

A large, dark green Christmas ornament with a gold-colored cap and a silver ring. The ornament features a detailed image of the Earth (globe) with blue oceans and green continents. It is centered on a solid green background. Two red, triangular graphic elements point towards the ornament from the left and right sides.

ADVENT GIVING

MARKETPLACE

Sundays, December 4th and 11th • 8:30-10am and 11am-12:30pm • Westwood UMC

Purchase an **IMPACT GIFT** for a friend or family member.

Choose an organization that's making a positive impact in our world and make a donation in someone's name. Receive a personalized card to give.

NON-PROFITS WE SUPPORT

Alexandria House

Alexandria House is a non-profit transitional residence and house of hospitality providing safe and supportive housing for low income women and children in the process of moving from emergency shelter to permanent housing. Located in the ethnically diverse Mid-Wilshire area, Alexandria House also serves its broader neighborhood community by providing educational and enrichment opportunities for residents and neighbors alike. Westwood's United Methodist Women is supporting Alexandria House families in its mission outreach work.



\$10 will help provide Metro passes.

\$25 will buy a gift card and a special cake for a child's birthday.

\$50 will cover the cost of plates, silverware and a toaster.

\$100 will help buy a family's groceries and much needed clothing.

David & Margaret Youth and Family Services

The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) is a global problem that could be happening right in your back yard. CSEC victimizes girls and boys as young as 12 years of age. They are treated like objects for financial gain rather than human beings. CSEC occurs when individuals buy, trade, or sell sexual acts with a child. Pimps target vulnerable children and lure them into prostitution and sexual exploitation by manipulating them with drugs and/or violence. David & Margaret helps these children through prevention, education, recovery, and raising CSEC awareness.



\$10 creates a supply kit for art projects and writing journals to help with a child's recovery.

\$25 provides sturdy shoes and fresh new clothing.

\$50 purchases warm blankets and new bedding for a safe place to sleep.

\$100 allows a child to have their first bicycle or guitar to enjoy.

\$150 helps pay for wonderful childhood memories at amusement parks or other outings.

Guide Dogs of America

Guide Dogs of America's goal is to assist people with vision loss to rebuild their independence and improve their quality of life with providing a highly trained guide dog who will be by them every step of the way. Each dog must train for 2 years to become an everyday hero in someone's life.



\$10 buys chew toys for a dog-in-training.

\$25 provides a training kit for a Labrador puppy.

\$50 buys healthy food for an active Golden Retriever for 1 month.

\$100 assembles a graduation kit for a graduate German Shepherd.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles

Habitat LA brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Ten of Habitat LA's upcoming homes will be built in Culver City, and a group of Westside Churches has come together to raise \$150,000 to sponsor and build one of these homes. 100% of your support will go towards the Westside Church Coalition's commitment towards the 2017 build of Patience House - with \$33,000 to go!



\$25 provides a box of nails.

\$50 builds a bedroom wall.

\$35 puts shingles on a roof.

\$100 installs a toilet.

Heifer International

Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. At the heart of Heifer lies "passing on the gift." The nature of their work allows families to become the cycle of positive change; those who receive Heifer gifts become donors and pass on the gift of possibilities to others in the community.



\$20 Flock of Ducks – The gift of a dozen ducks gift provides project participants with a starter flock of ducklings. For millions around the world, duck eggs form the cornerstone of a healthy diet. By regularly selling duck eggs, families can generate the steady income needed to purchase food, clothes, medicine and pay for school fees.

\$30 Honeybees – Provides a family with bees, a box and hive, and beekeeping training.

\$60 Trio of Rabbits – A gift that helps families increase their protein intake and income.

\$120 Pigs Prove Prosperity is Possible - Pig gift donations are an excellent fit for some of the poorest families Heifer serves. Pigs need little land and thrive on crop and garden byproducts. And since a healthy sow can provide a family with up to 16 piglets a year, more families will soon benefit as the gift is passed on.

Imagine LA

There are 7,505 homeless families in LA, and the overwhelming majority consist of a young single mother and her children. Imagine LA (ILA) is a non-profit organization that uses the power of mentoring to support and guide formerly homeless families. Matching families with volunteer mentors, ILA empowers families to transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Westwood's United Methodist Women is spearheading the WUMC effort to help two families in the LA area over the next 1-2 years.



\$25 will help buy a backpack for a child's first day at school.

\$50 will help provide a face-to-face assessment for matching a family to a mentor team.

\$100 will help cover the cost of special training for families overcoming homelessness.

\$150 will help a young mother afford a rental deposit for a home off the streets.

Level Ground

Level Ground creates space for dialogue about faith, gender, and sexuality through the arts. Their work aims to inspire empathy, create community, and cultivate a better way of speaking across diverse experiences and identities. This year, Level Ground produced 75 festival and community events with more than 600 artists, speakers, and attendees. Your support helps their programming reach more people and create even more meaningful experiences for them.



\$25 covers a workshop scholarship for one attendee.

\$50 covers one festival scholarship pass.

\$100 covers basic honorarium for a special guest speaker or artist.

Meals on Wheels West LA

It's no wonder that Meals on Wheels' motto is "Delivering Smiles One Meal at a Time." MOW has been delivering meals to homebound people in West LA since 1976. Members of WUMC continue to serve as volunteers who are the critical link for the clients and their loved ones.



\$7 lets a senior enjoy a hot midday meal.

\$35 provides a week's worth of diabetic meals.

\$50 delivers hot meals, volunteer visits and smiles to someone for a week.

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Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders)

On any given day, more than 30,000 MSF staff are in the field consulting with patients, carrying out surgical procedures, and delivering babies. In more than 70 countries worldwide, MSF provides assistance to overwhelmed local health systems during catastrophic events such as armed conflict, epidemics, malnutrition, or natural disasters.

\$18 buys two quality meals a day for 100 children.

\$25 provides 25 vaccinations against meningitis, measles, & other epidemics.

\$35 provides a basic suture kit to repair minor shrapnel wounds.

\$50 provides infection fighting antibiotics to treat nearly 20 wounded children.



P.A.T.H. (People Assisting the Homeless)

While more than 44,000 people experiencing homelessness in L.A. County, PATH works to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities by building housing and providing supportive services throughout California. PATH strives to give people the tools to succeed once they move back into a home of their own by providing them with bedding, dishes, and a full pantry. In just the last three years, PATH has helped more than 6,500 people into permanent housing. PATH is well on the way towards the goal of helping 10,000 people "Make It Home" by 2020.

\$25 provides a bedside lamp.

\$50 provides pots, pans, and utensils.

\$100 provides a dresser/chest of drawers.

\$250 provides a dining room set.



Sierra Service Project

As a core part of our youth ministry, SSP is all about building homes, communities, bridges between people, and a relationship with God. Rise up and build with us!

\$10 buys 2 bags of cement to help build a school.

\$25 buys a gallon of paint for a bedroom.

\$50 sponsors a teen's Summer experience.

\$100 buys a quality power tool for repairing a roof on a Native American reservation.



Stop Hunger Now

Westwood has participated in a number of Stop Hunger Now meal packaging events that are a hands-on, rewarding experience for anyone of any age. A group of 40-50 volunteers can package 10,000 meals in just two hours, and Stop Hunger Now meals are nutritiously sound. Addressing the problem of hunger is the single point where we can leverage relief for all humanitarian issues. Start funding Westwood's next event today!

\$15 buys 50 meals.



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

UMCOR's goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

Disaster Response

\$25 purchases protective gloves and dust masks.

\$50 purchases a tarp to protect a home after storm.

Global Health

\$8 provides supplies for a Birthing Kit for a newly displaced mother-to-be.

\$25 provides one wellness check-up in a community where primary care is brand new.

\$35 purchases swaddling clothes for a Layette Kit to welcome a baby into the world.



Safe Water and Hygiene

\$25 can purchase a bio-sand filter for one family of five in Africa.

\$100 can provide clean water to a family of four for 15 years in Kenya.

Wesley Foundation-580 Café

Through the Wesley Foundation at UCLA, the 580 Café is a welcoming place for students to get a hot meal, access free Wi-Fi and find community that strengthens them in body, mind and soul.

- \$10 buys pizza for late night study sessions.
- \$20 provides medicine/vitamins to fight a cold.
- \$30 buys fresh fruit and snacks for tackling exams.
- \$100 buys diapers & food for a student with a family.



Westside Food Bank

Westside Food Bank reaches more than 100,000 people a year – nearly half of whom are children. Four million pounds of food are distributed each year, but WFB struggles to meet the local need. WFB relies on vital support from the faith community, such as WUMC, to help feed those in need.

- \$5 buys 6 jars of nutritious baby food.
- \$10 buys 12 cans of hearty beef stew.
- \$25 buys 50 pounds of vitamin rich yams.
- \$50 buys 35 dozen fresh eggs.



MINISTRIES OF WESTWOOD UMC

Food Bag Ministry

The Food Bag Ministry supplies a reusable bag for each WUMC household as a reminder to purchase a few extra canned items each week. The collected food supports the Hollywood UMC sack lunch program and the Imani Unidos food program in South Central Los Angeles.

- \$15 supplies reusable sacks for six households.



Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is an outreach ministry of the Living Into the Future Foundation of the West District of the California - Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, which began in order to develop collaboration amongst the food pantries in the churches in our community. The many programs offer hot meals, food distribution and sack lunches. Together, they provide nearly 20,000 meals each month to the poor, working poor, children, students, seniors and homeless all over the West District.

- \$50 buys transportation to the Food Bank for a pantry.



Meals with Hope

Members of Westwood UMC and Wesley Foundation at UCLA students partner on the second Saturday to share lunch with those in need in West LA at Kardia UMC. The motto of Meals with Hope is "Food, Community, Prayer." A short devotional from Scripture and a prayer are shared before guests and volunteers break bread together in community.

- \$45 purchases the makings for a main course.



Prayerful Stitches

Prayerful Stitches is a prayer response team that knits and crochets items that are given to anyone going through a difficult time. Most often the group makes prayer shawls – or blankets and caps for premature babies. These items symbolize the way our community has come together to create comfort, warmth and support in an intentional, prayerful way.

- \$25 buys yarn for a prayer shawl or baby blanket.





SHOP WITH A PURPOSE

Invite your friends and join us for a festive shopping experience with holiday music and hot apple cider. As you shop, there are two ways to pay it forward this Christmas:

1. IMPACT GIFTS

Choose an organization that's making a positive impact in our world and make a donation in someone's name. Receive a personalized card to give.

2. FAIR TRADE GIFTS

Purchase from among a wide variety of certified fair trade and environmentally sustainable products supporting artisans, farmers, and craftspeople from around the globe.



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