

Meanwhile these three things remain: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love. --1 Cor. 13:13



**Twelfth Annual
Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar**

ONLINE through December 24, 2020

Rocky River Presbyterian Church
21750 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116



Frequently Asked Questions?

- 1. What is the “Alternative Christmas” Charity Bazaar?** As an “alternative” to mindless gift-giving, “ACCB” is an opportunity to make one or many donations to local, national and world charities in the name of family or friends. Give your donation as a Christmas gift by completing a gift card you can personalize with information about your donation. YOU can give these as **gifts** to your friends, co-workers and family.
- 2. Why do we have this bazaar?** We want to give you the opportunity to stop giving the “same old” Christmas gifts. Let’s take the money we usually spend on “obligatory gifts” to friends, office staff or family (with little meaning) and give gifts to our favorite charities. Don’t we all have enough stuff? This year buy all of your gifts at ACCB and encourage your family, friends and colleagues to do so too.
- 3. What is new?** ACCB is **online this year** in 3 easy steps. **First:** Review this catalog. Browse the charities you want to donate to. **Second:** Print out the order form: include your name and phone number, the charity’s Ministry Code and the Item Code, the number to items you want, and tally the total for your purchase. **Third:** Make a copy of your order form and your check for your files. then mail your form and check to Rocky River Presbyterian Church or drop it off at the office (you might call first: (440) 333-4888).
- 4. When can I “shop”?** In a word, now. Donation order forms & checks are due in the church office by Christmas Eve—that way we can forward total donations to the charities by year’s end.
- 5. How many missions/charities are available?** Our church members have selected 18 local, national and world non-profit missions for 2020.
- 6. Does Rocky River Presbyterian Church keep part of the money from your donation? No, not one penny.** We will tally donation order forms. Then the church issues **one** check to each charity for the **total** amount donated. The church (and not you) is added to the mission’s mailing list. Think of all the junk mail we will have saved you. That is definitely worth something.
- 7. Will my donation be tax-deductible? Yes.** Print a copy of your Donation Order Form and your check to serve as your receipt. Save it for your tax preparer.

Welcome to the 12th Annual “Alternative Christmas” Charity Bazaar (ACCB) from **Rocky River Presbyterian Church** in Rocky River, Ohio, **now online**.



This has been a year with changes to many of our favorite events. While we are unable to hold this event in person, we can still share this wonderful event with family and friends around the country and still support the charities that we hold dear.

The ACCB has been part of our church family’s **Christmas tradition for 12 years**. Over the years this event has raised over \$100,000 for selected charities and missions! 100% of money raised has gone directly to the charities. We are so proud of your support for this event and the gifts we provide to these charities, as they positively impact people, families, villages, countries, and our world.

This year we have 18 charities represented and most have a direct connection to a member of this congregation. Remember, 100% of the money goes to these deserving charities. You get your shopping done early, no junk mail to your house and a tax break. What could be better?

ACCB is a mission of this church and is guided by our Mission Committee. All of this would not be possible without the help of a GREAT team that helps puts together this ACCB. In fact, some of them have been helping since the very beginning too. Thank you to: **Dan, Lisa, Emma and Libby Poole, Sue and Cami Krizman, Chuck and Donna Erml, Ellen Schickel, Rudy and Bonnie Gulstrand, Zack Hoon, Sara Gresh, Heidi Shaver, Chuck and Bonnie Erickson, Dick and Marty Heath, The Men’s Group, Jon Fancher, Lisa Watts, and the High School Youth Group.**

A big **THANKS** to **Andrew Watts** for his beautiful artwork gracing the catalog cover and gift cards. **THANKS** to Office Admin. **Crystal Duffield** for formatting this year’s catalog, order form and gift cards.

In Christ,

Anne Anderson Busher, the 2020 ACCB Team
and the Mission Committee of RRPC



Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.

The mission of Days for Girls is to create a freer, dignified, and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions and community-based health leadership programs. Not having feminine hygiene kits means DAYS without school, DAYS without income, DAYS without leaving the house. The poverty cycle can be broken when girls stay in school.

Women, and girls discover their potential and self-value, are equal participants and agents of social change and are given opportunities to thrive, grow and contribute to their community's betterment while ensuring quality sustainable feminine hygiene. There are a lot of things in the world that are hard to change. THIS we can change. Together.

Five years ago, planning and implementation of the Days for Girls project to sew 65 washable personal hygiene kits was important to RRPC Presbyterian Women because it was an opportunity to serve others. We gathered on several Saturday mornings and one Sunday afternoon to measure, cut, serge, straight stitch, & baste pieces of fabric together to create durable (3 years!) personal hygiene kits for Days for Girls. We learned some new skills & enjoyed an opportunity for fellowship while working on this service project.

Ministry Code is **DFG**

Code	Cost	Description
KIT	\$10	1 complete Days for Girls kit
PACK	\$12	Packaging materials for kits and shipping
BULK	\$14	Flannel, batik cotton and waterproof cloth used to sew materials for kit in bulk
INFO	\$15	50 Laminated instruction sheets, wash cloth and soap
WASH	\$16	24 dark colored washcloths
UNS	\$18	3 package of 9 girls' hipster style panties
SOAP	\$20	50 bars of soap
POST	\$25	Postage to send 5 kits where needed most
FIVE	\$50	5 Complete Kits
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Days for Girls makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



Shriners Hospitals for Children has a mission to:

- Provide the highest quality care to children with neuromuscular-skeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered, and collaborative care environment.
- Provide for the education of physicians and other healthcare professionals.
- Conduct research to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and quality of life of children and families.
- This mission is carried out without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability of a patient or family to pay.

Shriners Hospitals for Children, Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center in Erie PA provides the highest quality care for a wide range of pediatric orthopedic and neuromuscular-skeletal disorders and diseases. Every member of our staff – from surgeons to therapists, nurses to orthoptists – is focused on providing care that puts the family at the center of the team. We were the first health care system in the country to develop spinal cord injury rehabilitation centers designed specifically for children. Our groundbreaking research has led to innovative treatment techniques, providing care that helps children lead a full, active and healthy life.

Ministry Code is **SHC**

Code	Cost	Description
WAIT	\$5	Book for a small child to read waiting for treatment
READ	\$10	Book for a school-age child to read in the hospital
HUG	\$20	Teddy bear to hug
BOOK	\$25	Book for a teenager to read during hospital
FOOD	\$30	Food, snacks and treats for teenagers and children following their surgery
ART	\$40	Arts and Crafts Kits for a teenager
SEAT	\$50	A share of the cost of a car seat to transport a child to and from the hospital
CAR	\$100	The cost of a car seat to transport a child to and from the hospital

The Shriners Hospital makes every effort to use donations as designated.
On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



charity: water is a nonprofit organization bringing clean and safe drinking water to people in developing countries.

663 million people live without clean water. That’s nearly 1 in 10 people worldwide, or, twice the population of the United States without access to life’s most basic human need. The majority live in isolated rural areas and spend hours every day walking to collect water for their family. Not only does walking for water keep kids out of school and take up time that parents could be using to earn money, but the water often carries diseases that make them sick.

When a community gets access to clean water, it can change just about everything. It can improve health, increase access to food, grow local economies, and help kids spend more time in school.

The water crisis is huge, but it is solvable. We fund water programs in 27 countries around the globe - in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. We work with local experts and community members to find the best sustainable solution in each place where we work.

100% of your gift funds clean water projects

Ministry Code is **H2O**

Code	Cost	Description
SRT	\$5	Gets us started toward clean water
THD	\$10	Give 1/3 of a person clean water next year
SUP	\$15	Supports the cause
2/3	\$20	Give 2/3 of a person clean water next year
MVE	\$25	Moving the bar towards water
ONE	\$30	Gives one person clean water next year
1.6	\$50	Gives 1 2/3 people clean water
YR	\$360	Gives 12 people clean water next year

The charity: water will make every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



Imagine that there was no school for you... no school within 50 miles. That was what faced a boy who was born in Liberia. He scrapped, worked and even risked his life, having to leave home in order to gain an education.

Eventually he arrived in Cleveland where he finished his education, found work, married, and settled down. Then he told his Presbyterian pastor, 'We need to build a school in Liberia!'

That's how it started. Now the Dougbe ("Doo-BAY") River Presbyterian School is a reality. Built on 150 acres of land given to the school by the local leaders and financed entirely by donations—including a donation from RRPC—the Dougbe River Presbyterian School opened its doors to 130 students last year!

Their vision is "to reach out to rural people with education and Christianity. Our vision is that Liberian young people empowered by education can develop their nation and profoundly reduce poverty. We reach out to Christian and non-Christian people. Our school is open to all children regardless of religion, age, race, gender, or ethnic group. We also stand for peace, unity, reconciliation, honesty and development."

Ministry Code is **DRPS**

Code	Cost	Description
PENS	\$5	Pencils and paper for an entire class
RMBD	\$10	A week's room and board for 4 students
SAL	\$50	A teacher's salary for a month
GAS	\$75	Fuel for the school's truck and generator
CON	Your Choice	Donation in <u>amount of your choice</u> to be used where most needed by Dougbe River Pres. School.

Dougbe River Presbyterian School in Liberia makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need.



The Gathering Place Westside

Touched by Cancer

The Gathering Place is a local cancer support organization with locations in Westlake, Ohio. Our mission is to offer a wide variety of free programs and services addressing the social, emotional, physical and spiritual needs of individuals with cancer and their families and friends. The Gathering Place has served 46,890 individuals who have made more than 371,000 visits. The programs at the Gathering Place serve people with any type of cancer and their families, including children and teens.

The Gathering Place offers a safe, confidential environment where you can share your experiences and challenges. We provide access to information on a variety of subjects relating to cancer because we believe knowledge is power.

At The Gathering Place you can choose to interact with others who are traveling on a similar journey to take advantage of our one-to-one services. Whichever route you choose to take you can find insight, strength, support and inspiration.

The Gathering Place has two comprehensive education centers that include lending libraries with over 2500 books, CDs, and videos. We offer support groups for all cancer types, cancer specific groups, age specific groups, and programs for cancer survivors as well as caregivers.

The children’s Kidshop is a 3-hour family-centered workshop in which family members of all ages can interact and work on crucial coping skills when someone in the family has cancer, reached many families.

Ministry Code is **WGP**

Code	Cost	Description
CAB	\$10	Transportation Costs/Cab Vouchers for one visit to The Gathering Place
TRAN	\$25	Support for Transportation Costs for multiple visits to The Gathering Place
KID	\$50	Support for Kidshop/Children’s Programs
FAM	\$75	Support for Family Counseling
ND	\$100	Contribution to use where most needed
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed by The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place of the Westside makes every effort to use donations as designated.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Cleveland



1 in 5 adults in America experience mental illness.



50% of lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24.

You may have heard the old adage, “It takes a village to raise a child.” It also takes a village to help someone diagnosed with a mental illness gain strength and have the fortitude to grow and recover. For more than 6,000 people each year, NAMI GC is part of that village. NAMI GC is a welcoming place where people and families dealing with mental illness are not judged or criticized. Our mission is to empower them to achieve a better quality of life by providing them with mutual support, practical information, referral, advocacy, and educational resources.

Programs are offered **free** of charge and are peer-based. Family members facilitate the family support groups and education programs, and peers (those living with a mental health diagnosis) run the wellness groups and peer education courses.

Join our village. Your contribution makes it possible for peers and their family members to get the resources they need to improve the quality of their lives.

Ministry Code is **NAMI**

Code	Cost	Description
HELP	\$10	Support peers and family members calling our Helpline by underwriting the cost of a resource packet.
BASE	\$11	Sponsor NAMI Basics resource materials for a course for a parent or caregiver of a child/adolescent living with mental illness. Symptoms that surfaced prior to age 13.
FAM	\$26	Provide resource materials for a family member in our 12-week Family-to-Family class where he/she will learn strategies for handling crisis and relapse, as well as communication and advocacy techniques.
OWN	\$30	Help change attitudes and stereotypes about mental illness by funding the stipend given to a peer when sharing his/her personal experience with community through an <i>In Our Own Voice</i> presentation.
CON	Your Choice	Write in any amount for one of NAMI GC’s education classes, support groups, or its Helpline.

NAMI makes every effort to use donations as designated.



North Coast Community Health Center

“North Coast Health Ministry” (now “North Coast Community Health Center” affiliated with Neighborhood Family Practice) was founded in 1986 to bridge the health care gap for the low income uninsured on Cleveland’s West Side. Due to the 2014 changes in health care funding in the United States, there was a concern at North Coast that there would be a need to provide health care to people on Medicaid and Medicare. Now North Coast Community Health Center provides care to those without coverage and also to those with Medicaid and Medicare.

With the support of over 100 volunteer doctors, nurses and other caregivers, they are able to provide preventative care, chronic disease management, as well as office visits for general illness and injury. Prescription medication assistance, diabetes supplies and specialty referrals are also provided. For every dollar donated to North Coast CHC, we deliver \$10 worth of health care to our patients, thanks to the contributions of our volunteers and our partnerships with local hospitals. We make your dollars grow.

By supporting North Coast Community Health Center, you help provide health care to almost 3,000 men, women and children in Western Cuyahoga and Eastern Lorain counties without health insurance and without access to health care. We believe health care is as basic a human need as food and shelter. Access to affordable health care for these individuals can mean the difference between life and death.

Ministry Code is NCH

Code	Cost	Description
GAS	\$5	Provides an RTA bus pass making transportation to and from the clinic possible for clients.
PILL	\$10	Purchases a pharmacy gift card for a patient unable to afford their prescription drug co-pay
AIR	\$30	A contribution towards providing home aerosol treatments for a child with asthma.
GTS	\$35	A one month supply of glucose test strips and syringes for one diabetes patient
SYS	\$50	Pays for an adult blood pressure cuff for use in our examination rooms
CCV	\$70	One chronic care visit for one patient
CCT	\$140	Two chronic care visits for one patient
TEST	\$250	One month’s supply of glucose test strips for 25 patients
IHL	\$500	Inhalers for three patients with asthma
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

NCCHC makes every effort to use donations as designated. Donations may be used to meet urgent need.



The Metanoia Project

-Helping the Homeless in Cleveland

Addressing homelessness is a year-long effort! We work throughout the year to provide resources including clothing, food, access to medical help and transportation to our guests...but we can't do it alone! The Metanoia Project needs your help. Your monetary contributions are used to **directly benefit** those that we serve.

The *Homeless Hospitality Center* provides overnight respite for 80 guest a night from mid Nov. to April. Trauma brought on by homelessness is addressed through the *Courage to Change* program which provides treatment of the mind, body and spirit, job readiness, work ethics, and works to find continued mentorship for our guests.

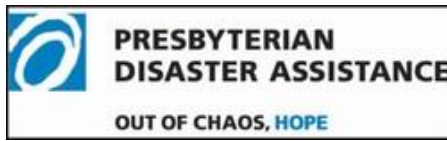
Our Street Outreach Program allows us to form vital relationships with the homeless population. Once general trust has been established, we provide clothing, food and transportation to medical facilities – with the ultimate goal of getting them into permanent housing.

Our *Huddle Summer Program* emphasizes physical wellness and introduces many to healthy lifestyle options including yoga, art therapy, juicing and gardening. We operate our summer garden out of Kentucky Gardens (West 38th and Franklin). Seeing new life grow from the soil is rewarding for their physical health as it is mentally.

Ministry Code is **HOME**

Code	Cost	Description
BUS	\$5	Provides an all-day bus pass
BLT	\$20	Provides sandwiches for homeless guests for one entire evening
COLD	\$30	Provides necessary toiletry items including hats, gloves & scarves
COT	\$50	Replaces a worn out sleeping cot
ZZZ	\$75	Provides pillows and blankets for 5 guests
RENT	\$100	helps pay rent and housing expenses
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

The Metanoia Project makes every effort to use donations as designated.



Often when a disaster happens, families lose everything. By supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) you help PDA respond quickly to natural or human-caused disasters where the needs are greatest—whether internationally or in the United States.

PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities.

PDA provides assistance in finding shelter, assistance with displaced people, supporting schools, providing medical assistance, help with the disabled, clean-up and repairs, and supporting agricultural sustainability.

Ministry Code is **PDA**

Code	Cost	Description
PEN	\$15	Child’s School kit for post disaster areas. Contains school supplies: scissors, notebooks, ruler, crayons, cloth bag, and pencils erasers.
HLP	\$20	Donation to be used where most needed.
RCE	\$25	Family food pack: rice, bread, spaghetti, tomato paste, beans, canned meat, cooking oil, salt, tea, cheese, jam, and milk powder
KIT	\$35	Emergency Household Kit: 2 blankets, 2 plastic mats, 2 mosquito nets, water can, plastic sheet, water purification tablets and soap.
TOO	\$40	Tool and building supply kit to help homeowners rebuild following a disaster.
DIS	\$50	To assist with the disasters in Indonesia and the recent storms in FL, providing needed medical supplies, food, shelter, and clothing.
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance makes every effort to use donations as designated.



Village Project

When someone in your family is dealing with cancer, having nutritious meals provided to you is an enormous relief and source of encouragement. At the Village Project we are privileged to walk alongside our clients during their individual cancer journeys. Village Project provides meals and extended services to individuals and their families dealing with cancer in Avon, Avon Lake, Bay Village, Rocky River, and Westlake. Clients receive nutritious meals designed with health, healing and maintaining strength in mind. Our food is free of processed sugar, white flour and red meat. Meals are prepared by high school students, under the supervision of adult cooks. Each person in the client family will receive three full meals with side dishes and a dessert.

“Delivery angels” check in with our clients each week when delivering meals, ensuring their needs are being met or haven’t changed. In addition to meals, weekly deliveries contain a letter detailing the menu and ingredients, cards made by children and signed by those who prepared and packaged the meals that week, and often homemade gifts donated by volunteers. During the summer season, vases painted by children hold flowers grown in our organic garden.

Village Project runs on volunteers: student cooks, adult cooks, prep teams, delivery angels. We will help you find a position fitting your specific skill set.

Ministry Code is **VILL**

Code	Cost	Description
LOAF	\$15	Bread and dinner rolls to round out a meal
YUM	\$25	A family’s desserts for an entire month
BOX	\$45	Food containers for all clients’ meals for a whole week
CHIX	\$60	Chicken for scrumptious quesadillas
WARM	\$75	Thermal bags for transporting meals
FOOD	Your Choice	Donation of any amount to accommodate more clients

The Village project makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need.



Cleveland Chapter

The Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based organization that develops opportunities for all God's people to act out their faith. By working in partnership to eliminate substandard housing, we enable families and volunteers to improve lives. We create hope by building homes, strengthen neighborhoods and reweaving communities.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Cleveland Habitat builds and rehabilitates safe, affordable, energy-star rated homes with the help of Partner families who are required to put in 500 "sweat equity" hours on their construction site. When the build is complete, the Partner Family purchases their home with a no-interest, non-profit mortgage held by Habitat.

Ministry Code is **HFH**

Code	Cost	Description
NLS	\$5	A 5-lb box of nails to build a home
DC	\$10	A door chime
BUN	\$15	A bundle of shingles for a house
SWT	\$20	Five wall light switches
BLND	\$25	Window blinds
PNT	\$28	One gallon of latex paint
LIT	\$30	A dining room light fixture
DRL	\$40	An interior door
FRNT	\$42	An exterior door
CFAN	\$45	A ceiling fan
TOOL	\$70	A basic tool set
WALL	\$150	Wall board to finish one room
ROOF	\$250	Share of cost to put on a roof
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need.



The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio having provided literally millions of meals to hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland and Richland counties.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank solicits donated food and other products from food manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and community groups. We also raise the funds necessary to purchase meals at the best rate to serve as many meals as possible to those in need. Each dollar provides four nutritious meals. Then we distribute the food to more than 800 partner agencies that serve those struggling with hunger in Northeast Ohio.

In the last fiscal year, the Food Bank made possible nearly 48 million meals to those struggling with hunger in our area. Almost one-third of the people that receive these meals are children under the age of 18 and 15 percent are people over the age of 65. In our area, one in five children is at risk of hunger. Children need healthy food to learn and grow. The meals provided by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and its member agencies may be the only nutritious food that some of these hungry children receive. Your support will help provide food to help them be successful.

Ministry Code is **GCFB**

Code	Cost	Description
MEAL	\$1	Provide one nutritious meal for a family of 4
PARTY	\$5	Provide a nutritious meal for 20 people
WEEK	\$21	Provide 3 meals a day for 1 week for a family of 4
TG	\$25	All the "fixin's" for a big Holiday Dinner for a family of 4
ONE	\$30	Provide one nutritious meal a day for a family of 4 for a month
BAG	\$50	Provider groceries for a family for a week
WOW	\$84	Provide 3 meals a day for 1 month for a family of 4
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Greater Cleveland Food Bank makes every effort to use donations as designated.



The SocksPlus Initiative supports our homeless neighbors in a time that they need help the most. This initiative is one of the missions of the Community West Foundation. For thousands of Cleveland's homeless, these socks are critical to survival and a gift that's never taken for granted. In fact, socks are the number one most requested item by anyone living outside on the streets. The need for

items provides to the homeless by SocksPLUS remains constant throughout the year; not just in the winter.

During the cold fall and winter months, socks, gloves, boots and warm clothing protect the homeless from frostbite and hypothermia. In the spring, it's important to have water-resistant blankets and clothing to help the homeless stay dry. In the summer, backpacks, bottled water, insect repellent and toiletries are in high demand.

Your donation to the SocksPLUS Initiative can help meet some of the necessities of this population of people with no home. No matter what you give, no matter how small, your gift makes a huge difference in the lives of some of the least among us.

Ministry Code is SOCK

Code	Cost	Description
PAIR	\$1	5 pairs of Socks
TEN	\$10	10 pairs of Socks
PLUS	\$30	10 pairs of SocksPLUS gloves and a hat, or bottled water and toiletries
MAT	\$40	10 pairs of SocksPLUS gloves and a hat and shoes, or a water-resistant mat
BOOTS	\$60	10 pairs of SocksPLUS gloves and a hat, shoes, and heavy-duty winter boots, or a sleeping bag that can be used throughout the year
ALL	\$100	Supply a backpack filled with 10 pairs of SocksPLUS gloves and a hat, shoes and heavy winter boots, or essential clothing and supplies in the warmer months
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

The SocksPlus Initiative makes every effort to use donations as designated.
On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need.



Greater Cleveland Fisher House

Comprised of two 16-suite homes, the Greater Cleveland Fisher House provides a free “home away from home” for families of military and Veterans receiving care from the **Cleveland VA Medical Center** and area hospitals.

Fisher House guest suites each have a private bedroom and bath. There is a shared common kitchen, laundry area, dining room, living room, library, and toys for children. All homes are professionally furnished and decorated and are wheelchair accessible.

More than 1,000 local Cleveland donors including community organizations, Veteran Service Organizations, charitable foundations, and individuals combined with national donors over nearly 10 years to raise \$3.4 million. Fisher House Foundation constructed and gifted the houses to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to support the need in Northeast Ohio. With the support and land donation from the City of Cleveland and the Cuyahoga Land Bank, the official Land Transfer Ceremony took place June 30, 2017, the first step in beginning construction. The groundbreaking ceremony took place March 23, 2018, and the Greater Cleveland Fisher House opened its doors to its first guests Monday, June 10, 2019.

The Greater Cleveland Fisher House is part of VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. The healthcare system delivers comprehensive, seamless health care and social services for nearly 112,600 Veterans at 18 locations across Northeast Ohio. The Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center is the healthcare system’s hub and operates more than 20 national and regional referral services for Veterans.

Ministry Code is FISH

Item Code	Cost	Description
YUM	\$5	Kids Baking Supplies to Make Something Yummy to Take to Daddy or Mommy
FUN	\$10	Family Game for the Family Room
SOFT	\$15	Soft Pillow for a Bed
LIGHT	\$25	Bedside Lamp to Read by While Relaxing with Loved Ones or Waiting to Return to the Hospital for a Visit
WARM	\$50	A Warm Quilt for One Bed
THANKS	ANY \$\$	Want to Give a Little More to Say Thank You For Your Service?

The Fisher House makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



From playful pup to loyal working dog!

A puppy is sponsored, named, placed in the arms of a highly skilled prison inmate “raiser” who is prepped with textbooks and supplies. Each inmate is carefully screened by the staff of the correctional facility and by **Puppies Behind Bars** personnel. In order to qualify for the puppy program, the inmate has to have a clean prison record for at least 2 years and must be considered both reliable and trustworthy by prison officials.

Throughout the 18 months that the dog spends in prison they go through many collars and leashes and devour lots of dog food. The dog and inmate raiser attend weekly classes where they learn to use her training toys. Each dog leaves prison for routine veterinary check-ups and goes out with specially trained volunteers on socialization outings, exposing her to family life, restaurants, stores and nursing homes. Upon graduating, she earns her working dog certification and is ready to serve a disabled individual or law enforcement official. The programs bring the love and healing of dogs to hundreds of individuals every year. The dogs bring hope and pride to their raisers, and independence and security to those they serve.

Ministry Code is **PBB**

Code	Cost	Description
COL	\$5	Collar and Leash
PUP	\$5	Bag of puppy food
CHEW	\$10	Training Chew Toy for a dog
VAC	\$25	Vaccines for a dog
TEXT	\$40	Textbooks and supplies
MEMOR	\$50	Memorial Gift
VET	\$75	Visit to a veterinarian
FULL	\$125	Share of full Sponsorship of a puppy
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Puppies Behind Bars makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



The Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter is a government and county regulated agency and our mission statement is “to maintain the health of dogs in our care, both mentally and physically, and increase the adoptability of the stray dogs of Cuyahoga County.”

There are 72 kennels on our Main Floor filled with so many wonderful strays, all from within Cuyahoga County, and they are just waiting to be adopted into forever homes! At any given point, when you stop in, you will find a myriad of breeds, both mixes and purebreds, ranging from two months old to our famous seniors.

We might never know where these pooches were before coming to us, but providing them with a future, permanent home takes a community of help. Your donation today will help to provide much needed veterinary care for those dogs and puppies that arrive at our shelter sick or injured so that they too may have a second chance at a happy life. Your donation will provide a new “leash on life” for countless dogs with heartworms, broken bones, and traumatic wounds. Your gift will allow our dogs to receive medical treatment that we may not have been able to afford to provide for them.

Ministry Code is **CCAS**

Code	Cost	Description
RAB	\$5	Rabies shot
PUP	\$5	Bag of puppy food
CHEW	\$10	Big Chew toy for a dog
VAC	\$25	Vaccines for a dog
WRM	\$40	De-worming treatment for five dogs
NUET	\$50	Neuter surgery for a dog
SPAY	\$65	Spay surgery for a dog
VET	\$75	Visit to a veterinarian
TRET	\$100	Heartworm Treatment for 1 dog for 1 month
CON	Your Choice	Donation in amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter makes every effort to use donations as designated. On occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need



Church World Service (CWS) has been feeding the hungry and assisting with the vulnerable since 1946! CWS works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Around the world, CWS supports sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance. CWS educates and advocates on hunger-related issues. In the U.S., CWS helps communities respond to disasters, resettle refugees, promote fair national policies, and provide educational resources. You might recognize CWS programs like the *CROP Walk for Hunger* and the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Other worldwide programs and services include:

- Food security so parents can reliably feed their families
- Nurturing development at the grassroots with seeds, tools, school supplies and homegrown strategies
- Responding to emergencies in the U.S. and around the world
- Assisting refugees to return home when possible or find other viable options
- Speaking out in partnership issues that make a difference in the lives of the hungry.

Ministry Code is **CWS**

Code	Cost	Description
HEALTH	\$5	250 Micronutrient supplements for children
WARM	\$10	1 Warm CWS Blanket
LEARN	\$15	One CWS school kit
SEEDS	\$25	Seeds to help start and sustain a family garden
LEAF	\$35	200 tree seedlings to support a community's reforestation program
COMFORT	\$50	5 CWS Blankets
RIDE	\$100	Bicycle for a refugee to use for transportation
FEED	\$110	Emergency family food package
SMART	\$150	10 CWS School Kits
JOY	\$ Your Choice	Donation in the amount of your choice to be used where most needed

Church World Service makes every effort to use donations as designated. On Occasion, donations may be used to meet a similar urgent need.

Hugme Comfort Dolls

Hugme Dolls are a comfort doll always to be given in love.

Hugme Comfort Dolls are a charitable outreach ministry dedicated to distributing hand-made huggable dolls to children and even adults who are involved in a crisis situation. Dolls are often used as a therapeutic aid to help children that have been or still are victims of traumatic, life-altering crisis. Hugme Comfort Dolls can be used by hospitals, police, firefighters, counselors, and other emergency/social services. They are simple, cheerful, and cuddly, with minimal features and hair, of no specific gender or skin color.

These dolls were first developed by a Presbyterian woman from Bartlesville, OK. The first 19 dolls were finished on May 18, 2013 and were among the relief supplies taken to the tornado-stricken towns of Shawnee and Moore, OK. The pattern and instructions are free. No dolls made from the original Hugme Doll pattern are ever to be sold.

RRPC plans to make several dozen of these dolls to give to emergency service and social workers to aid in crisis. Sewing machines and some fabrics were donated for this project by Mike Gero in memory of his late wife, RRPC member Dawn Fuller.

Your gift to this charity will help us with the costs of our supplies. Join us in workshops or at home to help make them. It is a multi-generational activity.

Ministry Code is **HUG**

Code	Cost	Description
PINS	\$4.00	1 package of Pins
MARK	\$5.00	Red & Black permanent fabric markers
SPOOL	\$6.00	1 spool of Thread - brown, grey, or black
HAND	\$7.00	1 pack each of Hand and Machine Needles
CLOTH	\$10.00	1 yard of Washable print fabrics
DOLL	\$15.00	Materials for 1 Hugme Comfort Doll
STUFF	\$17.00	1 32 oz. bag Stuffing
SCISSO	\$25.00	1 pair Fabric Scissors to cut the fabric
FUN	\$40.00	Materials for 3 Hugme Comfort Dolls
IRON	\$50.00	1 Iron to press the fabric

Hugme Comfort Doll makes every effort to use donations as designated.

We encourage you to visit the



The One World Shop has been a loyal contributor to the Alternative Christmas Charity Bazaar event every year. Their mission is to educate and engage our community on Fair Trade and related global social justice issues by providing a variety of educational outreach programs and a vibrant marketplace for artisan handmade goods.

In 1973 a group at Lakewood Presbyterian Church was motivated after reading the publication, “The Alternative Christmas Catalog”, which was the effort of one Methodist layperson sharing his frustration with what had happened in our culture to the celebration of Christmas. As an alternative, he proposed using the criteria, of “person-affirming, life supporting” in our decisions about how to celebrate Christmas. One way of doing this would be to “affirm and support” persons living currently in poverty who have no market for what they produce. By purchasing gifts from such “alternative trade” sources and offering a fair price, one empowers these people to support their families, have a sense of self-dignity and not have to depend on hand-outs.

For five years the Lakewood group held “alternative Christmas fairs” across Cuyahoga County until in 1979, when the opportunity to move permanently into a storefront arose and so One World Shop was established.

A visit to the store at 1932 Detroit Rd. in Rocky River will delight you with the wide variety of truly unique and beautiful items from around the world. Your purchases from the store will give you another opportunity to provide a helping hand to those in need.

For your reference, here is an example of a completed Order Form which you can print off.

Example

"But where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:21

Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Alternative Christmas Bazaar

21750 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Example

Name: John + Betty Smith Receipt for Purchases Phone Number: 440.333.4888
 Address: 1247 Charity Ln., Rocky River, OH 44116 Date: Nov. 30, 2020

	Ministry Code	Item code	Number of Items	Item Description	Cost Per unit	Total Cost of Items
1	SOCK	PAIR	10	5pr. of socks	\$1.00	\$10.00
2	PBB	VAC	2	Vaccines for dogs	\$25.00	\$50.00
3	HUG	DOLL	4	Materials for 1 Doll	\$15.00	\$60.00
4	HFH	NLS	5	Box of 5lb. Nails	\$5.00	\$25.00
5	GCFB	Week	1	meals for 1 week for family	\$21.00	\$21.00
6	NCH	PILL	3	Pharmacy Card	\$10.00	\$30.00
7	PDA	RCE	2	Family food pack	\$25.00	\$50.00
8	SHC	ART	1	Art and Crafts for Teen	\$40.00	\$40.00
9	SHC	HUG	1	Teddy bear	\$20.00	\$20.00
10	H2O	ONE	1	Clean water for 1 year	\$30.00	\$30.00
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Please note:

TOTAL \$336.00

Make checks payable to **Rocky River Presbyterian Church** for all "purchases" except The One World Shop. Purchases from One World Shop are payable directly to them and are NOT tax deductible. All other purchases are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to RRPC.

Cash: _____ Check #: 3242

Ministry Codes for Charities

County Shelter = CCAS	Dougbe = DRPS	Metanoia = HOME	Shriners Hosp = SHC
Cle Food Bank = GCFB	NAMI = NAMI	Hugme Dolls = HUG	Charity: water = H2O
North Coast Health = NCH	Village Pro = VILL	Puppies Bars = PBB	Fisher House = FISH
Presbyterian Disaster = PDA	Socks Plus = SOCK	Days for Girls = DFG	Church World = CWS
Habitat for Humanity = HFH			Gathering Place = WGP

OnLine ACCB
(“Alternative Christmas” Charity
Bazaar) is as easy as “1-2-3”

- 1.** Review the catalog; browse the charities.

- 2.** Print out the order form and fill out the charity’s Ministry Code and items that you like. Please including your full name at the top of the form with a phone number, the Ministry code, the Item Code, the number to items you want, and the tally the total cost for your purchase. Print out gift cards for your recipients or use your own.

- 3.** Make a copy of your order form and your check for your files. Then drop off or mail your order form and check to **Rocky River Presbyterian Church**.