

2017 Catalog

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. - Noon

South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church

GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

Have you ever thought about giving a chicken as a stocking stuffer or wrapping up a promise to bring and/or serve a meal to the homeless, hungry and hurting? You can.

On Sunday, December 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., SMPC will host the 2017 Alternative Gift Market in the halls surrounding the sanctuary, providing an opportunity for you to find the perfect gift that honors not only your loved ones and friends, but at the same time gives back to the local community and supports global missions.

Please be sure to take the time to visit the many display tables, of which several are represented by the organizations featured. There will also be giving opportunities for OFCB, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as well as Rise Against Hunger in the parlor.

Additionally there will be a Children's Market with more modestly priced gifts, an opportunity for parents to share the joy of giving with their little ones. With each purchase you will receive a gift card and note that can be given to your recipient acknowledging the gift made in their honor.

Cash, debit and credit cards accepted as well as checks made out to SMPC.

LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

A CHILD'S PLACE

A Child's Place is a grassroots nonprofit working to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education in Mecklenburg County, NC. All children are at risk of failure but those experiencing the chaos of homelessness are at the greatest risk of falling behind in school. A Child's Place works to resolve the student's immediate basic needs for food, clothing and shelter while creating a case plan that supports their continued focus on education in one of our partner schools. They also assess and advocate within and on behalf of the student's family to resolve issues that led to the family's immediate homeless crisis. This unique partnership of student and family advocacy creates a holistic approach encouraging our students to stay focused on their education, develop a passion for learning and use the power of their education to change their lives. During the 2016-2017 school year, A Child's Place provided support to 2,173 area children and 801 parents/adults.

- \$5 provides a week of after school snacks.
- \$10 provides new underwear and socks.
- \$15 meets a child's toiletry needs for a month.
- \$20 secures a new public school uniform that fits.
- \$30 provides a new book bag filled with school supplies.
- \$40 secures a new warm winter coat.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Lunch Buddy: Provide a mentoring friendship for a student by visiting them at school once a week to eat lunch, talk, play games or read. Since CMS lunches are just 25 minutes, this opportunity is a one-hour time commitment once a week including travel time.

Tutor: Assist a student with homework, studying for a test or developing their reading and/or math skills. Each tutor visits their assigned student weekly, witnessing the effect their participation has on the student's educational progress.

Classroom Assistant: Visit an assigned class once a week for two hours and help facilitate the teacher's classroom activities. Responsibilities include individual tutoring, leading small group learning activities, art projects, checking papers and other helpful tasks.

BEDS FOR KIDS

Founded in 2011, Beds for Kids is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to provide beds and essential furniture to children and their families in need. Beds for Kids refurbishes and re-purposes new and gently used beds and essential furniture items that have been donated from individuals, institutions and corporations.

Often times Beds for Kids will deliver beds to a family who will eagerly receive them, but will still be lacking the blankets, linens and pillows needed to properly outfit the bed. Therefore, it is our desire to provide a bed kit with every bed we deliver. A bed kit typically includes a new sheet set, blanket and pillow. These blankets will provide warmth and comfort for hundreds of children in our city!

Fabric Candy Cane Ornaments: \$5 (sold separately)

Headband: \$5 (sold separately)

Twin Sheet Set: \$25Twin Blanket: \$35Twin Comforter: \$50

CAMP GRIER

For the past 65 years, nestled on 650 acres at the foot of the Pisgah National Forest, Camp Grier has been providing a place of challenge, adventure, and service to others -- incredible tools that can help us to understand our faith in Christ, our world, and ourselves. Your gift will allow us to continue to provide a quality experience at Camp Grier to our campers and guests.

- \$5 provides s'mores for an entire group.
- \$10 provides one soccer ball.
- \$15 provides three kick balls.
- \$20 provides one sleeping pad for camping.
- \$25 provides one lake life jacket.
- \$30 provides a bike helmet.
- \$35 provides a horse halter.
- \$40 provides stirrup leathers for a horse
- \$45 provides enough ice cream cups for one dessert for all campers.
- \$50 provides a rock climbing helmet.
- \$60 provides one river life jacket.
- \$75 provides a rock climbing harness.
- \$75 provides a canoe paddle.
- \$400 provides a mountain bike.
- \$800 provides a canoe.

COMMUNITY CULINARY SCHOOL OF CHARLOTTE

CCSC is a non-profit organization providing culinary training and job placement assistance to adults facing barriers to successful employment. CCSC addresses the issues of hunger by providing food to people in need, and by targeting the root cause of hunger – **unemployment**. Our training program provides culinary instruction, job readiness skills and life skills counseling.

CCSC helps them break the intergenerational cycle of poverty, move into economic security, and contribute to the tax pool. To date, 891 adults have graduated with marketable skills..

- \$5 buys a Probe Food Thermometer. (Each student needs one.)
- \$10 buys a Kitchen Chef Apron.
- \$15 buys a Chef Coat.
- \$25 buys an 8" Sauté pan.
- \$30 buys one week of transit passes for a student to get to school and to job interviews.
- \$50 buys a student one week of food and instructional items used in the classroom.
- \$100 buys ServSafe course book for National Restaurant Association certification - a credential employers pay more for.



Volunteer Opportunities:

- Mailing Newsletter: Four times per year.
- Life Skills Facilitators: Share expertise with students health & nutrition, event planning, recycling, composting Give us your ideas!
- Job-Readiness Program Facilitators: Lead classes on interviewing, resume writing, budgeting/finances. Curriculum provided.
- Mentor a Student: If this is your expertise, it's a valuable way to help students grow and to provide informal learning.
- Annual Holiday Fundraiser: Help us obtain silent auction items for our Miracle on Monroe event, Tuesday, December 5, 2017!

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

Crisis Assistance Ministry's mission is to provide assistance and advocacy for people in financial crisis, helping them move toward self-sufficiency. Emergency financial aid helps prevent eviction and utility loss for families in financial crisis with payments made directly to utility companies and landlords. Offering clothing, housewares, furniture and appliances at no charge enables families to use their limited resources on other basic necessities, such as food, transportation and prescription medication.

How your gifts can help:

- \$10 can help maintain running water and sewer for a struggling family.
- \$15 can help sanitize and restore a donated mattress for a family overcoming homelessness.
- \$25 can help ensure work and school clothing for a family in need.
- \$50 can help pay for a week of utilities for a family in financial crisis one week of having lights, power to cook a meal, and warm water for a bath.
- \$100 can help provide a week of housing for a family at risk of eviction.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Donation Door Attendants help donors in the Donation Drive-Thru by receiving donations and sharing genuine appreciation for material goods donations for the Free Store

Inspectors help inspect, sort and prepare donated clothing and household items for distribution to people in need through the agency's Free Store. This volunteer activity is available to individuals and volunteer groups and is available Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4;00 p.m.

Free Store volunteers help customers check-in and check-out and help keep inventory stocked for families who shop "free-of-charge" for essentials.

Relocation assistance volunteer groups move furniture and other household items (as available) from Crisis Assistance Ministry into the formerly homeless family's new residence (includes loading and unloading). Volunteers are asked to provide a rental truck or organization/personal vehicles to actually transport the items.

Breakfast or Bagged Lunch Ministry teams provide food and beverages to people waiting for emergency aid at Crisis Assistance Ministry, a wonderful way to make a stress-filled day a little easier for people threatened by homelessness.

Clerical work and administrative support helps each department across the agency make the most of our resources. Tasks include data entry, filing, help with mailings and other clerical tasks.

Clothing, Furniture and Housewares Drives conducted by volunteer groups help secure donations of furniture, appliances, and other household items to be distributed through the Free Store and Furniture Bank.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Since 1983, we have partnered with more than 1,700 families in need of decent, affordable housing. Our mission is achieved through two distinct programs:

- Home Ownership
- Critical Home Repair

The traditional Habitat model of building new homes with volunteer labor in partnership with families remains the foundation of our mission. The houses are sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable, no-interest mortgages. Through sweat equity and homeownership classes, partner families commit to the homeownership process before closing on the house and achieve for themselves the life-changing impact of homeownership.

Critical Home Repair provides urgent, major repairs for low-income homeowners whose homes have fallen into serious disrepair. The program improves home safety, helps preserve Charlotte's affordable housing stock and stabilizes neighborhoods. Last year Habitat Charlotte provided affordable housing solutions for over 134 local families.

- \$10 Habitat Holiday Card
- \$14 Julia's Coffee, Roasted by Magnolia Coffee. Julia's Café and Books is a fundraising division of Habitat Charlotte that not only has a great selection of books but also serves delicious coffee!
- \$25 One can of paint and a paintbrush.
- \$50 One interior door in a Habitat home.
- \$100 Provides the financial curriculum for one Habitat family who is attending our homebuyer education classes in preparation for homeownership.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Habitat Charlotte's work would not be possible without volunteers. The quintessential Habitat volunteer experience is working at the construction site. Special skills are not needed for volunteers to work with our construction program, as Habitat staff members are on site to train volunteers and maintain a safe experience. In addition to the construction program, there are other volunteer opportunities at Julia's Cafe & Books and all three ReStore locations. All volunteers must be 16 or older.

More information can be found at www.habitatcharlotte.org.

HOSPICE

Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region provides the best end-of-life care possible for those facing a serious or terminal illness. Care is patient-centered and family-focused. The goals are to relieve physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering, through symptom management and comfort care, achieving the best quality of life for the patient and their loved ones. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region seeks to enable patients to live a symptom and pain free life – making the most of every day - so their remaining time may be spent with dignity and quality at home or in a home-like setting, surrounded by the people they love.

- \$5 will provide a Drug Buster (bottle to dispose of meds) for a patient family.
- \$10 will provide three bottles of No Rinse Body Wash.
- \$25 will provide a shower chair (one-month rental) or one case of Ensure.
- \$35 will provide an infusion pump (rental for 1 day).
- \$50 will provide a "Comfort Kit" (emergency medications for new admission to hospice).
- \$75 will provide a wheelchair (one-month rental).
- \$100 will provide a hospital bed (one-month rental).
- \$150 will provide a day of hospice care for a patient in need.
- \$250 will provide a low air loss mattress (one-month rental).
- \$500 will provide a positive, fun, and memorable camp experience for a grieving child at our annual overnight Chameleon's Journey Grief Camp.
- \$1,000 will provide a week of hospice care for a patient in need.

PATIENT & FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

- Visit with the patient and family.
- Give caregivers a much-needed break.
- Run errands.
- Provide transportation.
- Assist with grocery shopping.
- Listen.

STAFF SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS

- Assist with fundraising, health fairs, and special events.
- Assist with patient record filing.
- Research statistical data.
- Collate manuals, run copies, make phone calls.
- Handle general office tasks.
- Greet visitors at reception area.

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit emergency food pantry program made up of 20 food pantries located in high need neighborhoods throughout Mecklenburg County. Individuals and families experiencing a short-term financial crisis receive a week's supply of nutritionally balanced groceries.

- \$5 provides a Breakfast of Champions (Cereal and Juice) for three people for a week.
- \$10 provides a Spaghetti Dinner (Sauce, Pasta, and Green Beans) for 22 people.
- \$20 provides fruit for seven people.
- \$44 provides a week's supply of a Kids Favorite (Macaroni & Cheese) for 200 children for a week, the number of children involved in children's programs at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church.
- \$50 provides Strong Bones and Teeth (Yogurt and Cheese) for 21 children for a week.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Urgent need for people with pickup trucks or SUVs to help in November and December with food drive pickups and barrel drop-offs, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Signing up for just one pickup greatly helps our small staff of three in the warehouse. *Contact hay@LoavesandFishes.org*.

Loaves & Fishes welcomes groups of up to 15 people to work in the warehouse doing a variety of activities. The most frequent activities are sorting and packing donated foods. This is a good activity for someone who only has time to volunteer once or twice a year.

PROJECT 2 HEAL

Project 2 Heal is a non-profit organization that breeds Labrador Retrievers for the best health and temperament and donates them to ADI (Assistance Dog International) approved service dog organizations across the country as a way to help them reduce the cost and time involved in making placements to their clients. Project 2 Heal provides early training to all pups starting as early as two days old. The success rate of Project 2 Heal puppies graduating as service dogs is an astounding 80%.

Project 2 Heal also trains a select number of dogs as skilled companions for local children and adults with special needs as well as wounded Veterans.

Our goal is to utilize the healing power of Labrador Retrievers to increase independence in mobility-impaired individuals and to provide emotional healing for children with special needs and wounded warriors.

Our vision for the future of Project 2 Heal includes creating a facility on more than 50 acres on the outskirts of Charlotte that will draw people from around the country. The facility will be much more than a venue where service dogs and skilled companion dogs will be bred and trained. It will be a place where the Charlotte community can work together with man's best friend to make the world a better place. It will be a focal point for visitors of the Carolina Piedmont region. It will be a place where children with special needs can come for therapy and where neuro—typical children will come to understand the challenges faced by children with special needs, using the dog as a "social lubricant" in order to create a bridge of acceptance.

- \$5 buys a box of treats.
- \$15 buys a rubber Kong chew toy.
- \$25 vaccinates a pup.
- \$35 purchases a service-dog-in-training vest.
- \$40 buys a bag of puppy food that will feed a growing pup for a month.
- \$50 pays for an office visit to bring a pup to the vet for the first time.
- \$75 pays for an x-ray of a mama dog to determine how many puppies to expect when she gives birth.
- \$100 pays for flea and heartworm prevention for a mama dog for six months.
- \$250 pays for a week of training for a litter of four- to eight-week-old pups.
- \$1,200 pays for the stud fee for a champion Labrador retriever that typically produces a litter of six or seven puppies.

SALVATION ARMY CENTER OF HOPE

Families who are homeless, hungry and hurting can come to The Salvation Army Center of Hope to be fed, sheltered, clothed, trained, and most importantly, loved. The Center of Hope is an emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing program for women and children located near uptown Charlotte. The Center is the largest such shelter in the Southeast and sleeps more than 350 women and children every night.

- \$20 supports one homeless woman, for one day, at the Center of Hope shelter.
- \$50 buys a bus pass for a homeless woman to take a round-trip bus ride each day for a week.
- \$250 provides one meal at the shelter for 200 women and children (three meals are served daily.)
- \$1,500 will help a family transition from the shelter into a home of their own.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Bring or prepare a meal: Volunteers are needed to bring and/or prepare meals. You can help cut, mix, bake, stir, and assist in food preparation. Please arrive at least an hour and a half before the meal with which you are to help.

Serve food: Volunteers are needed to set-up and serve food for each meal.

Help a child with their homework: The Center of Hope is the only shelter in the nation that holds a Boys & Girls Club. Each day children ages 6-18 are able to have a safe place to do their homework and enjoy being a kid. Volunteers are needed to help during after-school hours assisting with homework.

THOMPSON

Thompson centers on the well being of children and families. Thompson is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides comprehensive and holistic education, treatment, and care for children and families in need. The children and families that Thompson serves are fragile, vulnerable, and broken.

The vision – the determination and the obligation – is to make them whole again. Thompson does whatever it takes to help every child feel safe, strong, happy, and loved. Thompson impacts thousands of children and families across North and South Carolina at four locations.

Thompson's GREATEST need is always for unrestricted dollars. Every dollar goes immediately to where it is most needed to positively impact and serve the children and families in Thompson's care.

- \$7 will buy a package of washable markers and a pad of paper to allow a child to express their emotions through drawing.
- \$23 will supply a child entering psychiatric residential treatment a "welcome kit" including a toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, pillow, & twin sheets.
- \$38 will purchase a backpack filled with school supplies for an underprivileged child in one of our many community programs.
- \$52 will cover one hour of therapy for a mentally ill child or adult in Thompson Outpatient Services.
- \$68 will provide one month's worth of nutritious meals for a child at Thompson's Child Development Center.
- \$104 will better prepare foster parents to care for fragile children by paying for ten parenting classes and training in CPR and other critical subjects.

Our volunteer opportunities are currently very limited as we navigate a changing volunteer services program with less staff.

Please contact Mallory Seibel at meseibel@thompsoncff.org or 704-644-4436 for more information.

URBAN MINISTRY

The Urban Ministry Center is an interfaith organization dedicated to bringing the community together to end homelessness - one life at a time. UMC serves poor and homeless people - our neighbors - with love, compassion and tangible help by providing basic services and programs such as a soup kitchen, showers, laundry, transportation and medical referrals.

UMC's innovative CommunityWorks program uses art, soccer, gardening, and music as a springboard to foster motivation and develop life skills.

The center also coordinates temporary shelter (Room In The Inn) during the coldest months of the year, and 295 units of permanent supportive housing (to include Moore Place) for the chronically homeless.

In fact, Urban Ministry Center is leading an effort to END chronic homelessness in Charlotte through the Housing First Charlotte Mecklenburg initiative. The coalition includes 27 nonprofits, corporations, local government and houses of faith that together have housed over 560 people and are very close to ending chronic homelessness. All of these programs, with the assistance of nearly 10,000 volunteers each year, help our community take steps each day to end homelessness for our most vulnerable neighbors.

- \$5 buys 10 meals.
- \$10 pays processing for ordering a birth certificate.
- \$20 buys 40 lunches.
- \$25 pays for detergent to wash 195 loads of laundry.
- \$33 provides two weeks of transportation to a new job until a first paycheck.
- \$50 helps two people fill crucial prescriptions.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Front Desk or Upstairs Reception
- Counselor
- Job Search Support
- Van Driver
- Mail Sorter
- Office & Staff Assistant
- Community Garden
- ArtWorks Studio Supervisor

For more information contact volunteer@urbanministrycenter.org.

GLOBAL MISSION GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

HAITI: OFCB MINISTRIES, BAYONNAIS

SMPC has been supporting OFCB since its inception in 1994. The school began that year with 105 students. Currently there are 2000 students in 3 locations. In addition to the K to 13 grade classes on the main campus, there are K-6 schools in the mountain towns of Nicolas and Zoranger. Some graduates are in Haitian colleges. Others have returned to teach, preach, be agronomists, nurses, etc. Their 5 year old medical clinic was the first in Bayonnais for 80,000 people. There are now three nurses and a dentist, all OFCB graduates. A medical laboratory was added over 3 years ago. The specialty of Dr. Dupiton, the new director of the clinic, is General Practice and he has also worked in Emergency Medicine.

Families in Bayonnais are very poor. A traditional way we have helped is by giving animals for families to raise. The offspring of these animals are sold to increase the family income. There are also many other important ways to help the people. Three health related options are: a day's salary for a clinic nurse, supplies for the clinic and children's chewable vitamins. The vitamins go to the satellite K-6 schools in Nicolas and Zoranger and to especially undernourished children who come to the clinic. Farming is the primary occupation of most of the residents of Bayonnais. Providing a farm tool to a poor farmer will help him or her to increase their family income. The meal which is served to the children at the school is often their only meal of the day. School food is purchased in part from the World Of God sponsoring program but that is not sufficient to cover the entire school population, since only about 1/4 of the students are currently sponsored. Funds to purchase school food are supplemented with donations specifically designated for this purpose. Scholarships for students to attend the OFCB school or advanced education are important to the future of OFCB.

- \$5 buys a fertile female chicken*
- \$10 buys a bottle of children's chewable vitamins
- \$15 provides tests in the clinic lab
- \$20 provides a farming tool
- \$25 buys supplies for the medical clinic
- \$30 buys 50 pounds of rice or 30 pounds of beans for school food
- \$35 provides one day's salary for a nurse
- \$40 provides a pregnant goat or a pig for a poor family*
- \$50 helps provide a scholarship for a OFCB graduate to attend medical school in Haiti
- \$480 provides a scholarship for a child to attend OFCB for one year

Photographs from David Knoble's upcoming book about his trip to Bayonnais are also available, pricing is set per item.

^{*} Funds may be used in other categories when appropriate. For example, chicken funds may be used to purchase goats.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events.

- General Relief and undesignated program support (DR000148): supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and enables members and congregations to make general designations to use funds where they are most needed as determined by PDA. \$15.00 / \$25.00 / \$50.00 / \$75.00 / \$100.00
- International Disasters and Emergencies (DR999999): supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant, initial response to major international disasters and emergencies.
 \$15.00 / \$25.00 / \$50.00 / \$75.00 / \$100.00
- U.S.A. Disasters and Emergencies (DR000015): supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to enable a significant, initial response to major national disasters and emergencies.
 \$15.00 / \$25.00 / \$50.00 / \$75.00 / \$100.00

"And God will wipe away every tear." —Rev. 7:17

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Formerly known as Stop Hunger Now, Rise Against Hunger is an organization driven by the vision of ending hunger in our lifetime by providing food to the world's most vulnerable.

Established in 1998, they have provided over 341 million meals in 74 countries principally through its meal-packaging program.

SMPC enthusiastically supports Rise Against Hunger and plans to host our sixth event on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

As we are planning on packing 20,000 meals (29-cents a meal), your monetary donation today (in any amount) will help cover the costs (\$5,800) associated.

- \$5.80 purchases 20 meals for six people.
- \$11.60 purchases 40 meals for six people.
- \$17.40 purchases 60 meals for six people.
- \$23.20 purchases 80 meals for six people.
- \$29.00 purchases 100 meals for six people.

Facts to Consider:

- 792.5 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life
- 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world
- Every \$1.00 spent on malnutrition delivers \$16.00 in economic returns

For more information visit, www.riseagainsthunger.org/understanding-hunger/world-hungerfacts.



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MEAL PACKAGING EVENT **MECKLENBURG HALL SOUTH MECKLENBURG** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHILDREN'S MARKET

The Children's Market, an extension of the Alternative Gift Market, is designed to provide a teaching opportunity for parents to encourage children to select moderately-priced alternative gifts for loved ones.

A Child's Place

- \$1.00 will buy notebook paper for a child.
- \$2.00 will buy a toothbrush for a child.

Camp Grier

- \$3.00 will buy a 2x4 to help build Rustic Units.
- \$4.00 will buy five feet of rock climbing rope.
- \$5.00 will buy a Carabiner for rock climbing.

Habitat for Humanity

• \$4.00 will buy a paintbrush.

Loaves & Fishes

- \$2.00 will buy a jar of peanut butter to feed the hungry.
- \$3.00 will buy juice for someone who is thirsty.

Thompson

- \$2.00 will buy socks for a child.
- \$3.00 will buy craft supplies for a child.

Salvation Army Center of Hope

- \$5.00 will purchase a book for a child.
- Donate a new or gently used book for a child.

Rise Against Hunger

- \$1.00 will buy approximately four meals for six people.
- \$2.00 will buy approximately eight meals for six people.
- \$5.00 will buy approximately 20 meals for six people.

Project 2 Heal

• \$5.00 toward the purchase of a service dog training vest.