



Alternative Gifts

INTERNATIONAL

2019 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Pictured: New Causes 4, 6, 12, 14, 28

Dear friends,

An exciting new season has begun with the launch of our new catalog. The 2019-20 Gifts Inspiring Change catalog includes 31 causes, and for the first time, a cause supporting elephants! There are a variety of meaningful gifts waiting to be given to friends and family.

If you work in an office, introduce our catalog to your team, as a client or coworker gifts. Contact us to find out how we can help make client gifting stress free.

If you belong to a church or know someone who attends, we would love to connect and tell you about our Gift Market program and how it's impacting communities, globally and locally.

If you're a student or know a student, we want to talk to you about new service learning options!

Whichever way you decide to get involved with Alternative Gifts, I thank you for doing so. Our journey to change the world one gift at a time couldn't be done without you.

Peace,

Surinder Moore

Executive Director
Alternative Gifts International

It's a New Year!

Download your free catalog today to check out our new causes! Gifts starting as little as \$1.



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Your Community, School or Church Can...

END HUNGER.
END POVERTY.
GIVE HOPE.
GIVE FREEDOM.

Gather a few friends and host a gift market at your church, school, community or business! An alternative gift market is a fundraising event where shoppers can buy gifts for their loved ones and support causes they believe in! Tremendous results come from gift markets. *(see pg 3)*

One church, All Saints Episcopal Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, took things a step further than just hosting an on-the-ground market; they created a crowdfunding page too!

Check out the impact they were able to have JUST from their crowdfunding:

- A month's worth of lunches for 1 student in Cambodia
- Sent 35 books to children in Ethiopia
- School activities for 3 refugee kids for 1 month
- Helped 1 human trafficking survivor receive counseling
- A health check-up for 2 children living at the border
- Planted more than 15 trees in Central America
- Helped 1 family start a bee colony in Haiti **and MUCH MORE!**

Call us at **800.842.2243** to order your planning guide!

Start A Crowdfund!

A crowdfund is an online fundraiser. You can host a crowdfund with or without an on-the-ground market.

Anyone can create a crowdfund!



1. CHOOSE YOUR CAUSES
Learn about the causes at [alternativegifts.org/giving/gifting/causes](https://www.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](https://www.alternativegifts.org/giving/crowdfunding)



3. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
Encourage your network to give to your crowdfund by sharing the link AGI provides through email, social media or text message.

Attention Youth Ministry Directors:

Vacation Bible School/Sunday School lesson plans are now available. Choose from a variety of lessons for your group! Contact us for more information.



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YOUR GIFTS INSPIRE CHANGE

Last year (2018-19), Market Hosts and Donors impacted countless families around the world!

Local Impact

At the end of the fundraising cycle, we sent a total of \$17,000 by-way-of grants to the following food pantries/homeless shelters across the united states:

You can nominate a local food pantry or homeless shelter to receive a grant from us by hosting a gift market in the 2019-20 season!

End 68 Hours of Hunger [Wolfeboro, NH] Loving Hearts Outreach [Washington, MO] New Life Baptist Church - Bread Basket [New Wilmington,PA] Annandale Christian Community for Action [Annandale, VA] Our Saviours Housing Community Services [Minneapolis, MN] Marion County Resource Center [Marion,KS] Gunnison Country Food Pantry [Gunnison, CO] Division of Indian Works [Minneapolis, MN] Emergency Family Assistance Association [Boulder, CO] Global Growers Network [Avondale Estates, GA] Bethesda Lutheran Food Pantry [Ames, IA] First Presbyterian Church - Community Breakfast Program [Wichita, KS]

Global Impact

Built 9 complete homes in South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation, USA
333 At-Risk Students received tutoring in the Mississippi Delta
Provided 1144 nights of shelter for homeless Americans
Dental care for 371 children in the USA
Eyeglasses for 1248 people with vision problems in Mexico
Provided 31,351 coffee seedlings to start 313 Coffee Nurseries in Central America
523 Art supply kits for trauma survivors in Colombia
200 Cases of medical supplies shipped to Bolivia
688 Bikes shipped to Africa for doctors, teachers & students
4158 Local language books sent to Ethiopia
220 Women sent to the Recycle training program in Egypt
A full year of university for 17 Kenyan girls
9,706 Trees planted in Burundi
Cancer screening for 200 women in Tanzania
400 Newborn Comfort Kits sent to Malawi
1192 Healthy stoves for women in Kenya
250 Leg braces for disabled children in DR Congo
Supplies to install 340 water wells in South Sudan
463,295 doses of medicine delivered to Burma's refugees.
Supplied nursing textbooks for 1724 students in Vietnam
125 Sewing machines to new tailoring School graduates in India
Protected 328 Sea Turtle nests in Asia-Pacific Oceans
200 Shares of microloans for entrepreneurs in underdeveloped countries
Aftercare packages for 785 rescued victims of sex trafficking in India, The Philippines & Dom. Republic
17 Family farms complete with goats, turkeys and beehives
School supplies & warm meals for 281 Syrian refugee children



Unique Gifting Opportunities

On these special occasions, honor a friend, family member or business associate who might celebrate the day, by giving of gift of sustainability, peace and hope on alternativegifts.org!

August 24: Krishna Janmashtami

A Hindu celebration of Krishna (a human incarnation), god of love and compassion.

August 26: Women's Equality Day

Commemorates the certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote.

September 1: Hijri New Year

Marks the beginning of the new Islamic calendar year.

September 2: Labor Day

Honors the contribution that laborers have made to the country.

September 5: International Day of Charity

Recognizes philanthropic institutions that work to eradicate poverty.

September 8: International Literacy Day

A holiday dedicated to highlighting improvements in world literacy rates, and reflecting on the world's remaining literacy challenges.

September 12: Ethiopian New Year

Rastafarians celebrate the New Year on this date and believe that Ethiopia is their spiritual home.

September 29-October 1: Rosh Hashanah

One of the holiest days in the Jewish year, Rosh Hashanah marks the Jewish New Year celebration.

