

Riverdale Presbyterian Church's Alternative Christmas Gifts 2007

Gifts that build peace and nourish a more equitable world while honoring family and friends

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LOCAL GIFTS

(Gifts in this section marked "RPC" will be presented to each organization by RPC)

RPC MISSION TRIP TO APPALACHIA - This February, a group of RPC youth and adults will travel to Jonesville, Virginia in the heart of Appalachia, historically one of the poorest regions of America. We will be under the guidance of the **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**. Since 1969, **ASP, a Christian-based organization**, has organized more than 240,000 volunteers who come to work on and improve some of the thousands of sub-standard houses in which residents live. **We estimate that the cost per volunteer will be \$400.00** and are offering gifts in the amount of \$35.00 to defray the costs of transportation (we will be renting vans), and group and individual registration. Food and lodging are provided by ASP.

RPC#1A- Tithed share of the mission trip to Appalachia\$40.00

CLEAN WATER FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA - **PlayPumps International, a 501(c)3 organization**, states that its mission is to provide rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa with a sustainable supply of free clean drinking water by virtue of the **PlayPump** system that effectively combines a merry-go-round and a water pump. It is installed near schools and as children push and play on the merry-go-round, water is pumped to the surface delivery system.

RPC#2 - One month's worth of clean drinking water from a PlayPump system\$6.00

MIDNIGHT RUN – Riverdale Presbyterian Church

Distribution of over 100 meals, clothing, toiletries, socks, and blankets to homeless New Yorkers on the streets of Manhattan, several times a year by the RPC Youth Group.

RPC#3 – 6 pairs of socks (a highly coveted item).....\$5.00

RPC#4 – A share in a Midnight Run (defray the expense of items purchased)\$10.00

COLLEGE DIRECTIONS AWARENESS PROGRAM – Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

A share in the support of an established successful program that provides underserved and economically disadvantaged youth the opportunity to visit college campuses learn the college application process, and prepare for the SAT exams.

RPC#5.....\$20.00

LOVE KITCHEN – INWOOD, NYC

A local food pantry with over 300 families getting donated canned food each week and serving hundreds of meals a week to hungry New Yorkers.

RPC#6 – A meal a day for a week for one person\$7.00

RPC#7 – Three meals in a week for a family of three..... \$10.00

KINGSBRIDGE-RIVERDALE-MARBLE HILL FOOD & HUNGER PROJECT -

Our local food pantry that provides weekly supplements of food to families who need assistance in ensuring their nutritional needs are met.

RPC#8-- A box of groceries (a weeks’ meals) for a family of 4\$60.00

RPC#9 - A share of a box of groceries for a family of 4\$10.00

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS OF THE NORTHWEST BRONX

RPC#10 – Provide roundtrip public transportation for one person to visit a homebound elderly citizen.

.....\$4.00

RPC#11 – Provide cab fare to bring a disabled elderly patient to a medical appointment.

.....\$12.00

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GLOBAL GIFTS - Alternative Gifts International [AGI],

A Christian- based non-profit organization that coordinates missions of non-governmental Christian agencies around the world.

TEENS WITH AIDS - In Uganda, many children are born with AIDS. For those who survive into their teens need counseling about available **free medications** and education on how to make choices in their lives to maintain and improve their health. **International Relief Teams (IRT)** staff provide this and more, which also protects the larger population from infection.

AG#1- Support services for one youth for one month.....\$14.00

NUTRITION FOR PRESCHOOLERS - In Gaza, Palestine, the poverty and unemployment levels are high (65%). Children suffer from malnutrition and subsequent delayed development. **American Near East Refugee Aid** began improving the diets of preschoolers in 2003. It has its own warehouses and works in partnership with Palestinian relief agencies.

AG#8- Provide nutritious snack to a preschooler for a month.....\$11.00

MEDICINE AND FOOD FOR DARFUR REFUGEES - Death in this area of Africa is common from bullets, starvation, dehydration, and disease. **Medical Assistance Programs International** supplies two clinics with medicine, nutritional supplements, and training for health workers.

AG#12- Nutritional supplements for 75 children for 1 month\$22.00

AG#12A-Clinic visits for 5 patients.....\$10.00

GREENHOUSES FOR HOSPITALS- Hospitals in North Korea are overcrowded with malnourished and patients with tuberculosis. **Christian Friends of Korea** works to keep these hospitals supplied with medicines, food, doctors' kits, and blankets, in addition to building a small greenhouse at each hospital for the growing of fresh produce.

AG#11- One share of a greenhouse for a hospital.....\$55.00

SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS - The causes for homelessness are varied, but the result is the same, and children are often the most affected. Government statistics say that 1 in 5 homeless people are under 18 years old; 43% old homeless children are preschoolers. **Alternative Gifts International** provides grants to community shelters that have a proven record of addressing the causes and prevention of homelessness.

AG#19 - A week at a safe shelter for a family of 4\$40.00

AG#19A - A clean bed in a shelter for one person for one night\$10.00

JOB TRAINING/HEALTH FOR SINGLE WOMEN HEAD OF HOUSEHOLDS
Women who have escaped abusive relationships and find themselves with little or no work skills receive computer training, ESL courses, and health/nutrition counseling while earning money in transitional employment through **The Enterprising Kitchen**, operating in Wichita, KS and El Paso, TX.

AG#26- Job skills training for one woman\$35.00

AG#26A - Career counseling for one woman\$10.00

Global Gifts –Heifer International

(Heifer International has, for 60 years, raised animals around the world for distribution to populations in need of a solid nutritional and economic base. Heifer also provides veterinary and business training. Gifts from Heifer are not designated to a specific area. They are sent as needed as determined by their field staff to areas in the aftermath of political upheaval, social unrest, war, or natural disaster)

HF#1 – GIFT OF A PIG – A pig grows to 200 pounds in 6 weeks and a sow can produce 16 piglets in a year.....\$120.00

HF#2 – Share of a pig\$10.00

HF#3 – GIFT OF A HIVE OF HONEYBEES – inexpensive to maintain, a hive can supply up to 50 gallons of honey a year, used as food, medicine and a marketable product. Bees also increase the yield of vegetable and fruit crops.\$30.00

HF#4 – A FLOCK OF CHICKS – When grown, a hen can lay 200 eggs a year, which is used for protein-rich food and to sell at the market. Chicks are inexpensive to feed and also eat insect pests that threaten local agriculture. The chicks are sent to villages around the world.\$20.00

Global Gifts – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

(gifts in this section marked #PDA will be dispensed to areas identified as in need by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

GULF COAST RELIEF – Many states and countless towns and cities on the Gulf Coast are still recovering from a succession of powerful storms, including Hurricane Katrina. PDA continues to fund relief efforts at the grassroots volunteer level

PDA#1- 25 pieces of 2”x 4” lumber to re- frame walls in damaged houses\$50.00

PDA#2 - 5 gallons of paint\$20.00

Global Gifts – Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), long active in Global outreach after war or natural disasters, and peace and ecological education programs, offers the following gifts.

THE GIFT OF SHELTER - After natural disasters around the world MCC provides materials for both temporary shelter and also the repair of damaged houses. After Tropical Storm Stan hit El Salvador, MCC provided for over 500 shelters with protective plastic sheeting, and more than 3,300 packages of blankets and household supplies.
MCC#1- Plastic sheeting and household supplies for a temporary shelter.....\$10.00

TREE NURSERIES IN HAITI, BURUNDI, & CAMBODIA – Restores ecological balance in drought-stricken areas by supporting tree nurseries.
MCC#1 Funds to plant 100 trees\$21.00

GOATS AS A SOURCE OF INCOME & FOOD – Families in India, Laos, and many other places worldwide are provided with a goat that provides nutritious milk, offspring that can be sold for supplemental income, and manure to fertilize gardens
MCC#4 –
MCC#2 - Provide a goat, its vaccinations, an enclosure for it and education in its care for the owners.....\$25.00

Global Gifts – Church World Services provides immediate support to victims of man-made and natural disasters.

CWS#1 – Provide a blanket to a victim of a flood, earthquake, or hurricane.....\$5.00
CWS#2 – Provide basic farming tools to a farmer after a disaster\$5.00

RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
2007
ORDER FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Please fill in:

- The ***item number*** and name of the gift you want.
- The ***quantity and unit price*** of the gift that you want.
- The total cost for that gift
- Fill in the “**Final Total**” for all gifts purchased
- Indicate “**Cash**” or “**Check**” under “**Final Total**”(this helps with bookkeeping)
- If paying by **check**, Please make check out to **Riverdale Presbyterian Church** .

Gift #	Gift Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total

Final Total _____

Payment method: Cash _____ **Check** _____