

JOY OF GIVING 2015

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Please distribute my gift as follows.

Opportunities at Our Doorstep

_____ EPA CAN DO

_____ Ministers' Discretionary Fund

_____ InnVision Shelter Network

Global and Regional Opportunities

_____ Imagine No Malaria

_____ Sierra Service Project (SSP)

_____ UMCOR Refugee Response

_____ 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

EPA CAN DO

East Palo Alto Community Alliance & Neighborhood Development Corporation (*EPA CAN DO*) focuses on affordable housing development and management for individuals and families, including those who have encountered troubled mortgages. In the last few years *EPA CAN DO* has guided over 250 families in modifying their loans and has counseled hundreds of others in home buying.



Ministers' 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 pastors depend on the fund so that no one in need will be turned away empty-handed.

InnVision Shelter Network

is dedicated to empowering homeless and at-risk families and individuals. The programs address the multiple needs of people in transition—for food, clothing, showers, laundry, healthcare, transition housing, job training and many other items. InnVision Shelter Network now reaches across Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Peninsula serving more than 25,000 people each year. Our contribution is vital at this time because of growing need and limited support from communities and businesses.



Global and Regional Opportunities

Imagine No Malaria

Although malaria, a disease of poverty, is preventable, every year it kills 700,000 people, mostly children and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa. United Methodists are part of a worldwide effort to eradicate this disease by the year 2015. Gifts to the Imagine No Malaria campaign provide medications for treating malaria, insecticide-treated mosquito nets, anti-malaria education campaigns in local schools, and more.

Sierra Service Project

(SSP) is a nonprofit organization providing life-changing experiences through acts of service repairing homes in Native American and urban communities, and building homes in Honduras. Since 2007, youth and adults from our congregation have participated in the Sierra Service Projects. Program fees paid by the youth and adults who participate cover about 85% of SSP's expenses. The remaining 15% of costs are covered by donations from congregations, individuals, and grant-making organizations.

UMCOR Refugee Response

#982540 - Supporting projects and advocacy initiatives that assist refugees, immigrants, and internally displaced persons.

In today's world, social injustice is sometimes most apparent through the plight of uprooted and displaced people. By the end of 2012, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) identified over 43.7 million people of concern - including refugees, stateless persons, internally displaced people and others. Domestically in the United States, immigrants from all over the world face challenges to their own protection under the law, and have difficulties accessing essential services, the workforce, and welcoming communities. Refugee Response Advance #982540 supports not only response to initial emergency needs that these vulnerable populations face, but also to their long-term welfare, and successful integration for those resettled in the U.S. This Advance funds and implements projects that support the rights and needs of these persons in the U.S. and around the world.



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2015

The Joy of Giving is a Christmas tradition at First Palo Alto United Methodist Church. It is a natural expression of our faith in Christ and our commitment to caring for people in our local community, our region, and the world. Through the Joy of Giving, you can indicate to which listed organization(s) your financial gift should be given. Consider giving a gift in honor of someone on your Christmas list.