

Alternative Giving 2009

Alternative giving is a wonderful way to donate to great mission organizations and give a fabulous Christmas gift all at the same time. You are able to make a donation to a great mission organizations in someone's name and then give them a gift card explaining the donation/gift in that person's name.

Local

Amos House - Amos House is known for its soup kitchen but it's much more than a meal. Amos House is people and a promise. A promise to always be here, providing direct support for men, women and children in Rhode Island who are hungry, homeless and in crisis. They feed as many as 800 guests a day at their soup kitchen, the largest in the state. And they provide vital social services, permanent and transitional housing, job training programs and a micro-business, which serves and empowers people right here in our community. www.amoshouse.com (\$380)

Camp Street Ministries - CSCM feeds approximately 120 to 150 families each week with numbers steadily increasing each year. In addition to the food pantry, CSCM provides clothing and household items. CSCM is a vital resource for many in the community and beyond. CSCM also runs several community and educational programs as well as special events, throughout the year. These events range from clothing and food drives to delivering food baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. <http://campstreetcommunityministries.org/> (\$715)

Dorcas Place - Since 1981, Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center has been giving low-income Rhode Islanders the educational opportunities they need to realize their full potential and climb the ladder to success through literacy, workplace training, college preparatory programs, and employment. www.dorcasplace.org (\$250)

International Institute of Rhode Island – Since 1921, the International Institute of Rhode Island has provided educational, legal and social services to immigrants and refugees throughout RI and southeastern MA with a to enable all area residents, especially immigrants and refugees, to become self-reliant, invested participants in our communities, while fostering respect and understanding among all people. www.iiri.org (\$394)

Global

AMPATH Program for Orphans and Vulnerable Children – AMPATH assists AIDS orphans in Kenya within an individual family and community setting to allow the child to socialize, learn and address their challenges within their own environment. <http://www.iukenya.org> (\$250)

The Genesis Network – Started originally by a Brown undergraduate, the Genesis Network develops international human rights projects to help at-risk children and communities. Projects include building schools, economic development and orphan protection. <http://www.gnetwork.org>. (\$270)

Heifer International – Heifer International is a nonprofit, humanitarian organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth. Heifer currently provides 30 kinds of livestock, trees, seeds and training in environmentally sound agriculture to families in more than 50 countries, including the United States. <http://www.heifer.org> (\$910)

Outreach Foundation/Nancy Collins – PPC Missionary Member Nancy Collins is now Regional Coordinator for PCUSA East Africa located in Zambia—projects include new church construction, crisis nurseries, Namumu Orphanage Centre, and CCAP Zambia Ministry to Street Children and AIDS victims. <http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/collinsn.htm> (\$2170)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A it focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities and provides training and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods. <http://www.pcusa.org/pda>. (\$215)

Stop Child Trafficking Now Stop Child Trafficking Now targets the source of child trafficking: predators who drive the sex industry everywhere in the world, including in your own local community. SCTNow looks to sponsors and donors to help fund highly qualified teams of operatives who build cases and execute missions that bring trafficking to a halt. Child trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world. 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk every year for commercial sexual exploitation (U.S. Department of Justice). <http://sctnow.org/> (\$200)

TOTAL 2009 contributions: \$5754