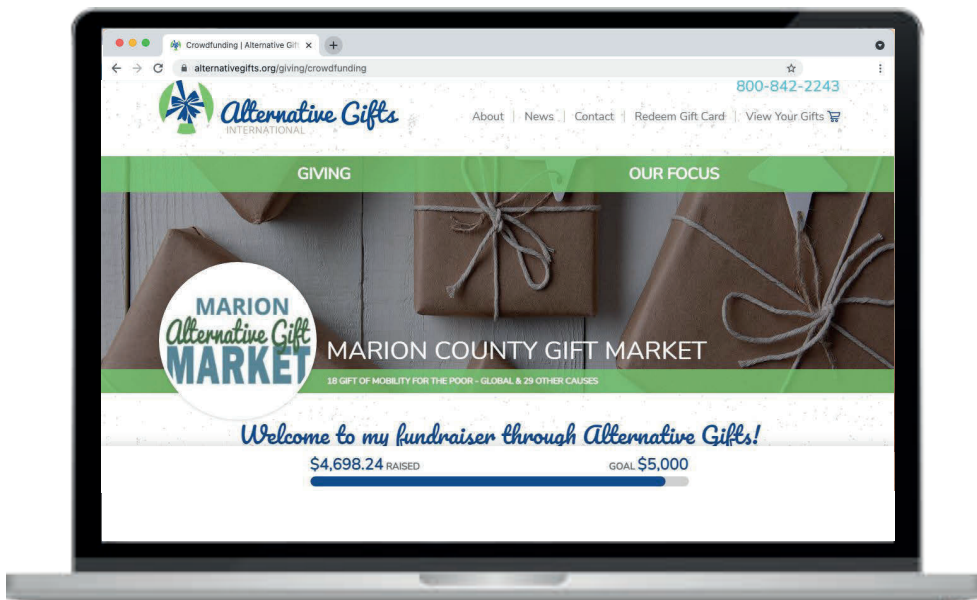


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CREATE YOUR ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Our crowdfund tool allows you to create an online fundraiser to raise money for Causes you believe in. There are 29 great Causes to pick from and invite others to give.

Students, churches, businesses, families... anyone can start a crowdfund. Simply browse the Causes, then in a few minutes you can create your fundraiser page and start changing the world!



**BASELINE
CREATIVE**

Thank you to Baseline Creative for
helping us design our Catalog this year!

IMPROVE LIVES IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you're hosting an on-the-ground gift market, set up a crowdfund to give people another way to support your market!



1. Choose Your Causes

Learn about the Causes at

alternativegifts.org/giving/gifting/causes
before selecting them for your crowdfund.



2. Create Your Page

Start your personal or organizational crowdfund here:

alternativegifts.org/giving/crowdfunding



3. Invite People To Support Your Fundraiser

Promote your crowdfund by sharing the link provided through email, social media or text message.

READY TO START YOUR CROWDFUND?

Call **800.842.2243** if you have any questions, or
visit alternativegifts.org to get started!

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER GIFT MATCHING?



Many companies will match employee charitable gift contributions and team fundraisers.

Your gift or crowdfund campaign can have **DOUBLE** the impact when your company agrees to match the donation! Request a matching gift form from your Human Resources department, and we will do the rest.

Complete your portion of the form and mail it to:



Alternative Gifts International
P.O. Box 3810
Wichita, KS 67201

LEAVE A *Legacy...*

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

You can:

- **Leave a legacy**
- **Endow AGI's mission**
- **Enjoy lower current and/or estate taxes**
- **Generate income for you or protect assets for your heirs**

For more info. contact:
surinder@alternativegifts.org

CAUSES 2021-22

Causes valid from 7.1.2021 - 6.30.2022



- 1 The Gift of Hunger Relief - *Global*
- 2 Empower Women Farmers! - *Global*
- 3 Food & Shelter for Americans - *United States*
- 4 Lunch & Literacy - *Hungary*



- 5 Plant For a Sustainable Tomorrow - *Haiti*
- 6 Protect Snub-Nosed Monkeys - *China*
- 7 Seeds of Change: Restoring Indigenous Lands - *Tribal Lands, United States*
- 8 Eco Stoves for Every Home! - *Guatemala*



- 9 Help Them Walk. Help Them Learn - *DR Congo*
- 10 Scholarships for Students - *Haiti*
- 11 Literacy on Wheels - *Ethiopia*
- 12 Education for the World - *Global*



- 13 Equip a Medic, Save a Life! - *Burma*
- 14 Medical Relief for The Displaced - *Niger, Cameroon, Syria*
- 15 Healthcare for Students - *Haiti*
- 16 Miracles Through Recycling - *Bolivia*



- 17 Shelter, Warmth & Comfort - *Uganda*
- 18 Nutrition, Education & Stability for Families - *Egypt*



- 19 Water is a Human Right! - *South Sudan*
- 20 Sewing a Way Out of Poverty - *India*
- 21 Empower a Girl Through Education - *Thailand*



- 22 Support Their Dream With a Microloan - *Global*
- 23 Building Resilient Farming Families - *Belize, Honduras, Panama*
- 24 Bikes for Education & Healthcare - *Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia*



- 25 A Safe Place for Exploited Children - *The Philippines*
- 26 More Than A Survivor - *Haiti*
- 27 Healing Art Therapy for Child Soldiers - *Colombia*



- 28 Help Every Cause Succeed! - *Global*
- 29 Support Our Mission - *Global*

REASONS TO GIVE!

In addition to birthdays, anniversaries, and graduation, there are so many International days to celebrate and give a gift in honor of someone.

JULY

- 3** World Population Day
- 11** World Youth Skills Day
- 15** Nelson Mandela International Day
- 25** World Hepatitis Day
- 28** International Day of Friendship
- 30** World Day Against Trafficking Persons

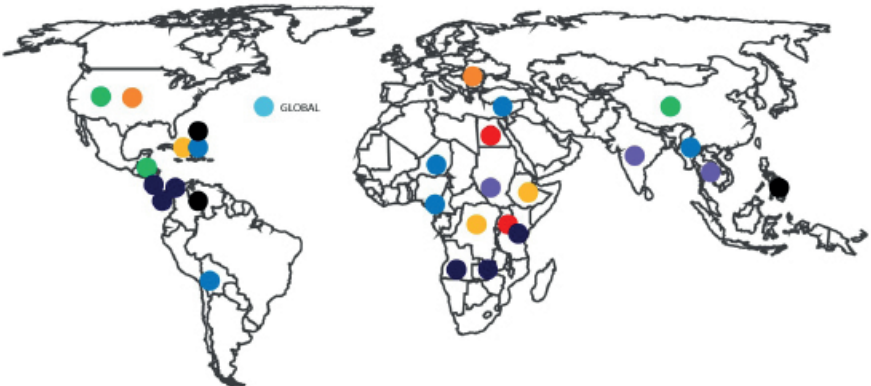
AUGUST

- 1** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 9** International Youth Day
- 12** World Humanitarian Day
- 22** International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition
- 29** International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances

SEPTEMBER

- 5** International Day of Charity
- 7** International Literacy Day
- 12** International Day of Democracy
- 15** International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- 17** International Equal Pay Day
- 18** International Day of Peace
- 28** International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

Visit <https://bit.ly/3qAoWjs>
for more observances!





CREDIT: Numana

THE GIFT OF HUNGER RELIEF

Around the globe, more than 690 million people regularly go to bed hungry, and that number is on the rise. Hunger is strongly interconnected with poverty, and nearly 98% of the world's hungry live in developing countries. There is enough food produced around the world to feed everyone on the planet, which means that those who go hungry either do not have access to food or money to buy it.

Numana was founded to empower people to serve the hungry. They do so by facilitating food packaging events where volunteers pack simple, nutritious, economical meals. The meals consist of rice, soy protein, freeze-dried beans and a blend of vitamins and minerals targeted to help the immune system of malnourished people.

\$5

Provides 15 meals

\$10

Provides 30 meals

\$990

Provides 3,000 meals



EMPOWER WOMEN FARMERS!

Rural and Indigenous women are impacted by climate breakdown—food shortages, droughts, floods, and diseases are linked to these growing dangers. These women refuse to be victimized, but instead, create innovative, locally-rooted responses. **MADRE** and partners promote the preservation of Indigenous traditions such as: cultivating native crops, ensuring food security and nutrition, supporting energy-efficient greenhouses, and creating water systems to guard against drought.



CREDIT: Elizabeth Rappaport

SUCCESS STORY

In Sudan, **MADRE's** partner Zenab for Women in Development (Zenab) supports women farmers through sustainable agriculture programs that provide training workshops and supplies like seeds and machinery for cultivation. Since their inception, Zenab has reached over 53,400 community members across 58 villages, effectively uplifting and strengthening women's leadership in their communities. This union uses its collective strength to push for access to resources and tools previously reserved for men.

\$5

Provides Seeds for
Women Farmers

\$15

Gifts Hand Tools for
Women Farmers

\$500

Provides One
Sustainability Workshop

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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FOOD & SHELTER FOR AMERICANS

As the United States faces the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, a national recession, and deep economic disparities, hunger and homelessness continue to be problems. A variety of factors can cause homelessness and food insecurity, including disability, low income, inability to afford rent, mental illness, and job loss. Children account for approximately 1 in 5 homeless individuals, and the absence of a stable home can have a toll emotionally and physically. **Alternative Gifts International's** "Feed the Hungry, Shelter the Homeless" program aids by stocking food pantries and providing bedding and hygiene supplies to homeless shelters. This program meets basic human needs for vulnerable individuals, who otherwise would have no food to eat or bed to sleep in.

\$55

Supplies Groceries for
a Family for One Week

\$15

Provides Shelter
Supplies for One Night

\$1,100

Stocks the Shelves
of a Pantry or Shelter



LUNCH & LITERACY

The Roma people in Hungary (known as Gypsies) are a persecuted minority who face high rates of unemployment and poverty. Roma children from poor, often homeless families, go hungry when school is not in session. These children have an increased risk for poor school performance, chronic health conditions, delayed cognitive development, stunted growth, and psychological distress. They begin their lives with a serious disadvantage, and in the long-term are at greater risk for unemployment and homelessness. **Hungarian**

Evangelical Fellowship is helping to break the cycle of poverty for families by providing food, shelter, health services, and education for over 2,500 Roma children. The offer of food draws children into schools to continue their education and builds the schools as centers of community support. Your gift helps Roma children to survive with needed nutrition and to thrive with an educational lifeline out of poverty.



CREDIT: HEF

\$6

Gives a Backpack Filled with Lunch & School Supplies

\$12

Provides a Backpack & Meal for a Family

\$1,000

Provides Backpacks, Food & Supplies for a Classroom

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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CREDIT: QC



PLANT FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

Haiti is one of the most severely deforested countries in the world, with an estimated 1% of its primary forest remaining. Deforestation undermines food security, destroys wildlife habitats, and causes devastating mudslides and other natural disasters. But solutions require more than simply planting trees or enclosing old growth forests: success requires that tree planting supports the local economy. The **Quixote**

Center in Haiti has planted more than 2 million trees since 1999, in partnership with the Jena Marie Vincent Formation Center. The organization accompanies tree planting with workshops on nurturing trees and programs that offer a means for monetization of tree produce. In 2020, the community of Perou worked with the Quixote Center to plant 40,000 saplings. Some of the trees will eventually be harvested sustainably to produce charcoal, which is a critical part of the local economy.

\$28

Plants 25 Trees

\$55

Plants 50 Trees

\$1,100

Plants 1,100 Trees



PROTECT SNUB-NOSED MONKEYS

In the Yun Ling Mountains of southwestern China, Yunnan golden monkeys roam the rugged landscape searching for their favorite meal, lichens. With only 3,000 remaining in China, the Yunnan golden monkey, also known as the Yunnan snub-nosed monkey, is classified as an endangered species. This type of monkey gets its name because of the lack of nasal bones. They love to band together in groups of several hundred when traveling through the forests.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has protected the Yunnan snub-nosed monkey and its habitat for 20 years. In 2019, TNC, in cooperation with government agencies and independent organizations, established the first wildlife and habitat protection network in Yunnan. They need your support to continue the “Community-Based Patrolling in Lijiang Laojunshan to Protect the Endangered Snub-Nosed Monkey” project. Your gift will ensure the protection of newborn monkeys and assist with conservation education.

\$28

Helps a Newborn
Monkey Survive

\$110

Hosts a Conservation
Education Program

\$1,100

Support a Community
Ranger for a Year

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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CREDIT: TW&P

SEEDS OF CHANGE: RESTORING INDIGENOUS LANDS

In 2011, the Las Conchas wildfire decimated more than 156,600 acres of land in the Jemez Mountains. This resulted in the significant disruption of upland forest systems that Pueblo residents rely on for critical cultural and natural resources. The wildfire destroyed an estimated one-quarter of Pueblo homelands and 45% of the watershed, leaving the area at-risk for dangerous flash flooding. Since 2019, **Trees, Water & People** has collaborated with Pueblo de Cochiti, Jemez Pueblo and Santo Domingo Pueblo to facilitate locally-based restoration projects led by Tribal community members, elders, and Native youth. The goal is to extend these restoration efforts to the 2022 planting seasons through Tribal-led tree planting projects that will collectively facilitate the rehabilitation and restoration of 50 acres of sacred forests and watersheds. This will support communities as they work collectively to regenerate healthy ecosystems and preserve important traditional cultural lifeways as People of the Pueblos.

\$83

Gift Seedlings
& Tools

\$165

Restores Three
Acres of Tribal Land

\$1,650

One Tribal Community
Land Restoration Project



ECO STOVES FOR EVERY HOME!

In the most impoverished areas of Guatemala, two-thirds of the population have upper respiratory infections, heart and lung disease, eye problems, and back pain, as a result of cooking with open fires in enclosed areas. Carbon dioxide and black carbon from open fires impacts climate change, and collecting wood for fires can lead to deforestation. **Partners In Development** has created an Eco Stove program to provide a cost-efficient way to cook, while alleviating the health and environmental problems caused by open fires.

SUCCESS STORY

Felipe has been caring solely for his daughter who is living with disabilities. She has suffered several respiratory illnesses since infancy. His daughter was hospitalized several times in one year as a result of her condition. After installing the stove, her visits to the doctor lessened. She has not been hospitalized in more than four years, and her lungs have remained clear.



CREDIT: PID

\$77

Maintains a Stove

\$118

Installs an Eco Stove

\$11,800

Installs 100 Stoves



HELP THEM WALK. HELP THEM LEARN.

Parents of children with disabilities living in the DR Congo can rarely afford school fees and pay for special equipment so their children can walk. Only about 50% of children are able to attend primary school due to abject poverty, and the amount is significantly lower among children who are physically handicapped. These children are frequently ostracized for their condition, and false misconceptions persist regarding their capabilities.



CREDIT: StandProud

StandProud works with a local nonprofit staffed by former beneficiaries, to finance primary education including: fees, books, and mandatory uniforms for Congolese children who have disabilities. They also help the children attain maximum mobility and dignity through the crafting of leg braces—and by teaching the children how to use them, thus significantly improving their health and well-being. Your gift will help children living with disabilities enjoy the same educational opportunities as others.

\$11

One Set of
Leg Braces

\$50

School Fees for
One Month

\$8,800

Education Costs for 25
Children for One Year



CREDIT: HEF

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

The opportunity to receive education in Haiti is limited, and is therefore of even higher value. In a country that experiences devastation after devastation, education brings hope for a brighter future filled with new possibilities. The **Haiti Education Foundation** (HEF) supports 34 schools, educating approximately 6,500 children each year from kindergarten to high school. The goal in Haiti's remote schools is to provide the gift of education that can never be taken away and will multiply in sharing. Every child who attends an HEF school receives a quality education and brings the knowledge home to be shared with siblings, parents, and grandparents who did not have educational opportunities.

\$25

A Share of
Scholarship

\$75

Scholarship for one
Student (One year)

\$1,500

Scholarships for
20 Students

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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CREDIT: ER

LITERACY ON WHEELS

In Ethiopia, Africa's second largest country, children face challenges in achieving a quality education and literacy. Although school enrollment rates have increased substantially, an estimated 45% of people ages 15 and older still cannot read. Even if a child is learning to read, there is a shortage of books available to read in Ethiopian languages beyond textbooks. School and public libraries are very scarce or poorly equipped here.

Ethiopia Reads' mobile library programs include:

three Donkey Mobile Libraries in Hawassa, Horse Powered Libraries in various rural locations, Children's Reading Festivals, and new digital channels for families and other activities. Primary aged children are given greater regular access to reading and the power of reading at home is promoted to their families. Through your donations, Ethiopian children will be able to enjoy reading and learning independently.

\$17

Sends 30 Books

\$77

Sends 150 Books

\$825

Stocks Mobile Library



CREDIT: TFL



EDUCATION FOR THE WORLD

All children deserve a quality education. However, roughly 258 million children worldwide are unable to attend school, according to UNESCO (2018). Research continues to prove the link between education and poverty, and the truth is devastating for many. Teach for Life, a program of **Trees for Life**, aims to spark a worldwide movement of people sharing knowledge and learning from each other. Through online video lessons created by qualified educators in multiple local languages, children can be educated anywhere at any time. Teach for Life offers lessons for literacy, science, math, social sciences, art, and music. The program also provides guidance on teaching techniques for effective teaching and other resources. Your gift will give children around the world an opportunity to be educated!

\$25

Educates One Child

\$50

Educates Two Children

\$500

Educates 20 Children

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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EQUIP A MEDIC, SAVE A LIFE!

Imagine—your country's army chasing your family into an isolated forest camp, and attacking the healthcare workers serving you. This is the reality for many people living in Burma's jungles. The humanitarian crisis because of the war has led to alarming health problems: 13% of newborns will not survive their first month. Three of 10 children will not live to see their fifth birthday. Additionally, one in four malaria patients will never recover. With your help, **Burma Humanitarian Mission** will support 46 backpack medic teams with enough medicine to care for 80,000 people next year.

SUCCESS STORY

In Burma's Hpakan village, backpack medics treated a 2-year-old girl who suffered second-degree burns. The antibiotics and salve ointment reduced her suffering, and saved her life. Your gifts funded this team last year. Together, we can continue sending backpack medics to help those in need.

CREDIT: BHM



\$11

400 Doses of
Medicine

\$28

Bandages for
Six Months

\$770

Supports Five Medic
Teams for Six Months



MEDICAL RELIEF FOR THE DISPLACED

Niger is one of the poorest countries in sub-Saharan Africa, where more than 40% of children under age five are chronically malnourished. Lack of access to quality healthcare is a pressing problem in rural areas, where the majority of the population lives. Cameroon, a previously stable country, has now been devastated by violence, human rights abuse, civil war, and insurgency. An estimated 682,000 people have been displaced, and most live in deplorable conditions with no means for health services. Syria has been engaged in one of the most bloody and complex conflicts in the world, which has shattered lives, destroyed cities, and strained global politics. More than 4.81 million Syrians have fled the country and 6.3 million have been displaced internally. Medical treatment is difficult to come by for those who have fled their homes.



International Relief Teams (IRT) provides essential medicines to these vulnerable and disadvantaged populations for a fraction of their cost. IRT leverages each dollar donated into at least \$50 worth of medicine to fight disease and improve the health of communities in Niger, Cameroon, and Syria.

\$50

Gives \$2,500
of Medicine

\$250

Gives \$12,500
of Medicine

\$1,000

Gives \$50,000
of Medicine

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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HEALTHCARE FOR STUDENTS

For students in Haiti, access to healthcare could be nearly impossible due to the cost and not having transportation. There is also a shortage of healthcare professionals. According to recent data, there are only six healthcare professionals for every 10,000 people in Haiti.

Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) takes healthcare directly to students through school-based clinics. Preventative and curative care is now available to hundreds of rural school children, three times each school year. The lives of students and teachers have been transformed through these efforts. CCH also provides health education throughout the year in each community; training students, educators, and parents. Your gift will expand their school-based clinics and health education into new schools and partner communities!

\$33

Check-ups & Medicine
for Three Students

\$55

A Medicine Box for
One Mobile Clinic

\$1,500

Check-ups & Medicine
For One School



MIRACLES THROUGH RECYCLING

Bolivian healthcare programs, particularly those in rural communities, lack the most basic items. Donated supplies and equipment from the United States can be distributed to **Mano a Mano's** network of 175 rural medical centers, other healthcare institutions, and individuals throughout the country. These items make it possible to meet the needs of their community, especially during the pandemic.

SUCCESS STORY

Seven-year-old Luz Milagro has never walked, due to a birth defect. Her parents heard about Mano a Mano's distribution of wheelchairs—including the battery-operated wheelchairs that had just arrived in Bolivia. Luz received her chair and was taught to operate it. Now she is able to attend school and play outdoors with other children. Her grateful parents see this gift as the miracle for which they named their daughter (Milagro means miracle in Spanish).



CREDIT: MAM

\$11

Send \$160 Worth of
Medical Supplies

\$39

Send One
Wheelchair

\$660

Send 5,000 lbs.
of PPE to Clinics

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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CREDIT: LWB



SHELTER, WARMTH & COMFORT

In Uganda, the need for safe shelter and supplies has only increased during the COVID-19 crisis. Work was impossible for many during the nationwide shutdown. Many families have been left without shelter after being evicted due to inability to pay rent. Some families, often single mothers with children, have resorted to living in tent-like structures on undeveloped land or no shelter. They sometimes lack the most basic supplies, such as blankets or a bed.

Love Without Boundaries' goal is to provide shelter and comfort to impoverished families through the provision of home builds (or rebuilds), beds and blankets. Sweet Jax, his new foster mother Nuulu and foster siblings are examples of beneficiaries of this aid. Your gift will make it possible for more families to have safe shelter, warmth and comfort.

\$22

Gives One Blanket

\$110

Gives One Bed

\$5,500

Build a Home



NUTRITION, EDUCATION & STABILITY FOR FAMILIES

Ten million children in Egypt experience the deprivation of nutrition, education, and sanitation. In rural areas, the situation is compounded, and almost 40% of children are living in poverty. Your gift can help poor children feel cared for by providing nutritious meals, immunization programs, and the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty through education.

SUCCESS STORY

Ali's teachers noticed that he was not growing as much as boys his age should, and he was very skinny—often becoming a target of other kids' teasing. He was also not able to learn and focus. The teachers connected his family with **HANDS'** program that provides anemia testing, which proved Ali was anemic and malnourished. His family was given an educational kit on proper balanced nutrition and food assistance. With the help of nourishing meals, Ali is now a happier and healthier child!



\$2

One Nutritious Meal

\$27

School Supplies for
One Year to One Child

\$2,500

Helps 10 Families
Start a Business

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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WATER IS A HUMAN RIGHT!

According to USAID, 50 percent of the South Sudan population lacks safe drinking water, and only 10 percent have access to basic sanitation service. **Water for South Sudan** (WFSS) provides water wells, hygiene education, and sanitation projects. Each well serves an average of 750 people per year.

SUCCESS STORY

"I came to the well because I need water to soften the reeds for my basket. I will sell it with another one tomorrow at the market. I get 25 South Sudanese pounds (\$5.00 US dollars) per each basket. I used to walk two hours to a well in another village for my drinking water. I had to go three or four times a day with my daughter and I could not spend any time making baskets. Now that there is water close by, I can spend half my days making baskets and my daughter can go to school to become educated." - Achan



CREDIT: WFSS

\$55

One Water Pump

\$110

Supplies to Install
a Water Well

\$500

Provides Hygiene
Education for One Village



SEWING A WAY OUT OF POVERTY

Tailoring schools through **India Partners** bring hope to women by teaching them a marketable skill they can use to support themselves. After training, each graduate receives her own treadle sewing machine so she can begin earning a living from home. The students receive an accredited certificate at graduation. The lives of more than 160 Dalit women will be positively impacted through seven sewing schools in Andhra Pradesh, India. Now these

women can have opportunities they would not otherwise have. Rather than resorting to dehumanizing professions to make money, these women receive vocational training, which increases their sense of self-worth. They benefit from the vocational and personal enrichment, which shapes the course of their futures.

\$28

Sewing Tuition for
One Month

\$132

A Treadle
Sewing Machine

\$1,485

Sewing Machines &
Training for Five Women

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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EMPOWER A GIRL THROUGH EDUCATION

In remote areas of northern Thailand, impoverished girls are in danger of human trafficking. Girls in this region often leave school because their families cannot afford school fees and expenses. Consequently, girls are denied the possibility of escaping poverty, and become vulnerable to human trafficking. The GATE (Girls Advocacy Through Education) Program at **Angel Covers** keeps at-risk girls in school and away from traffickers by providing the opportunity to receive education, mentorship, and supplemental nutrition, thereby allowing them a chance to decide their future.



CREDIT: AC

SUCCESS STORY

Miew grew up in extreme poverty and began working at a young age on weekends to help support her family. GATE intervention allowed Miew to complete high school and go to college, where she plans to attend law school and become a human rights attorney.

\$33

One Month
of Education

\$66

Supplemental
Nutrition

\$1,100

One Year of
College Tuition



SUPPORT THEIR DREAM WITH A MICROLOAN

One in four people around the world are living on less than \$3 per day. The materially poor dream of escaping the cycle of poverty to live with sufficiency and dignity by growing their own small businesses.

PEER Servants provides microloans to help people in need grow their businesses—enabling them to put food on their family's table, send their children to school, create much-needed jobs, and transform their communities. Microloans turn dreams into reality.

SUCCESS STORY

Victoria dreamed of supporting her family by selling mango tree seedlings in Uganda. Microloans helped her expand her business. She now offers a wide variety of seedlings, employs four staff, and sends her six children and two orphans to school! She never wanted a handout, just a hand up, and that's exactly what these microloans provided.



CREDIT: PS

\$55

One Share of
a Microloan

\$110

One Start-up
Microloan

\$550

Microloans for
Five People

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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CREDIT: SHI

BUILDING RESILIENT FARMING FAMILIES

Farming families in Central America are facing multiple crises: a global pandemic and impacts of climate change. When the pandemic shut down markets, families working with **Sustainable Harvest International (SHI)** were able to eat food cultivated in their organic kitchen garden and agro-farm system. Farms with established agroforestry systems can weather strong hurricanes and flooding, as trees and soils can withstand the storms. Agroforestry is a sustainable farming and forestry practice compatible with the local culture and environment and builds biodiversity. Farming families with small food stands sell excess produce, earn more income, and have savings to rely on when a crisis occurs. SHI teaches participants an organic approach to agroforestry that results in: a diversified plentiful diet, a means to earn additional income for education and home improvements, and preservation of tropical forests.

\$17

Plants 15 Trees

\$44Seeds & Farming
Tools**\$1,650**Plants an Acre
of Trees



CREDIT: B4H

BIKES FOR EDUCATION & HEALTHCARE

Lack of transportation is one of the greatest impediments for access to healthcare, schooling, and economic opportunities. In rural villages of Africa, there is no alternative to reach distant services other than walking. A bike radically changes that! A six mile walk to the clinic to get critical life-saving medication takes two hours each way while on a bike, it takes 15 minutes.



Children committed to gaining an education to break the cycle of poverty walk hours to and from school only to return home exhausted and hungry. **Bicycles for Humanity** (B4H) seeks to change the world by delivering 1,600-2,000 bikes annually to community-based bike shops in Africa. The profits from the bike shops remain in the local communities. B4H also focuses on female empowerment; two of the bike shops are led and fully staffed by women, one of which is the best performing shop!

\$38

Gives One Bike

\$110

Gives One Bikes

\$2,500

A Shipping Container
Filled with Bikes

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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A SAFE PLACE FOR EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), also known as cybersex, is a rapidly growing form of child trafficking and exploitation in the Philippines. More than half of the victims are under age 12; some are as young as three. In at least 55% of cases, parents or relatives are involved in trafficking children. The government and law enforcement are working to rescue children from this abuse, but once they're rescued, where do they go?

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries offers a safe place where child victims can begin to heal from their trauma and find hope for a new life. A therapeutic residential care and assessment center provides emergency shelter and extensive aftercare. They determine each child's unique needs and work with a network to place children in long-term situations where they can heal in a family-like atmosphere.

\$17

Therapy for One
Child for One Month

\$44

Clothing and Hygiene
Kit for One Child

\$594

Therapeutic Activities for
One Child for One Year



CREDIT: BB

MORE THAN A SURVIVOR!

An estimated 407,000 children are living in domestic slavery in Haiti (Sommerfelt 2015). These children are exploited as household servants, and many experience emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. This practice, “restavèk,” is fueled by inadequate access to education, poverty, and prevailing social norms and attitudes. Parents living in poverty believe they can send their children to live with wealthy families, who promise to care for them and take them to school. Often, however, their children are forced to do hard labor and are abused.

Beyond Borders is working to end child slavery through a community effort by training and organizing adult survivors of restavèk to change this reality for the children in their communities. This network of Survivor-Activists is educating and mobilizing their communities to free children from domestic servitude so they can be reunited with their families.

\$55

Liberates One Child

\$220

Legal Fees to Bring a
Perpetrator to Justice

\$330

Supports a Survivor-Activist
Community Group

Suggested gift amount. Any donation is appreciated.

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HEALING ART THERAPY FOR CHILD SOLDIERS

MADRE and Taller de Vida (TdV) provide trauma counseling and healing art therapy to former child soldiers of the Colombian Civil War, and survivors of sexual violence. TdV, submits testimonies to Colombia's Commission for the Clarification of the Truth, Coexistence, and Non-Repetition (Truth Commission) so that young Afro-Colombian and Indigenous women's and girls' voices and experiences of conflict are heard and recognized.

SUCCESS STORY

Mónica (16 years old) traveled to Bogotá in January 2020 to participate in a Dialogue of Children and Adolescent Girls. "I want to participate in the Truth Commission to actively change the difficulties my community faces on a daily basis. I want my voice to be heard so I can help organize, and provide information to my community in the hopes that living conditions will improve and we can overcome the conflict and the displacement that we've always been subjected to."



CREDIT: MADRE

\$6

Art Supplies for
One Child

\$110

Art Therapy & Support
for 35 Survivors

\$440

A Month of Therapy &
Support for 35 Survivors



HELP EVERY CAUSE SUCCEED!

Every Cause in this catalog deserves an equal chance to grow and flourish. In reality though, some Causes just get overlooked. Your gift of \$20 or \$40 will provide a funding boost to an underfunded Cause and give it a fair chance to succeed.



SUCCESS STORY

Last year one of the causes which fell short in funding was Cause 24 Reunite & Restore Orphaned Children. Without a funding boost from Where Needed Most we would have only been able to provide 348 meals 3 times a day to orphans in Kenya. With the boost we were able to provide 614 meals 3 times a day. This is just one example of how your gift to this Cause will make a big impact in the lives of many!

\$20

Boosts One Cause

\$40

Boosts Two Causes



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Alternative Gifts International (AGI), started 35 years ago with a mission to teach children about the broader value of giving back. An inspired youth ministry director and a group of children is where it all began. Harriet Prichard, AGI Founder, asked a simple question: "What can we do differently that would help people in need around the world?" The response was the birth of a creative and meaningful way to gift, which would transform lives on every continent. We continue the mission and more than ever, we need your help. Our dedicated volunteers and market hosts are key players in helping us deliver aid to the poorest of the poor. Our small staff works hard to build a catalog of Causes each year, and your gift of any amount is needed and appreciated.

"What can we do differently that would help people in need around the world?"

\$25

Support Our Mission

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Help Expand AGI's
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A4. Blossoms

Inside:

This gift is but a tiny seed - a
flowers tiny start. May it so
bloom and flourish as to
blossom in your heart.



A5. Simple Gifts

Inside:

This gift is small and simple but it
comes from the heart.



A20. African Grace

*"If you find it in your heart to
care for someone else, you
will have succeeded"*

- Maya Angelou



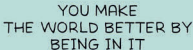
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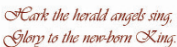
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Artist: Brent M. Rosenberger



You Make the World Better

Artist: Janet Maurantonio Federico



Glory to the New Born King

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Artist: Denise Marie

Inside:

"One touch of nature
makes the whole world kin."
- William Shakespeare



Inside: Blank

Cards are \$2 Each/\$3 (Inscribed)

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