# Alternative Christmas Gift Market



*Midway Hills Christian Church*
*Online Nov. 27 -- Dec. 20, 2026*
*In-Person Dec. 6, 2026*
*Follow-Ups Dec. 13 & 20*

Welcome to the Midway Hills Christian Church 2026 Alternative Christmas Gift Market, where you can give your family and friends the rare and precious gifts of hope, joy, peace, and love this year!

Whatever gift you buy, 100 percent of your donation goes directly to the organization(s). When you purchase a gift, you will receive a beautiful card along with a description of the gift to give to the recipient.You can choose either an all-occasion greeting card or a Christmas card.

Our online market will be open from November 27 through December 20, 2026, You can access it at: www.alternative-christmas.midwayhills.org.

Amounts listed on the Alternative Christmas Order Form are the *recommended* donation amounts for each item. However, **NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL (OR TOO GREAT)!** All money collected goes directly to each project you select, and you will receive a greeting card and insert, no matter the size of your gift.
Los precios listados en la Orden de Navidad Alternativa son las donaciones recomendadas para cada producto. Sin embargo,**NO HAY REGALO MUY PEQUEÑO (O MUY GRANDE)!** Todo el dinero recolectado va a cada uno de los proyectos que usted seleccione, y usted recibira una tarjeta con Saludos y un boletin, sin importar el tamaño de su regalo.

We accept credit cards, cash, or checks payable to MHCC. If you pay by credit card, please consider adding the suggested fee to cover our processing costs.



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# LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

## THE BRIDGE HOMELESS RECOVERY CTR KENNEL

*The Bridge is an innovative homeless recovery center in downtown Dallas that provides services to the most impoverished citizens of North Texas. bridgehrc.org*

**$6 Dog Toy or $30 Bag of Dog Food for a Dog Housed in The Bridge Kennel**

In some areas of the country almost 25 percent of homeless individuals have a pet. Many of these individuals will not leave their pets behind. The Bridge ensures they won't have to. As the only homeless recovery shelter in the Dallas area with an onsite kennel, The Bridge is serving a crucial role in serving the homeless population with pets who otherwise would not enter a shelter to begin their recovery. Your gift provides for either an enrichment toy or a 44 lb.bag of food for one dog in The Bridge kennel.



## EBBY HOUSE (JULIETTE FOWLER COMMUNITIES)

*Founded over 125 years ago as an intergenerational community, Fowler serves more than 700 individuals and their families, employs 160 team members, and engages more than 2,000 volunteers annually. fowlercommunities.org*

**$20 Provides Support to the Young Women at Ebby House**



The Ebby House at Juliette Fowler Communities is more than a shelter – it is a home for young girls ready to launch into successful adulthood who have suffered abuse, neglect, or foster care in the past. This strength-based program mentors up to 12 young women at a time for up to 24 months to instill life skills, provide housing, healthcare, education, career guidance, job training, and permanency. Currently, the young women in the Ebby House program are living integrated with seniors living on the Juliette Fowler campus until the new Ebby House building is competed in December 2026.

## NOW-FORWARD

*Now-Forward is a cooperative effort of 50 congregations that combine resources to efficiently deliver effective and appropriate assistance to Dallas' poorest individuals and families. now-forward.org*

**$15 One Pair of Prescription Glasses**



Now-Forward provides eye exams and glasses for ages 10 and up. Services include basic vision screening and eyeglasses. This gift provides one pair of prescription eyeglasses for a client.

**$50 13 Pounds Ground Beef**



Now-Forward provides households with food and diapers once a week. Ground beef is a versatile, popular, and high-quality source of protein that helps Now-Forward offer complete and nutritious meals to their clients, as it can be used in many popular dishes. This gift allows Now-Forward to purchase 13 lbs. of ground beef.

## PLAN CLUBHOUSE

*PLAN (People Living Active Now) is a program of Jewish Family Service dedicated to providing comprehensive support toward a meaningful life in community for individuals with mental illness and their families. www.planntx.org*

**$30 Case Management Services for a Member by a Licensed Social Worker**




Severe mental illness causes disruptions in life – broken relationships, tension within families, hospitalizations, and incarcerations – leading to frustration, anxiety, and loneliness. PLAN is a place to find understanding and support! PLAN currently serves over 150 individuals and their families, using a holistic approach to treating individuals with mental illness in an effort to empower individuals with an improved quality of life. Your gift will support Case Management Services to assist with questions and identify resources for persons experiencing mental health challenges.

# SOLES4SOULS -- 4EVERYKID DALLAS

*Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 121 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing in 139 countries. Headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, the nonprofit operates Donation Centers and warehouses worldwide. soles4souls.org/dfwkids.*

**$20 Pair of athletic shoes and a pair of socks for a homeless child**

A good pair of shoes can change a child's future. For the millions of children experiencing homelessness in the U.S., life is full of challenges. Without proper shoes, they can feel embarrassed, discouraged, and left out — limiting their opportunities today and tomorrow. More than 30,000 children in Dallas-Fort Worth are experiencing homelessness. 4EveryKid Dallas is working to ensure that every one of them has a new pair of athletic shoes so they can attend school with confidence, dignity, and hope. Shoes matter because they help kids feel more confident. improve school attendance, and increase physical activity. Your gift provides a brand-new pair of athletic shoes and socks to a child experiencing homelessness in the D-FW Metroplex.



Matthew 25:35-40
'for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'
And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

# CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

*Church World Service works in partnership to assist people in the world's poorest countries to find effective ways of tackling poverty and injustice. cwsglobal.org*

**$5 A Warm Meal For a Child**



This small gift fills more than an empty stomach. It gives a child a warm meal, a sense of safety, and a reminder that someone cares. It's kindness served one plate at a time.

**$10 Church World Service Blanket**




One night in the cold. That's all it takes to remember how important a blanket is. So for people around the world struggling to sleep on freezing sidewalks, in unfamiliar evacuation centers and shelters, or in drafty homes, a blanket is a treasure. This gift gives a blanket to cover someone with warmth and remind them that they're not alone.

**$15 Church World Service Hygiene Kit**



Personal hygiene is one of the first defenses you have to protect your body – and your community – from transmittable diseases. But imagine not being able to find or afford basic toiletries like soap. How would you follow best practices for washing your hands? How would you keep yourself clean? A CWS Hygiene Kit assists families who are struggling to answer those questions. Your gift will cover the cost of supplies and shipping for one kit.

**$25 Period Pack: Menstrual Hygiene Kit**




Feminine care products are a necessity that every woman and girl should have. Yet, many don't have access to the personal hygiene products they need each month. Menstruation is a normal, healthy bodily function for half the world's population. But not everyone who gets a period can afford the hygiene products. Recent studies show that two in five people who menstruate experience period poverty. CWS is seeing the impact of high costs making it more difficult for the families to afford household necessities. This menstrual hygiene kit helps ensure a woman or girl can manage her period safely and with dignity. With items like pads, soap, and underwear, it supports health, confidence, and freedom to go to school or work – without interruption or shame.

**$30 A Household Water Filter**




Safe water starts here.
This gift helps a family turn unsafe water into clean, drinkable hope – right at home. It reduces illness, saves time, and makes everyday tasks easier, and healthier. It's a small fix that makes a big splash by ensuring that families have access to safe, clean water for drinking, cooking, and washing.

**$40 Business Skills Training for a Woman**



Business training empowers dreams and equips a woman for change.This gift helps a woman gain the financial and business skills she needs to turn her ideas into income. By providing business skills training to women, your gift not only provides classes or workshops, it helps women chase their dreams and build a business that can help communities grow and thrive for years to come.




**$50 Garden Starter Kit**
With a shovel, fruit and vegetable seeds, and a watering can, a family can turn a patch of soil into a reliable source of food. This starter kit helps people take control of their nutrition and build something that lasts. Because sometimes the best way to fight hunger is one row at a time.

**$75 Immigration Legal Fees for Family Reunification**
This gift helps cover legal fees for families separated by conflict, disaster, or immigration barriers. It's a step toward reunification, stability, and healing. When you give, you're helping bring loved ones back together – where they belong. Because no family should be kept apart.



**$208 (share $25) An Acre of Sweet Potatoes**
A single acre of sweet potatoes can feed families, fuel local markets, and replenish the land. These hardy, nutrient-rich crops grow well in challenging conditions, making them a smart investment for a sustainable source of food. When eaten with the skin on, one medium sweet potato contains over 100% of the recommended daily amount of vitamin A, which plays a role in vision, bone development, and immune function. This gift gives a farmer an acre's worth of sweet potato vines alongside training in sustainable farming and complementary livestock integration.



# CHURCH WORLD SERVICE ANIMALS

*From five life-sustaining chickens to a buzzing beehive full of potential or a goat, these CWS Animals provide more than just food – they deliver sustainable nourishment and long-term opportunities for families in need. When you give this meaningful gift, you're not just fighting hunger – you're investing in hope and empowering families to build brighter, more resilient futures.*



**$30 Three Chickens or $10 for 1 Chicken**
In rural communities, chickens are more than barnyard birds – they're hope in feathers. With the gift of chickens, families receive a steady supply of protein-rich eggs to nourish children and a way to earn income through local markets. That means fewer empty plates, more shared meals, and kids who can stay in school. It's a daily difference-maker – and a gift that grows with time. Chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available scraps; this allows families to make money from the birds without spending much. And since a good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year, a flock of chickens provides a steady source of nutrition and income. A gift of chickens ensures security for generations.

**$40 for 500 Baby Fish or**
**$8 for 100 Baby Fish**
Stock a pond. Feed a future.
Thanks to generous support, families and communities can stock a pond with 500 baby fish – creating a renewable source of food and income. These little swimmers grow fast and multiply quickly, offering lasting nourishment and opportunity. It's a small splash with big potential.











**$70 (share $10) Pig**
With this gift, a family can start a small business, earn income, and put nutritious food on the table. Most pigs live 10-15 years and can thrive on crop and garden by-product scraps. The average sow can provide 16 or more piglets a year, making it a viable and long term path to sustainability for recipient families. Pigs grow fast and can make a big difference in a short time. It's a practical gift – with a curly tail and a whole lot of heart.

**$65 (Share $12) One Beehive**
Buzzing with opportunity!
Bees may be small, but they're mighty heroes. With this sweet gift, families receive beehives, training, and supplies to start a honey business. Honey offers nourishment and income, while bees help gardens thrive through pollination. The placement of a single colony can potentially double local fruit and vegetable yields. It's a tiny army with a big, buzzing impact.



**$125 (share $25) Goat**
On small farms, goats are often the key to a family's survival. Give a goat to a family in need. Goats are known for providing delicious milk, which can be used to create cheese that can be sold for income, in turn providing a family's children the opportunity to go to school. Goat milk is more easily digestible, and one animal can produce up to four gallons a day. Goats are ideal for zero grazing, which means very little land is needed to raise them. Their natural curiosity and intelligence also makes them great pets for families with children. Along with training and education in its care, each goat gift donation provides milk, cheese, and butter for nourishment, boosts income through sales of extra milk, and encourages better crop yields by creating fertilizer and clearing land.



# GLOBAL MINISTRIES

*Global Ministries joins with global and local partners to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace.*
*globalministries.org*

**$15 Luci Solar Light**



Luci lights are inflatable, lightweight, and affordable light sources that can emit light for up to 12 hours on each charge. Many of Global Ministries partners work in communities that have limited or no access to electricity. Luci lights can be used in hospitals and health care clinics, in businesses run through microcredit programs, by refugees and internally displaced persons in refugee camps, or by children working on homework or playing. Your gift provides a Luci solar light to light the way for someone facing dark times.

**$20 Keep Hope Alive: Olive Tree Planting**



For over 4,000 years, olive trees have been known as an international symbol of peace. To "Keep Hope Alive," the YWCA of Palestine and the YMCA of East Jerusalem are carrying out a joint campaign to replant olive trees from areas where they have been uprooted as a punishment policy by the Israeli military on Palestinians. For many farmers, olive trees were a sole income source for their families. This gift covers the cost of a young tree, distribution, planting, and information for farmers on tree care.

**$30 Assist a Young Woman With Attending School**



Empowering women and girls does more than secure a better income for families. When women are empowered, women are less likely to be abused, more likely to be educated, and more likely to have control over their health and reproductive choices. Education and work opportunities can make a profound difference in changing the role of women in their communities. This gift can assist a young woman with attending school, an opportunity she would otherwise not have.

# GIFTS BY PRICE

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| **$15 AND UNDER** | | |
| Warm Meal for a Child | Church World Service | $5.00 |
| Dog Enrichment Toy | The Bridge Kennel | $6.00 |
| 100 Baby Fish | Church World Service | $8.00 |
| One Chicken | Church World Service | $10.00 |
| CWS Blanket | Church World Service | $10.00 |
| Share of a Pig | Church World Service | $10.00 |
| Share of a Beehive | Church World Service | $12.00 |
| CWS Hygiene Kit | Church World Service | $15.00 |
| Pair of Prescription Glasses | Now-Forward | $15.00 |
| Inflatable Solar Light | Global Ministries | $15.00 |
| **$40 AND UNDER** | | |
| Sipport Ebby House | Juliette Fowler | $20.00 |
| Kid's Athletic Shoes & Socks | Soles4Souls--4EveryKid | $20.00 |
| Olive Tree Planting | Global Ministries | $20.00 |
| Menstrual Period Pack | Church World Service | $25.00 |
| Acre of Sweet Potatoes Share | Church World Service | $25.00 |
| Share of a Goat | Church World Service | $25.00 |
| 44 lb. Bag of Dog Food | The Bridge Kennel | $30.00 |
| Case Manaement Services | PLAN | $30.00 |
| Household Water Filter | Church World Service | $30.00 |
| Three Chickens | Church World Service | $30.00 |
| Help Young Women with School | Global Ministries | $30.00 |
| 500 Baby Fish | Church World Service | $40.00 |
| Business Skills Training | Church World Service | $40.00 |
| **$50 AND ABOVE** | | |
| 13 lbs. Ground Beef | Now-Forward | $50.00 |
| Garden Starter Kit | Church World Service | $50.00 |
| One Beehive | Church World Service | $65.00 |
| One Pig | Church World Service | $70.00 |
| Immigration Legal Fees | Church World Service | $75.00 |
| One Goat | Church World Service | $125.00 |
| An Acre of Sweet Potatoes | Church World Service | $208.00 |

