

Alternative Gift Market

For many years, we at St. Andrew Presbyterian have had our own gift shop where we could give a donation to a local, national, or international charity and receive a gift card in recognition of the donation. We could then give that card to a family member, a friend, a favorite teacher, etc. to let them know that we are thinking about them and recognizing their interest in helping the world be a better place for all of us. With the distancing requirements of Covid-19, we can not have our traditional gift market in the church entry way, but we can still have a virtual gift market. Below are a variety of opportunities for you to pursue.

Heifer International

Heifer has always been one of the most popular opportunities in our Alternative Gift Market both because of their mission and because of their creative gift cards. Heifer follows the philosophy that if you give a man a fish he will eat for a day but if you teach him to fish he will eat the rest of his life. Heifer actually goes one step further though. They not only give those in need the means to provide for themselves, they also require that the recipient passes the same benefit on to others in the community. You can give, virtually, anything from a flock of chickens, to a basket of yarn, to a share of a goat, or the means to have clean water. Heifer will provide a gift card for you to give or will send out a card or email to the person you indicate.

www.heifer.org/catalog

Community Coalition for Haiti

The Community Coalition for Haiti is working to provide an in-community solution to healthcare, sanitation, and education systems. It is staffed by locals and supported by many volunteers. CCH provides primary care, rehab, and surgical clinics staffed by Haitian doctors. They are partnering with schools in Haiti to assist with teacher development, child nutrition, and even repairing and replacing school buildings. They are working within the rural communities to help develop food and income sources. Your donation could provide books, food, health checkups, medicine, summer camp and more. CCH sends you or your recipient special gift cards for every item. Find all available gifts on CCH's NEW *Gifts for Good Online Store!*

www.cchaiti.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PDA, whose motto is "Out of Chaos, Hope," is working in disaster sites throughout the US and internationally. In addition, they have an active ministry working with refugees and asylum seekers. PDA is one of the first organizations on site when a disaster strikes and also one of the last to leave, providing both immediate assistance and long term resettlement help. You can designate a specific disaster or site where you want your gift to go or you can indicate that it should go where most needed. PDA will provide a gift card for you to give.

www.pda.pcusa.org

Loudoun Literacy Council

Loudoun Literacy works with at risk children to develop their reading skills and to provide books, works with families in a variety of ways (and sites) to encourage family reading time, and works with adults to help them gain needed literacy for job seeking, complete the GED requirements, and gain functional English skills particularly for non-native speakers.

www.loudounliteracy.org

Loudoun Habitat for Humanity

Loudoun Habitat, which is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International, is working to provide affordable housing within Loudoun County. To date they have built or completely renovated over 40 homes in our County and sold them to qualifying families at affordable rates with interest-free mortgages. In addition, they have a home repair program to allow people to stay in their home. Your donation could provide materials for building or instruction time for the required courses the new homeowners complete in budgeting, home ownership, etc. Loudoun Habitat can provide a gift card for you to pass on.

www.loudounhabitat.org