

# 2011 Alternative Gift Fair

Saturday, December 3rd, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Northshore United Church of Christ  
18900 168th Ave NE, Woodinville WA 98072**

An Alternative Gift Fair is a great way to start a deeply meaningful holiday season by coming to meet the people from local and international nonprofits who can turn just a few dollars into miracles of hope.

Here's how it works: You find a "cause" that fits the interests of a family member, friend, coworker, or teacher. Make a small donation in his or her honor, and get a gift-card telling exactly what your gift will do.

The attached shopping list describes the nonprofit organizations at this year's Fair.



**IF YOU CAN'T COME TO THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR IN PERSON, we offer a PERSONAL/VIRTUAL SHOPPING SERVICE.** Find one or two "gifts" you'd like to give and mark on the Shopping List how much you'd like to give to each organization in someone's honor. Write one check (made out to NUCC) for the total, and on Fair Day, we'll gather your gift card(s) to mail to you with your tax-deduction receipt.

**ALL DONATIONS GO DIRECTLY TO THE NONPROFITS**, so all are fully tax-deductible.

Print out the "Shopping List" (pgs. 4-5)

1. Write your name and address at the top
2. Indicate desired donation levels for specific organizations
3. Add up donation(s), and write one check for the total to NUCC, with "AGF" in the memo line.
4. **MAIL the form and check, POSTMARKED BY WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30th to:**

**Northshore UCC AGF Coordinator  
16800 168<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Woodinville, WA 98072**

***If you miss the deadline, call Mary Miller at 425-788-5596, or email [marymiller1@frontier.com](mailto:marymiller1@frontier.com), and Mary will be your personal shopper in a creative way!***

*THANK YOU for joining us at the Alternative Gift Fair, in person or virtually!  
Together, our small gifts create big miracles of hope.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2011 NUCC ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR



**Alzheimer's Association:** Dedicated to increasing awareness about Alzheimer's and to providing support and services to people who are touched by the disease. Programs and services help people with memory loss as well as their caregivers and families. (<http://www.alz.org/alzwa>)



**Camp to Belong:** Brothers and sisters who are separated in foster or adoptive care are reunited at a Summer Camp, where they can play, eat, sleep, heal and bond. In the words of a camper, "Thank you for giving me the privilege to spend five days with my brother in a beautiful camp. I will never forget, no matter how down I may feel. You have changed my life in every way." (<http://www.camptobelong.org/washington/index.php>)



**Church World Service:** A cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations that works with local organizations in sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance. Currently working with millions still living in tents and at high risk for cholera in Haiti. Also organizes Crop Walks to fight hunger in the U.S. (<http://www.churchworldservice.org>)



**Eastside Domestic Violence Program:** For more than 25 years, this program has served victims of domestic violence in North and East King County. EDVP has provided more than 100,000 victims of abuse with a path from domestic violence to self-sufficiency. Services include a 24-hour crisis line, shelters, transitional housing, individual and group counseling, children and teen groups, legal advocacy, and more. (<http://www.edvp.org>)



**Eastside Time Bank:** Members provide services to other community members, for which they earn "time dollars," which they exchange for services from other members. An online database makes it easy to see what skills and services are offered and what services are needed. Provides membership scholarships for unemployed veterans. (<http://www.eastsidetimebank.org>)



**Farms For Life:** A group of local farmers and friends whose goal is to provide high-quality fresh food to people in transition. In its first year, Farms for Life provided fresh produce to help serve 5000 meals at local shelters and agencies. Also teaches people how to prepare simple, nutritious meals, and supports local sustainable farmers by giving them a steady, predictable market. (<http://www.farms4life.org>)



**Habitat for Humanity of East King County:** A local chapter of the international self-help home ownership program, in which volunteers and recipient families have built more than 100 homes from Renton to Bothell and Woodinville, and east of Seattle including Mercer Island to North Bend. Habitat is also partnering with local agencies, such as Eastside Domestic Violence, to help provide shelter or facilities to even more families. (<http://www.habitatkc.org>)



**Heifer Project International:** works to eliminate poverty and hunger worldwide by providing gift animals and training to a family—who then pass on offspring of those animals to other families in the community. Chickens bring eggs and meat; sheep bring meat and wool; water buffalo provide labor to plow—and a village builds itself. (<http://www.heifer.org/>)



**Homeward Pet Adoption Center** has been rescuing, sheltering, medically treating and re-homing dogs and cats with new families for 20 years. They have just moved to a new, much larger facility in Woodinville, served by hundreds of volunteers. Donations will support medical treatments, including low-cost spay/neutering services for the community, and supplies for these animal companions. (<http://www.homewardpet.org/>)



**Hopelink:** Since 1971, Hopelink has served homeless and low-income families, children, seniors and people with disabilities in north and east King County. Hopelink promotes self-sufficiency through services such as case management, financial education and adult literacy, transportation for elderly and disabled, heating and utility assistance, emergency and transitional housing, holiday gifts and the Food Bank. (<http://www.hope-link.org> )



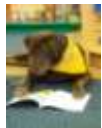
**Ratta Girls Hostel Project:** In rural Kenya, girls who want to continue in “upper school” must walk miles in the early morning and to get home after school (often at risk on empty rural roads), then cook supper, care for siblings, carry water and firewood till late in the evening. NUCC’s own Kathryn Frazier worked with a village to build a hostel where girls could safely stay during the week, focus on their studies, and prepare for college. The hostel opens in January: Kathryn is raising funds to support its year-round operation.



**NAMI-Eastside:** This East King County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness works with families, friends, and people having mental illnesses. NAMI-Eastside provides local support groups, educational forums, a lending library, and more. Volunteers also advocate for improvements in the mental health delivery system in terms of access to care, standards of care, continuity of care, recovery, housing and rehabilitation. (<http://www.nami-eastside.org> )



**PFLAG:** Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides support, education, and advocacy for family, friends, and members of the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community) in Seattle's Eastside area. The Bellevue group holds regular meetings and educational forums, and for 13 years has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have supported the GLBT community. (<http://www.bellevue-pflag.org> )



**Reading with Rover:** A literacy program involving kids, dogs, and books. Children challenged by reading are more relaxed, and thus enjoy reading aloud and explaining stories to a friendly dog who loves to listen. Owners and dogs are trained as registered therapy teams, and visit libraries, schools, and learning facilities. Donations help buy books for children, and training scholarships for worthy shelter dogs. (<http://www.readingwithrover.org> )



**Save Their Smiles:** The goal of their program is to improve the life-long dental health of Miskito Indian villagers in one of the poorest areas in Nicaragua. Provides toothbrushes and regular fluoride applications to children as well as dental care education to help them learn how to care for their teeth. <http://www.savetheirsmiles.org/>



**The Sophia Way:** Helps adult women who are homeless to toward self-sufficiency. Founded by Eastside congregations, Sophia Way provides subsidized housing apartments or shared housing, as well as the Eastside’s only staffed overnight shelter reserved for single adult women. Services include case management, life-skills training, a Companionship Program and a Knitting Circle. (<http://www.sophiaway.org> )



**Tent City 4:** Provides shelter to up to 100 homeless men and women, in a self-managed community operated by the residents under sponsorship of the nonprofit Seattle Housing and Resources Effort (SHARE) and Women’s Housing Equality and Enhancement League (WHEEL)—and in partnership with faith communities who host the encampment for 90-day rotations. (<http://www.tentcity4.info> )



**Wilderness Awareness School:** Fosters an understanding and appreciation of nature, community and self through camps, schools, and programs for children and adults of all ages. A variety of programs are offered throughout the year focused on such topics as nature skills, bird sounds, wilderness survival, wildlife tracking, edible plants, mentoring, and leadership. (<http://www.wildernessawareness.org>)



**Ten Thousand Villages:** For those attending the Alternative Gift Fair in person, there will be a Ten Thousand Villages “mini-store” selling handcrafted jewelry, textiles, art and sculpture from artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. This Mennonite organization helps artisans earn a living wage by creating a long-term fair trade relationship. **Sorry, but we can’t offer “virtual sales.”**

## 2011 NUCC ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR – SHOPPING LIST

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION**

**DONATION AMOUNT**

**# and amount of GIFT CARD(s)**

**Alzheimer’s Association**

*A minimum \$10 donation for local support groups, 24/7 answer-line*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Camp to Belong**

*A minimum \$10 donation supports summer camps where siblings in foster/adoptive homes are reunited for camp*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Church World Service**

*\$25 supplies a beehive or 5 blankets;  
\$50 provides seeds & farm tools to 3 families*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Eastside Domestic Violence**

*\$10 replaces a toy left at home; \$40 covers one Crisis Line call,  
\$55 night provides night in motel when shelter is full*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Eastside Time Bank**

*\$10 minimum toward membership scholarships for unemployed veterans*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Farms for Life**

*\$10 provides seeds, farming supplies for organic produce  
\$30 provides vegetables for 40 meals*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Habitat for Humanity**

*\$15 for a box of nails; \$25 for a gal. of paint; \$50 for 2 smoke detectors*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**HEIFER International**

*\$30 buys bees for honey & pollinating; \$60 trees to sustain soil*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hopelink**

*\$25 infant formula for two infants for one week  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ratta Girls Hostel Project**

*\$10 minimum for year-round operations of hostel for girls enabling them to attend upper-school*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAMI – Eastside**

*\$10 minimum helps provide local support groups*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**PFLAG**

*\$10 minimum adds to college scholarship fund*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading with Rover**

*\$10 donation buys a new book, \$50 pays for rescuing and training a shelter dog to become a RWR dog.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Save Their Smiles**

*\$10 minimum to provide supplies for teaching Nicaraguan children basic dental hygiene, or to help NUCC youth mission to help with this mission.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sophia Way**

*\$10 bus passes; \$20 buys sheets & blankets  
\$50 fills a pantry or provides a van transportation trip*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tent City 4**

*\$5 buys bus passes for 8 people; \$15 buys one heavy-duty tarp  
\$50 supports one Tent City resident for 1 month  
\$83 buys a new dome tent*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Wilderness Awareness School**

*\$10 minimum to scholarships for low-income children to attend summer camps*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Grand total of all contributions***

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE SEND THIS FORM along with **your check** payable to NUCC with AGF in the memo line, so we know which gift cards to send to you and how to distribute funds.***

***All organizations are nonprofit: your gifts are tax-deductible. **THANK YOU!*****