

Global Opportunities

One Dollar for Life (ODFL), the Girls' Equality Project

Girls in the developing world miss school one week a month once they start their period. After about a year they drop out of school because they are so far behind. They are forever second-class citizens. The problem affects 50 million girls a year. One Dollar For Life's Girls' Equality Project is working to change this situation by providing washable sanitary supplies to girls in 5 of the poorest countries in the world. Kits cost \$5 each and last for 3 years--usually long enough for the girls to finish school. Please help the poorest girls in the world be able to have the same educational opportunities as boys. Submitted by Brenda Birrell. www.odfl.org



Wayo Wayo Kibra, Soccer & Life Skills Program

This program was founded in Nairobi, Kenya. Based in the Kibera Slum, it serves local boys and girls by using a sports platform to learn life skills and engage in community clean-up activities. Youth who are raised in this large urban space with an estimated 1 million people have little opportunity to participate in organized sports. The program was founded by a resident of the slum who has dedicated his life to providing both boys and girls this opportunity. It is led by residents of the slum. Some of the used soccer clothing, shoes, balls, and equipment is donated from the U.S. Their hope is to allow as many children as possible join the program. Based on the success to date, there is a waiting list of over 300 children. Submitted by Nancy Glaser. www.wayowayokibra.org



JOY OF GIVING 2019

The Joy of Giving is a Christmas tradition at First Palo Alto United Methodist Church, an opportunity to show Christ's love to people in our local community and the world.

Through the Joy of Giving, you indicate to which listed organization(s) your financial gift should be allocated. Consider giving a gift in honor of someone on your Christmas list. This makes a very thoughtful gift. We will provide you a gift card you can personalize for gift-giving.

All gifts are tax deductible.

JOY OF GIVING 2019

Your name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Please distribute my gift as follows.

Opportunities at Our Doorstep

_____ SEEDS

_____ Baby Basics of the Peninsula

_____ Pastors' Discretionary Fund

_____ Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP)

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_____ The Girls' Equality Project

_____ Wayo Wayo Kibra Soccer Program

_____ **Total Amount**

Make check payable to
First United Methodist Church
and identify for "Joy of Giving"
in the memo line. Mail to:
625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301



Opportunities at Our Doorstep

SEEDS:

Plant hope, change lives. The mission of SEEDS is to provide direct and immediate care to kids living on the streets through the combined efforts of the Street Outreach Team, the Palo Alto FUMC Outreach Center, and Mobile Street Ministry. Over time, this care fosters a connection which can forge long term relationships, allowing young people to find sanctuary even while on the streets. These relationships empower young people to consider viable options to move off the streets into safe and sustainable living situations. Services currently supported by your donations include: distribution of LifePack street survival kits, weekly meals and supplies provided at the outreach center, transportation stipends, counseling referrals, and resources to gain access to employment and educational opportunities. Submitted by Caryn Cranston. www.myseeds.org.

Baby Basics of the Peninsula:

Baby Basics is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that provides free diapers to working poor families living in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. Families enrolled in our program attend twice monthly diaper distributions until their child turns 3. 100% of donations are used for our diaper distribution program.

www.babybasicsca.org

Pastors' Discretionary Fund

This fund allows our pastors to confidentially provide small gifts of money to congregation members in financial crisis and to the increasing number of jobless and homeless people who come to our church for help. Our pastor depends on the fund so that no one in need will be turned away empty-handed. Over the past year our Pastor was able to assist 15 families with one or more of the following needs: temporary housing, toiletries, shoes, coats, diapers, clipper cards, funeral assistance and rent assistance, totaling over \$7,000. Let our church continue to stand as a source of kindness and solace in the community

Ecumenical Hunger Program

EHP is a non-profit organization located in East Palo Alto. EHP aids local families and individuals who are experiencing economic and personal hardship, helping them regain stability and independence. EHP's holiday food program is a special distribution of food items for the holidays. These boxes include everything that a family might need to make Christmas dinner with plenty of leftovers for the following week. EHP also provides personal care packages to families struggling to secure everyday essentials such as soap, shampoo and toilet paper. At Christmas, gift cards are given to teenagers, who often serve a caretaker role in their families who cannot afford childcare. <http://www.ehpcares.org>