Virtual Alternative Christmas Gift Fair  
From Thanksgiving through Christmas 2021

In your gift giving this year please consider gifts that improve lives. The Alternative Gift Fair offers Village Church families and friends an easy way to make Christmas gifts to those in need through 9 organizations with strong Village Church connections.

You can make donations directly to as many different organizations as you want any time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, using the links below. Please be sure to indicate “Wellesley Village Church Alternative Christmas” if there is a notation area on the donation page of the organization(s) you choose to support. We have included an Alternative Christmas gift acknowledgement card at the bottom of this page that you can print to give to gift recipients. Some organizations also provide gift acknowledgement cards.

**Family Promise MetroWest** transforms the lives of homeless families with children by mobilizing a diverse community to provide shelter, education, and support. Village Church is a founding member and one of 19 host congregations. In 2020, Family Promise supported a record 50 families (147 individuals with 89 children). Soon we will begin construction to convert our Natick Day Center into a small family shelter. [Click here to donate.](#)

**For His Children** ministers to homeless children, including those with special needs. It provides food, clothing, health care, education, therapy, and a loving home to newborns, toddlers, and older children until they can be reunited with their parents or placed into adoptive homes. [Click here to donate](#)

**Friends of Fumbelo** provides education, medical care, and support to the children of Fumbelo, a village in Zambia, Africa. Your gift to Fumbelo through the Alternative Christmas Fair will provide our new schoolhouse with desks, chairs, and learning materials. Once a year Friends of Fumbelo members travel with medical, education, and bulk food supplies to enhance our programs. [Click here to donate](#)

**Heifer International** is a global nonprofit organization working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals along with agricultural training to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients agree to “pass on the gift” by sharing animal offspring, as well as the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training to other impoverished families. [Click here to donate](#)

**Pathway to Possible**, formerly Newton Wellesley Weston Committee for Community Living, has served individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families since 1972. The Pathway to Possible offers a spectrum of local services to their families, and initiates programs to increase community awareness and receptivity regarding persons with disabilities. [Click here to donate](#)
**Village Table** is a community food service program managed by members of Wellesley Village Church. Our mission is to create and distribute delicious, healthy, restaurant-quality meals for those in need, helping our neighbors during a time of great economic uncertainty. [Click here to donate](#) (please type "Village Table" in the memo field).

**A Place to Turn** provides emergency food and clothing to those in need in the MetroWest community. Guests are served in an atmosphere of caring and respect. **A Place to Turn received the church’s Abernethy award this year.** [Click here to donate](#)

**Hoops & Homework** offers academic and enrichment services to youth living in the lowest income section of Framingham. Due to community needs during the pandemic, Hoops & Homework is also coordinating help for food insecurity. [Click here to donate](#) (please type "Hoops & Homework" in the memo field).

**Chaplains on the Way** goes out into the streets, shelters, and soup kitchens to bring a ministry of spiritual care and hope to homeless people in Waltham. [Click here to donate](#)
We bring you good tidings and great joy
Happy Holidays in 2021

In the holiday giving spirit a donation has been made in your honor

To the organization ________________________________

By ________________________________

This contribution provides care and service to local and world communities

Wellesley Congregational Church Alternate Christmas Project