GIFTS of HOPE

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2021 CATALOG

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Are you ready to change the world but don't know where to start? Do you have a loved one who doesn't need or want any more "stuff" but whom you'd like to recognize with a gift in his or her honor?

Consider giving a tax-deductible Gift of Hope.

Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift-giving program and ministry sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Gifts of Hope is open to all people and helps people in need regardless of their faith or religious affiliation.

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LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACTS

Operating for 29 years, Gifts of Hope has raised and disbursed almost $4 million to two church camps, four ministries, three international companion synods, and ten local social service agencies affiliated with the Synod. These funds have helped the homeless, the hungry, the young, the elderly, immigrants, refugees, jobseekers, seminary and college students, and those seeking to improve their lives.

100% of donations goes to the beneficiary organizations. Unless designated as such, we will not use your gifts to help offset programmatic operating costs.

UNLOCK YOUR GENEROSITY

We've done the work of vetting and curating a list of beneficiary organizations that do good work in our community and beyond. You can choose to give to one organization, multiple organizations, or all of them. Any amount is appreciated, and rest assured that your donation will help those who need it the most.

It's easy to give: you can either donate online at GiftsOfHopeDC.org or write a check. Within about a week of receiving your payment, we will send you a letter acknowledging your donation which you can use for tax purposes.

If you are giving in someone's honor or memory, we invite you to send a digital card to your loved one(s). Some congregations within the Metro D.C. Synod may also have printed cards available; check with your congregation to see if they opted to print cards.

QUESTIONS

Feel free to contact the Gifts of Hope Director with any questions at goh@metrodcelca.org.

HOW TO ORDER

Online Donations

We use Square to take online payments and accept all major credit cards, Square gift cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay. Square payment processing keeps your transactions safe and secure. You can add multiple items to your shopping cart within a single transaction and you can customize your donation amounts, too.

You can access our Square shopping site through our website, GiftsOfHopeDC.org, or you can go straight to gifts-of-hope.square.site and access it there.

Giving with a Check

Complete the order form at the end of this catalog and mail it along with your check to the Gifts of Hope Director.

Beneficiary Organizations

Community Family Life Services

cflsdc.org

Since 1969, Community Family Life Services (CFLS) has provided children, families, and adults with the tools and resources needed to move beyond poverty and homelessness. CFLS specializes in reentry support for women who are returning home following a period of incarceration by assisting them as they move into permanent self-sufficiency and stability. Our clients are seeking healing and redemption and a second chance at life. **Your gift of any amount will help CFLS provide reentering women with essential tools for success through access to all of our services including employment, parenting, mental and physical health, HIV prevention, domestic violence awareness, financial literacy, legal advice and more.**

The Community of St. Dysmas

stdysmasmd.org

The Community of St. Dysmas (CSD) is a congregation within the walls of the Maryland State prison system. Staff and volunteers provide worship, Bible study, and Christian support to the inmates at four facilities, as well as support to those who have been transferred to a facility that doesn't have a formal congregation. These lively, faith-filled congregations are where God is changing lives through the good news of grace, forgiveness, and new life. CSD partners with aftercare programs to provide support for members after their release to find housing, employment and basic needs. **Your gifts will enable CSD to continue to bring the Gospel into the prisons and support people as they transition back to the community.**

Fellowship Square

fellowshipsquare.org

Founded in 1960, Fellowship Square advocates for and provides affordable housing and supportive services to older adults with very limited income. Fellowship Square offers safe living environments that enhance independence, self-confidence, and the well-being of its diverse residents. The chaplaincy program provides pastoral care and counseling to residents. **Your gifts will support medical and dental care, counseling, and nutrition.**

Beneficiary Organizations

Housing Up

housingup.org

Founded in 1990 by volunteers in faith-based communities, Housing Up builds thriving communities in Washington, D.C. by developing affordable housing and providing comprehensive support services to homeless and low-income families, empowering them to gain long-term independence. Housing Up serves nearly 800 families throughout the District and offers a broad range of services, including enrichment programming for youth and young adults. To thrive in the District, families not only have to maintain their housing but also have to pay for items many of us take for granted like transportation, childcare, food & household essentials and healthcare. **As the families they serve transition into a new year that will bring many of the same challenges as 2020, your gift will provide the flexible funding needed to support their needs. From people who are navigating distance learning with their children to those regaining stability after being laid-off due to COVID-19, your gift will make a difference in their lives.**

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation

goodshepherdhousing.org

Good Shepherd provides housing for vulnerable individuals and families with low income, particularly those struggling with mental illness. Rent does not exceed 30% of income and case management support is available in some of the homes. **Gifts will support Good Shepherd Housing Foundation's programming and projects that change the lives of local families.**

Lutheran Campus Ministry

facebook.com/thehumblewalk

Lutheran Campus Ministry supports young adults as they navigate one of the most important times of their lives. Throughout the Synod, our campus ministries provide opportunities for students to worship, grow in their faith and connect with inter-faith learning opportunities, as well as develop leadership skills, participate in meaningful service opportunities, have time and space for retreats, and much more. **Your gifts support and raise up young adult leaders who are the present (and future!) of the church and the world.**

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area

lssnca.org

Since 1917, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSSNCA) has served boldly in the Washington Metropolitan Area. Today, LSSNCA provides services that foster healthy and self-sufficient livelihoods including refugee and immigrant resettlement, workforce development, and interpretation, family and children services — foster care for unaccompanied refugee minors and adoption services; health and wellness services — CARE for Newcomers, healthy relationships education and Youth Haven. Together and with the help of partners and volunteers, we work to promote welcoming and compassionate communities. **Gifts will transform the lives of others.**

Lutheran Volunteer Corps

lutheranvolunteercorps.org

Since 1979, more than 2,700 volunteers have worked towards social justice with Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC). Volunteers spend a year or a semester serving the marginalized in society and learning about the root causes of poverty and oppression. LVC continues the core values tradition of living in community, simply and sustainably; while volunteering 40 hours each week at partner placement organizations with missions including immigration, housing, education, health, and other areas. LVC welcomes volunteers at all stages of life including retired, on sabbatical, in-between or changing jobs, gap year, and more. Participation is at no cost to the volunteer. **Your gift helps fund the program for new generations learning the lifelong commitment to social justice.**

N Street Village

nstreetvillage.org

Founded in 1973, N Street Village empowers homeless and low-income women in Washington D.C. to claim their highest quality of life. Through our strong community of hope and respect, the Village provides the tools for women to make real, lasting change in their lives. **Your gift will help us provide for immediate client needs like food, clothing, and shelter, as well as access to health care and job training resources.**

Beneficiary Organizations

Shelter House

shelterhouse.org

Shelter House was founded in 1981 to address the homelessness crisis in Fairfax County. Over the past 40 years the agency has blossomed to provide a variety of housing solutions and critical support to persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness and victims of domestic violence. Currently, Shelter House provides homelessness prevention services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and affordable housing to support low-income households in obtaining and maintaining safe permanent housing. Your gift to Shelter House is more important than ever as many low-income families struggle to navigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. **By choosing to give to Shelter House, your gift of rent or utility assistance will help to ensure that families are able to stay in housing during this difficult time.**

Support Outdoor Ministries: Caroline Furnace & Mar-Lu-Ridge

carolinefurnace.org • mar-lu-ridge.org

Your gift will be split evenly between the two camps and will support scholarships, programming, and equipment. Caroline Furnace is surrounded by over 250 acres of George Washington National Forest and is nestled between the North and South Forks of the Shenandoah River. The property includes a five-acre lake, prayer labyrinth, seven large group fire circles, an extensive trail network, a 19th century chapel, and a Civil War-era iron furnace. For over 62 years, Mar-Lu-Ridge has been a place of community, service, and sanctuary. Located in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains of Maryland, Mar-Lu-Ridge serves others through year-round retreat hospitality and summer camp programming.

Roanoke College

roanoke.edu

Roanoke College is a four-year, liberal arts college located in Salem, Virginia. Founded in 1842, Roanoke is the second-oldest Lutheran related college in America and lives at the intersection of faith and reason. Reason calls us to be honest. Faith calls us to be authentic. **Your gift supporting Roanoke College will be directed to the scholarship program for students pursuing a church vocation who are from the Washington D.C. area or the three international companion synods.** Gifts of Hope helps students with tuition assistance or help with other college expenses.

United Lutheran Seminary

unitedlutheranseminary.edu

United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) is one of seven seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). ULS is comprised of two physical campuses, Philadelphia and Gettysburg, and a distributed online learning campus. ULS is a Reconciling in Christ seminary. The ULS Community is a welcoming and diverse learning community equipping people to proclaim the living Gospel for a changing church and world. The seminary offers six graduate degree tracks and lifelong learning programs that equip rostered and lay leaders to serve with deep faith and excellence—in congregations, social ministry agencies, campus ministries, military settings, and global missions. **Your gift to ULS will help seminarians meet basic needs and help underwrite expenses while they are being formed as faithful servant leaders and develop skills that are Lutheran in focus, ecumenical in practice, and led by grace.**

Southeast Ministry

southeastministrydc.org

Southeast Ministry is a grassroots social justice ministry located in Ward 8 of Washington, D.C. This organization provides hope for men and women in a safe and respectful environment through math and literacy education, financial skills classes, job readiness, and other programs that celebrate achievements, build self-esteem, and transform lives. Clients map their educational and vocational pathways. **Your gift will make a difference today and tomorrow.**

The Village at Rockville, A National Lutheran Community

thevillageatrockville.org

The Village at Rockville admitted its first resident in 1895 and since has served residents with care and compassion, including supporting older adults experiencing financial difficulty. The Village at Rockville provides memory care services, short-term rehabilitation, outpatient physical and occupational therapy, nursing care, and hospice care. For more than 130 years, residents and their families have had peace and comfort knowing they won't lose their home as a result of a personal financial crisis outside of their control. **Your gift can provide peace of mind, food, shelter, and stimulating activities for older adult residents.**

Companion Synods

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church is a new church: small in numbers, but with a powerful voice in a country where pain and hope are both easy to see. These Lutheran churches in El Salvador thrive among the least fortunate, in urban slums and small towns. **Your gift will help fund micro-business grants and other projects, and support salaries for pastors, almost all of whom have jobs outside the church, to pay their bills and support their congregations.**

Lutheran Churches in Slovakia

The Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia dates from Luther's lifetime. Still recovering from persecution under communism, this church bears witness in a part of Central Europe where educational work and youth ministry are bearing great fruit. Ministry to immigrants and to the Roma people are also vital now. **Your gift will help renovate damaged church buildings, maintain Lutheran schools, and enhance church grounds.**

Lutheran Churches in Namibia

Our Synod has Companion Synod relationships with three entities in Namibia—The Paulinum Seminary, ELCIN, and ELCRN. Gifts of Hope help the various Lutheran entities in Namibia, who can choose which project they like (whether it be books for the Seminary, hostel supplies for ELCRN, or monies for the retired pastors' fund sponsored by ELCIN). **Your gift will improve livelihoods and meet the spiritual needs of the Namibian people.**

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Full Address (street, city, state, zip code) _____

Email address _____

Are you a member of an ELCA Metro D.C. Synod church?
If so, please list your church name and city. _____

YOUR ORDER

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I will support all 18 organizations with one donation split evenly among them.	
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Administrative Costs	**Amount of Donation**
I wish to support the mission of Gifts of Hope by helping to offset administrative costs with a contribution to the operating fund.	
TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT:	

All donations are tax deductible. Mail checks to: Gifts of Hope, c/o Natalie Cain, 7901 Bethelen Woods Lane, Springfield, VA 22153

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