



ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Bethesda United Methodist Church

Gifts that Give Life, Hope, Love

This is gift-giving at its simplest...and most meaningful. Enjoy shopping while staying faithful to the needs of our community. Through the BUMC Alternative Gift Fair you support local and global ministries by “buying” meaningful gifts in honor of your family and friends. In essence you are making donations to local and global mission projects that enhance and transform lives in our community and around the world. We have included a variety of “gifts” so that you can complete all your shopping right here.

Do you have an uncle, brother-in-law or parent who has everything and for whom it is very difficult to find a gift? An Alternative Gift is the special Christmas gift answer! Just donate directly to the organization and then send a card or note to your friend, relative or loved-one to let them know that you are making a gift in their honor for their Christmas gift (see attached card you can print). It's that simple.

Bethesda Help

Bethesda Help is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)3 organization serving southern Montgomery County residents. Bethesda Help has a food pantry to provide emergency food deliveries to families who have requested help. This includes a three-day supply of food for each member of the household. Bethesda Help also offers immediate short-term financial assistance for rent when residents are threatened with eviction, partial or full payment of utility bills and prescription medicines.

<https://www.bethesdahelp.org/>

Bethesda Cares

The mission of Bethesda Cares is to prevent, ease and end homelessness in the area in and around Bethesda. Bethesda Cares has programs for eviction prevention, street outreach, a daily meal program and a program that supports individuals who have been successfully placed into housing. <https://bethesdacares.org/get-involved/>

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone should have a safe, affordable place to call home. With community support and adult volunteers they build houses for families while providing opportunities for the families to pitch in and help themselves.

<https://habitatmm.org/>

Interfaith Works of Montgomery County

Interfaith Works is a non-sectarian interfaith coalition of more than 165 affiliated congregations working together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County, MD. Interfaith Works has shelters, clothing centers and helps people move to permanent, supportive housing.

<https://www.iworksmc.org/>

Jubilee Jobs

Jubilee Jobs is one of the longest serving non-profit workforce development providers in the Greater Washington D.C. Region. They pride themselves on encouraging every applicant throughout the entire job process. This includes meeting with job counselors, teaching goal-setting, resume writing and interviewing skills, and providing employment contacts to conclude with the individual obtaining a job.

<https://www.jubileejobs.org/>

Martha's Table

Martha's Table is a non-profit organization, an active charity and volunteer center in Washington, D.C. The mission of Martha's Table is to support strong children, strong families, and strong communities by increasing access to high-quality education, healthy food, and family and community supports. This organization has also played a leading role in providing support to some of the communities within DC hit hardest by COVID-19.

marthastable.org

Thurgood Marshall College Fund

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund provides scholarship and support for students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities; predominantly black institutions; and corresponding graduate schools.

www.tmcf.org

Project Transformation

Project Transformation is moving into its third year in Washington, D.C. This nation-wide literacy program supported by the United Methodist Church meets throughout the summer helping elementary age students maintain or increase their reading levels. Volunteer adults read with the students on a daily basis. Project Transformation employs college age interns to act as counselors, give love and support to the children who participate.

<https://projecttransformation.org/washington-dc/>

Opportunity International

Opportunity International unleashes the power of entrepreneurs in the developing world. Their innovative approach and services allow hardworking entrepreneurs in 24 countries around the world to expand their businesses, create jobs and support their families. Opportunity International provides access to loans, insurance and training, which are tools that empower individuals to work their way out of poverty. Opportunity International works in Columbia, China, The Congo, Ghana, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Philippines, Rwanda, Serbia, Tanzania and Uganda.

<https://opportunity.org/>

Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)

EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of Just Mercy, EJI provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails and prisons. We challenge the death penalty and excessive punishment and we provide re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people. EJI works with communities that have been marginalized by poverty and discouraged by unequal treatment. We are committed to changing the narrative about race in America.

<https://eji.org/>

TraRon Center (Southeast DC)

Helping those affected by gun violence heal through the arts

Our Mission is to expose gun violence survivors to therapy that may be absent from their current grieving and coping methods. With a focus on the inclusion of creative arts, we equip survivors with strategies to healthfully endure the complexities of loss- while promoting community health and solidarity, Our Vision is to provide a safe, supportive space for affected members of the community to express themselves- such that it fosters an environment of openness, honesty, and critical reflection of the factors contributing to gun violence in our communities. By openly addressing gun violence, we will empower community members to collectively engage in dialogue that will produce viable solutions for gun violence prevention.

traroncenter.org

Manna

Manna's mission of ending hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education and advocacy is the guiding force of all we do. Manna's vision is that our community is a place where all people at all times have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food in order to lead fulfilling lives and contribute to making Montgomery County, Maryland a place where all live in dignity.

Mannafood.org

Adrienne Terry Housing Fund

Rev. Adrienne Terry was a Methodist pastor in the Baltimore Washington Conference Greater Washington District who was a strong supporter of affordable housing in the Washington metropolitan area. The Adrienne Terry Affordable Housing Fund of our Conference supports congregations with property resources (such as parsonages or other underutilized buildings) to convert those properties into affordable housing for low-income families in our area.

<http://ow.ly/CKx45ozwssl>

Changing the World.....One Gift at a Time

(printable gift card on next page)



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