

Something Significant for Christmas



 Gift
Catalog
2019



2019 Impact

Thanks to the generosity of First Pres, through the 2018 Something Significant for Christmas, **more than \$28,000** was distributed to our local and global partners to help them be Light and Life.

Here are some highlights:

There were
31
days of investigation
through IJM.

60
people supported
individuals and families
with a gift of chicks
in Egypt.

45
kids were given a new
pair of shoes at Family
Mentor Alliance.

300
five-gallon water bottles
were distributed to
families in San Pablo,
Guatemala.

Men at Springs Rescue Mission had
hours of job training. **780**

As you sit down to make your Christmas list this year, I'd like to invite you to reflect on who you're giving to and what you're asking for. Maybe your grandparents and cousins, co-workers and clients, teachers and neighbors don't need more stuff or gift cards. **What could the impact be if you gave (or asked for) an alternative gift instead?**

When you choose gifts from this catalog, **100 percent** of the money you spend goes directly to one of First Pres' mission partners with whom we have ongoing relationships.

With each gift you will receive a beautiful **card** that you can wrap up or place in a stocking, letting your loved ones know that a significant gift has been given in their honor at Christmas. These gifts are a great opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution at the end of the year—and they're great conversation starters!

- Make your list of those to whom you want to give significantly.
- Choose a gift that will be meaningful to each person. Or select one gift that's close to your heart and order one for everybody.
- Include your children in the list-making process and talk about generosity and the real meaning of Christmas.
- Visit my.firstprescos.org/significant to make your order by credit card.
- Pick up your order at the Welcome Center when you are notified that it is ready. If you prefer to make your own card or communicate your gift to recipients in other ways, there's no need to pick anything up.

Thank you for advancing the Kingdom of God through your Christmas giving.

Yours in Christ,



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Visit my.firstprescos.org/significant to view this catalog online as well as to link to the online order form.

Sample Gift Card:
(front)

TO WISH YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

A gift of a
Christmas Backpack for Children in Egypt
has been given in your honor to bring help
and hope for people in need.

From

(back)

Christmas Backpack for Children in Egypt

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1.

Bus Pass for Newly Arrived Refugee Families | Colorado Springs

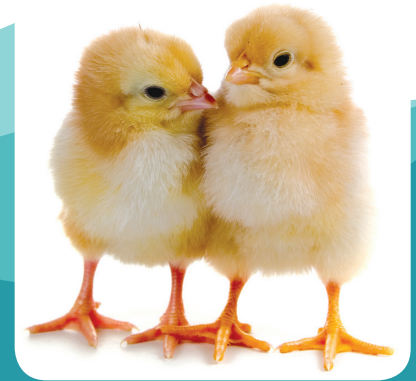


\$32
\$63

- State Department sponsored refugees in Colorado Springs are settled by Lutheran Family Services.
- First Pres partners with Lutheran Family Services to provide English classes.
- Extend a tangible expression of Christ's love to legal refugees.
- Enable these new neighbors to access English classes, jobs, school, appointments, etc.

for 20 adult ride pass
for one month bus pass

2. Chicks | Touch of Love International | Egypt



- Touch of Love International brings transformation to families living in poor communities through microloans, small business training and Christian discipleship.
- Individuals or families experiencing material poverty can receive a loan through TOLI to purchase chicks and begin a poultry business.
- Individuals or families can generate income by breeding and raising chickens as broilers or layers to sell eggs.
- This gift keeps giving to the individuals and families and to others in the village, since the microloan will be recycled within the same community.

\$2 for a chick

3. Church Car | Cuba

- Our sister church in Cuba, First Presbyterian Reformed Church of Havana (FPRC), is in need of a car to help minister to homebound church members.
- This car will help the pastor and other lay leaders minister directly to homes to visit people, take them to medical appointments and bring them to church.
- Cars in Cuba are few and hard to come by as they cannot be imported and must have a specific license plate code.
- FPRC has raised \$10,000 toward the purchase of this vehicle, but they need \$10,000 more to buy the car.

\$100

toward a car for First Pres Havana

5.



\$6

for a filled Christmas backpack

Christmas Backpack for Children | Egypt

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4. Children's Hostel | India

- Presbyterian Free Church in Kalimpong supports about 70 children in a hostel.
- The children are from tribal areas where there is no school or from families who cannot afford to support and educate them.
- This gift will provide safety, care, clothes and education, as well as minister to their spiritual, emotional and social well-being.



\$25

for a share, or
for a month

\$100

6.

Clean Water | Global

- 844 million people lack basic drinking water service—that is one in nine.
- Globally, women and children on average spend 200 million hours every day collecting water.
- Living Water trains, consults and equips local people to implement solutions in their own communities.
- Your gift will provide clean water and hygiene education for these communities.



\$20

for clean water in Jesus' name

7.

Crossfire Ministries | Colorado Springs

- Crossfire Ministries is a Christian nonprofit providing hope and encouragement to the community.
- Their core programs are groceries, clothing, personal hygiene items and household items.
- Your gift will help families get food on their table.

\$25

for supplemental groceries for a family of 3

8. Dale House | Colorado Springs

- Dale House provides a sense of family love, support and understanding within structure and discipline for troubled teens.
- Families take trips together to explore, enjoy fellowship and get a chance to move away from everyday routine—and the Dale House family is no exception!
- Your gift will help a teen go on a Christmas vacation with their Dale House family to California.



\$25

to help a teen get the chance to go on a California Christmas vacation

9. Ear Buds and a Snack for Teens Experiencing Homelessness | Colorado Springs

- The Place, a former affiliate of Urban Peak, provides youth experiencing homelessness a supportive and safe place.
- Music therapy helps youth gain self-understanding and coping mechanisms to aid in healing.
- Music and a gift card for coffee or lunch will provide a safe outlet for working through daily trauma.

\$25

provides ear buds and a minimal gift card for a teen overcoming challenge



10. Family Life Services | Colorado Springs

- Family Life Services provides a place for single moms and their children to build new futures.
- They place an importance on community as families take steps toward creating new life patterns.
- Providing this gift will allow them to purchase for their families life's basic necessities: groceries, personal care items and gas.

\$20

for family's life basics

11. Family Promise | Interfaith Hospitality Network | Colorado Springs

- First Pres hosts IHN families four times a year, providing safety and comfort to empower them to rebuild.
- Family Promise prepares a family to move out of homelessness through individualized case management.
- Your gift will assist a family moving into permanent housing by providing deposit or first month's rent.
- Support Family Promise wrap-around services to ensure families never experience homelessness again.

\$50

a share in housing services to move out of homelessness

12.



Fostering Hope | Colorado Springs

- Fostering Hope surrounds foster kids and families with caring, supportive teams to represent an extended family.
- They work to provide stable, enduring and enriching relationships that come alongside both the kids and the foster family.
- Your gift will provide foster families with support, encouragement and the ability to buy necessities that can often be a stretch for a tight budget.

\$30

for support and necessities

13. Housing Rental for Nomadic Students | Mongolia

- Nomadic herders send their kids to the capital city of Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia for their college study.
- Due to a lack of school dorms, students are constantly on the move from one place to another, or many are not able to live in the city.
- The Campus Ministry of Mongolia Campus Crusade for Christ (MCCC) committed to help their newly believing Christian students with housing.
- Your gift will help with housing for one of these students.

\$30

for a month's housing for a Mongolian college student

14. International Justice Mission Against Slavery | Guatemala

- Slavery is a \$150 billion industry with more than 40 million slaves globally.
- IJM works to put the slave trade out of business by rescuing those from slavery and other forms of violence, as well as arresting slave owners.
- In Guatemala, one in four adolescent girls is a victim of sexual violence.
- Help free the victims of sex trafficking, human slavery and other violent crimes of oppression.



\$50 for one day of investigation into human trafficking in Guatemala

15. Loads of Laundry | Cuba



- First Pres Havana started a ministry for the families living in the barrio near the church.
- They have installed a washing machine to minister to the poor families in the area.

• This gift will provide the opportunity for these families to receive clean clothes and Jesus' love!

\$10 for a family's load of laundry in Cuba

16. PARS Theological Centre | Global

- Iran is hosting one of the fastest-growing churches in the world as God is working powerfully in what many consider to be the greatest turning of Muslims to Christ in the past 1,400 years.
- There is a critical need for training faithful and effective leaders who would shepherd the Iranian church into maturity in Christ.
- PARS trains leaders through an innovative and holistic BA program to help form emerging leaders toward living out the Great Commandment.

\$50 toward training of an emerging leader

17. Pikes Peak Academy | Colorado Springs

- In its 27th year, Pikes Peak Academy is a Christian alternative high school dedicated to serving low-income families whose teens are at-risk of not graduating.
- Due to their commitment to share God and His word with their students, they receive no government funding.
- 80% of their students' tuition costs are underwritten by community partners who believe in the redemptive mission they have in the community with at-risk youth.
- Your gift will go toward a month's tuition scholarship for a low-income student.

\$50
\$100 toward a student's education at Pikes Peak Academy



18.

Pikes Peak Young Life – Camp for Kids | Colorado Springs

- Young Life is a ministry with a mission in inviting young people to experience life as God designed it to be lived.
- Young Life is a worldwide ministry, but there are relationships being built right here in Colorado Springs at seven high schools and three middle schools.
- Each summer, kids get the opportunity to go to camp with the leader that they have been walking with all year for the best week of their life.
- This week at summer camp kids get to step away from the pressures of everyday life and get to hear the message of God's love in a way that they can understand.

\$30 scholarship helps an adolescent in Colorado Springs to go to Young Life camp

19. One School Day for a Child with Special Needs | Egypt

- Our friend Rebecca runs a school for children with special needs in the garbage dump area of Cairo.
- Older students learn skills for living and how to earn a wage.
- They also provide physical and speech therapy, literacy and vocational training, and Montessori.



\$3

for a day of school

20. Sandwich Fellowship | Cuba



\$3

\$30

- Our partner church – First Pres Havana – provides sandwiches after worship each Sunday.
- For many, the sandwich is their primary meal for the day.
- They need assistance to provide the care and fellowship of this program.

for a sandwich
for 10 sandwiches

21. Shoes for Children | Family Mentor Alliance | Colorado Springs

- The Family Mentor Alliance provides teams from churches to walk alongside families moving out of homelessness.
- Because finances are very tight, children rarely receive new shoes.
- Instead, children often have footwear that is too small, too big, handed down or just plain falling apart.
- Your gift of new shoes will provide comfort, care and dignity!



\$25 for a new pair of shoes

22.



\$15

Springs Rescue Mission | Colorado Springs

- Springs Rescue Mission helps move men from the grip of addiction to new opportunities and hope.
- “Get a job” is often not as easy as it sounds.
- Providing training helps make it a reality for men re-entering the work force.
- Getting off the streets and into a new career requires clear, consistent support and help.

for 12 hours of job training or one hour of career coaching

23. Theological Training for a Christian Leader | Mongolia

- The growing church in Mongolia desperately needs trained leaders!
- Enable a young “first generation” Christian to obey God’s call to ministry.
- Assure a firm foundation for the continued growth of the Church in Mongolia.

\$25

for a share toward seminary tuition



24. Training for Youth | Guatemala

- Eddy Xicay, with support from friends and family, created Vida Joven, a youth entrepreneurial program in his community in Guatemala.
- The goal of Vida Joven is to help youth explore the gifts God has provided them and use those to start their own business.
- This gift will help with costs of transportation, food and training resources.

\$25

for a month of training for a student in Vida Joven

25. Water Bottles for Treatment System | Guatemala

- In order to meet the need for clean water, the Evangelical Church of Galilea created the first water purification system in their town of San Pablo.
- God is answering their prayer to provide two five-gallon bottles to at least 500 families. Currently 350 families have two bottles, leaving a need for 300 more bottles.
- This system will generate income through the sale of bottles, water and providing jobs.
- In only a year of operation, they are expanding their facility to purify a higher volume and meet demand.



for one 5-gallon bottle
for two 5-gallon bottles

26. Young Life Capernaum Ministry | Mongolia

- Young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities have fun, enriching experiences different from their everyday life through Capernaum club and camp.
- Young Life staff and volunteers model Christ's unconditional love and acceptance as they walk alongside their Capernaum friends and develop fulfilling relationships.
- At camp, they hear the Good News, grow in their faith and have a chance to get outside and develop self-confidence in who God has created them to be.
- Capernaum club provides an ongoing opportunity for the young people to be nurtured and for their parents to be supported and encouraged.



\$25 supports a teen attending club

\$100 provides a week of camp

27. Undesignated

Any undesignated donation will be stewarded by our Mission Engagement Team.

How to Complete Your Order

1. Select the gifts that you would like to support.
2. Go to my.firstprescos.org/significant for the online order form.
3. If you are unable to order online, use the attached order form.
 - a. Fill in the quantity of each gift.
 - b. Multiply the cost of the gift by the quantity to obtain the total cost.
 - c. Indicate the number of Gift Cards you will need (sample on page 4). These will allow you to personalize a message for each recipient. You will also receive Enclosure Cards describing each project your gift supports (sample on page 4).
4. Bring or mail the order form to First Pres with your check made payable to:

First Presbyterian Church
Mission Engagement Office
219 East Bijou Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

5. If you have questions, call the Mission Engagement Office at 719-884-6233.
6. Pick up your order at the Welcome Center when you are notified that it is ready.

Interested in visiting some of our partners?

Below are all of our 2020 global trip dates. To find out more and apply, go to firstprescos.org/global.

February 21–28
Cuba Trip

March 18–28
Exploratory Family Trip to Egypt (closed)

March 20–28
High School Cuba Trip

July 11–16
Summer Guatemala Trip

July/August
Mongolia ESL Teachers Trip

October 10–15
Fall Guatemala Trip

Please complete both sides of this order form!

Your name _____

Phone _____ - _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church



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Gift #	Name of Gift 2019	Suggested Amt.	Quantity	Total Amt.	# of Gift Cards
Sample	School Backpacks/Colorado Springs	\$25/Filled Pack	2	\$50	1
1	Bus Pass Newly Arrived Refugees – CS	\$32/\$63			
2	Christmas Chicks – Egypt	\$2			
3	Church Car – Cuba	\$100			
4	Children’s Hostel – India	\$25/\$100			
5	Christmas Backpack – Egypt	\$6			
6	Clean Water – Global	\$20			
7	Crossfire Ministries – CS	\$25			
8	Dale House – CS	\$25			
9	Ear Buds and Snack – CS	\$25			
10	Family Life Services – CS	\$20			
11	Family Promise/IHN – CS	\$50			
12	Fostering Hope – CS	\$30			
13	Housing for Nomadic Students – Mongolia	\$30			
14	International Justice Mission – Guatemala	\$50			
15	Loads of Laundry – Cuba	\$10			
16	PARS Theological Centre – Global	\$50			
17	Pikes Peak Academy – CS	\$50/\$100			
18	Pikes Peak Young Life – CS	\$30			
19	School Day for Child with Special Needs – Egypt	\$3			
20	Sandwich Fellowship – Cuba	\$3 or \$30/10 ^{sand-} wiches			
21	Shoes for Children – CS	\$25			
22	Springs Rescue Mission – CS	\$15			
23	Theological Leader Training – Mongolia	\$25			
24	Training for Youth – Guatemala	\$25			
25	Water Treatment/Bottles – Guatemala	\$3/\$6			
26	Young Life Capernaum – Mongolia	\$25/\$100			
27	Undesignated – Use where most needed	\$			
GRAND TOTAL (Make check payable for this amount to First Presbyterian Church. All gifts are tax deductible.)					

Please complete both sides of this form.

Ways to Serve Our Community in Our Own Building

- Four times a year we have the opportunity to welcome families experiencing homelessness into our building as they take steps toward growth and stability with the help of Family Promise! What does that look like?
 - Drop off groceries when you come to worship the first Sunday of the hosting week.
 - Bring part of a meal one of the evenings.
 - Plan and facilitate an activity with your family or Life Group for the families in the evening.
 - Stay overnight at the church.
 - Take home a bag of laundry at the end of the week.
- Every first Sunday of the month we have the opportunity to help our neighbor and long-time local partner Ecumenical Social Ministries (ESM) with their food pantry. Just grab a few extra items on your grocery run and bring them with you to Sunday worship.
- Help with the ESL class for refugees as they continue to integrate into their new home. Whether as a teacher or helping in the nursery, your help is needed.

2020 IHN Hosting weeks:
March 29 – April 5
July 19 – August 2
November 15 – 22

To sign up: firstprescos.org/ihn



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support First Pres Mission Partners!**



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