GIFTS OF HOPE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET
Sponsored by The First Congregational Church of Western Springs
December 6, 2026, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

SHOPPING LIST FOR THE WORLD
Items on this list represent the organization's needs and use of funds donated.
Any and all contributions are deeply appreciated.

If you would prefer to make a blanket donation with equal amounts going to each of the 23 organizations, please specify the amount here:

$_____ x 23 = $_____ (total donation amount here)

Through a special grant from Mary Jo Mulcahy and another generous donor, a matching gift of up to $10,000 will be shared with all of our Mission Partners.

*For all credit card charges over $50.00, there will be a $3.00 service fee.

ORGANIZATION AND ITEMS FOR SALE:	Cost ($)	Quantity	TOTAL COST
AGING CARE CONNECTIONS			
Emergency Meal for a client	$15		
A Holiday Gift for a child in our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program	$25		
Emergency Groceries for an Older Adult	$50		
Emergency Lodging for an Older Adult	$100		
BACK BAY MISSION			
Bag of Rice and beans to feed a family for a week	$10		
Medication for a client in crisis	$25		
Emergency utility assistance to prevent shutoff	$50		
Lumber or drywall for repairs	$100		
BEDS PLUS CARE			
Street Outreach Team meal gifts cards to engage the homeless	$10		
Laundry kits for 10 clients	$25		
CTA passes for transportation to job interviews and medical appointments	$50		
Chicago Furniture Bank fees for Housing Program furniture move-in	$100		
BREAKTHROUGH			
Provide Transportation for Job Interviews	$25		
Foster Creativity by supplying Arts supplies for Breathrough's Children	$50		
Cover Counseling Sessions for Youth	$100		
CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION			
Wooden Montessori Sensory Toy	$25		
Thera Putty Set	$30		
GoSport Soft Ball Set	$50		
Soft Zone Building Blocks	$100		

COMMON HOPE (IMPROVING LIVES IN GUATEMALA)			
Social work visits for families in Guatemala	$25		
Preventative healthcare and mental health services for families in Guatemala	$55		
Housing repairs for families in Guatemala	$125		
Graduation workshops for first generation high school graduates	$250		
COMMUNITY ASSISTED RIDES (CARS) (formerly Interfaith Community Partners)			
Provide essential services and companionship for an older adult feeling isolated	$25		
Support friendly phone calls for VIPS, offering independence and peace of mind to older neighbors and their families.	$50		
Fund ongoing ride coordination and accompanied transportation that help older folks live safely, independently, and with dignity	$75		
COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (CSS)			
Art Supplies for Community Day Services Programs	$10		
Provide transportation for outings to integrate participants into the community	$25		
Support specialized employment services for CSS participants	$50		
Nursing Services for participants	$100		
COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER (AUNT MARY'S STORYBOOK)			
Postage and packaging for one Aunt Mary's Storybook	$10		
Aunt Mary's Storybook, packaging, and delivery	$25		
Travel cost to downstate prisons to offer Aunt Mary's Storybook	$250		
GIRLS, INC.			
Provide transformative career exposure opportunities, e.g., exposure to a Firefighter for a day	$50		
Cultivate the entrepreneurial ambitions of our #GirlsBoss Ambassadors	$75		
Support a book scholarship for a college student in our Bold Woman initiative	$100		
Provide a girl with feminine hygiene supplies to live in dignity for three months	$150		
GOOD SHEPHERD SOUP KITCHEN			
Ingredients to prepare soup for 10 people	$10		
GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO WORLD HUNGER)			
Seeds	$25		
Training for one person, which leads to self-sustainability	$55		
NAMI METRO SUBURBAN			
Mental Health & Suicide prevention resources for students	$10		
Holiday Meal for one Drop-In Center participant	$25		
60-minute peer counseling session at the Living Room	$50		
Basic needs items and services for a patient discharging from Madden State's Hospital's inpatient behavioral health program	$250		
NEW MOMS / BRIGHT ENDEAVORS			
One can of formula to a young mother	$25		
One night of housing and supportive services for one family	$55		
Supplies for one family to move into a New Mom's apartment	$150		

One participant's weekly salary for her transitional job at New Mom's	$350		
THE NIGHT MINISTRY			
One grocery store gift card for a newly housed young person in the Night Ministry Flexible Housing Pool	$25		
One holiday gift for a young person in the Pathways Transitional Living Program	$50		
One outdoor survival kit for an unhoused client in our Street Medicine Program	$100		
Move-in assistance for residents transitioning into independent living, including furniture, supplies, etc.	$250		
OFF THE STREET CLUB			
One meal at McDonald's	$10		
Two meals at Subway	$20		
Day Out Package including movie, food, and transportation	$40		
OPENLANDS			
Seeds to help restore our region's native prairie ecosystem	$10		
Binoculars for an elementary student participating in Openlands Birds in my Neighborhood	$50		
One TreeKeeper Course fee for an aspiring tree ambassador to learn best practices for tree planting and care	$128		
One climate-resilient tree & its care for the critical first 3 years after planting	$500		
PILLARS COMMUNITY HEALTH			
Buddy's Place – One bereavement workbook or teen grief journal	$10		
Gift and activity cards for CST clients to engage in community and life skill activities	$25		
Prepaid cell phone ($50 a month) for a Domestic Violence Survivor	$50		
Purchase of 3 glucometers and a supply of testing strips	$100		
REBUILDING TOGETHER METRO CHICAGO			
Home safety kit	$25		
Smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm	$50		
Winter Weatherization Kit	$100		
REFUGEEONE			
Provide a hat, gloves, and scarf for a refugee's first Chicago winter	$20		
Equip a refugee youth enrolling in school with a backpack of supplies	$25		
Subsidize a therapy session for a refugee processing the trauma of way, displacement, or family separation	$50		
Emergency food or rent assistance for newcomers facing food or housing insecurity	$100		
SPARKSHOP			
One STEM kit for a 4th or 5th grade student	$20		
One school year of supplies for a 4th or 5th grade student	$80		
Classroom STEM supplies for one Chicago elementary school teacher	$250		
YOUTH OUTLOOK			
Provides snacks & supplies for a SMALL drop-in center meeting	$25		
Provides snacks & supplies for a LARGE drop-in center meeting	$77		

Provides resources needed for our Youth Leadership Film Festival	$133		
Scholarship for one Educator or Mental Health Provider to our 2-Day Professional Development Conference	$250		

Credit Card Service Fee, if applicable (for charges over $50)	**$3.00**	
NAME:	**Total Gift Amount:**	

If paying by check, mail form and check (with "*Gifts of Hope*" on the memo line) by **Dec. 31, 2026,** to:

The First Congregational Church of Western Springs
ATTN: Gifts of Hope
1106 Chestnut Street
Western Springs, IL 60558