

## Gift of Christmas 2020

The Gift of Christmas is a wonderful way to experience the true spirit of Christmas giving by supporting one or more of the 19 programs that are highlighted during the Christmas season. These programs are on the front lines daily of helping children, men and women in our communities who need a helping hand to deal with problems in their lives that can be overwhelming. Many programs see increased demand for their services during this year of COVID and are finding that their resources are not sufficient to support the great need that exist. In the past each program had several gifts you could choice from to support them. **Due to COVID, this year we are asking for your support with a single donation to the program(s) for your choice.**

The 19 Programs are listed as follows: On the following pages are descriptions of each agency.

- Alzheimer's Association
- Angel's of Mercy Medical Clinic
- Avalon – a Center for Women
- Blooms that Brighten, Inc.
- Colonial Casa
- Community of Faith (COFM) -  
Emergency Winter Shelter
- Dream Catchers
- Edmarc – Helping Families with  
pediatric illness, loss and bereavement.
- Faith in Action
- Families of the Wounded
- FISH
- Grace Inside Prison Ministry
- Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands
- Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg
- Literacy for Life
- Meals on Wheels -  
includes Summer Meals for Kids
- Old Towne Medical Center
- Saint Francis Service Dogs
- Salvation Army

Your support of one or more of these programs, can be a Christmas Gift in honor of your relatives, friends or neighbors. If you choose, you can receive either an Angel Ornament or a card to acknowledge both the gift and the recipient.

On page 5 is an order form for you to select the programs you wish to support this year. Please complete the order from and also indicate if you wish to receive an Angel Ornament or a acknowledgement card. **Your checks must be made out to the agency program(s) that you are supporting and not to WPC. Please send your check(s) along with the order form to WPC c/o Martha Reier, 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.**

Celebrate the joy of Christmas knowing your gift will be appreciated by both your honored recipient and the deserving agency. Visit the church website or contact [Karen Annoni](#) for more information or if you have any questions.

## **Gift of Christmas Agency Descriptions**

### **Alzheimer's Association**

Dedicated to supporting the care and dignity of persons with dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, their families and other caregivers.

### **Angels of Mercy Medical Clinic**

Their mission is to provide quality health care to the uninsured, regardless of their ability to pay – providing free or reduced rate care to residents in our area.

### **Avalon – a Center for Women**

Support and advocacy are offered to women, children and men victimized by domestic and sexual violence. All services both individual and group support are offered free of charge.

### **Blooms that Brighten**

COVID has greatly impacted this group of volunteers who provide flower therapy and can no longer meet in person to arrange or deliver flowers for continuing care and ill residents. To keep in touch they now send cards with pictures of flowers and the volunteers saying "Flowers connect us to you"

### **Colonial CASA**

provides child advocacy services by way of well-trained community volunteers who advocate on behalf of children in our area who have been abused and neglected. They work to ensure that these children achieve safe, permanent and timely placements.

### **Community of Faith Mission (COFM) - Emergency Winter Shelter**

COVID has dramatically affected this program as well. Funds from JCC and the City of Williamsburg plan to cover motel rooms for homeless residents for first 6 weeks of winter. Two churches will then host shelters for 6 more weeks until about mid -February. COFM is hoping for contributions to pay for motels for the next 6 weeks that would provide shelter for the homeless into March.

### **Dream Catchers**

Therapeutic riding program that provides people with physical, mental and psychological challenges the opportunity to use equine activities adapted and individualized for them. The participants experience skill building, socialization and recreation, as it improves flexibility, balance and muscle strength.

### **Edmarc**

This mission is to ease the trauma of a child's illness or death, and to reduce the disabling effects of pediatric illness, loss and bereavement on families. Support is provided to help each family member through home health, hospice and bereavement support.

### **Faith in Action**

An interfaith coalition of volunteers that responds to the needs of an aging population, chronically ill and disabled adults, that are striving to maintain independent living in their own homes.

### **Families of the Wounded**

Financial resources in support of families and caregivers of military men and women who have been either wounded in combat operations or injured as a result of line-of duty activities who are receiving treatment and living in the Hampton Roads area.

### **FISH**

Provides food, clothing and housewares to our neighbors in need in our area. This all volunteer organization relies on the generosity of area folks to help them provide these services to those who are experiencing even greater need now during the COVID epidemic.

### **Grace Inside**

A Christian ministry that places chaplains within Virginia's state prisons so that lives may be transformed through the grace of Jesus Christ by teaching, preaching and pastoral care. The only support for this ministry is through donations from individuals and churches.

### **Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands**

A residential provider for abused and neglected children that provides an atmosphere of love and concern that enables the child to grow and mature physically, spiritually, emotionally, mentally and socially.

### **Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg**

An independent volunteer intensive program to assist incurably ill persons to remain at home in the care of their families. The Hospice team of professionals and volunteers provides service without charge including equipment and supplies as well as bereavement support and cancer support groups.

### **Literacy for Life**

Free programs in Reading, Writing and Math, English as a Second Language, High School Completion, Workplace Readiness, Computer skills, Civics and Citizenship and Health Literacy are offered.

### **Meals on Wheels**

The program and their volunteers deliver noon-time meals Monday through Friday to participants who have physical or mental impairment and are unable to prepare their own meals. In addition, The **Summer Feeding Program** for food insecure children is now under the auspices of Meals on Wheels.

### **Olde Towne Medical Center**

Provides health and dental care to the uninsured and underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare population in the greater Williamsburg area. Quality health care is provided to patients regardless of their ability to pay.

### **Saint Francis Service Dogs**

The mission is to assist children, veterans and other adults with disabilities to lead more independent lives through partnership with a professionally trained service dog. It takes tens of thousands of dollars to obtain, raise, 2 years to train and place each individual service dog at no charge to those served.

### **Salvation Army**

Provides emergency assistance for families trying to break the cycle of dependency with financial and housing assistance. They also provide programs for youth and adults with spiritual rehabilitation for all.

## Order Form for Gift of Christmas 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Do You Want Angels?**  Yes  No If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please write a separate check for each organization. Multiple gifts for one organization may be combined into one check. **Do not make checks payable to WPC.**

Program(s) Name	Donation Amount

- If you are giving a gift **in memory** of a loved one or friend and would like to have the gift acknowledged to the family of the deceased, please complete this form and we will see that a card is sent to them.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Program donated to \_\_\_\_\_

If you are giving a gift **in honor** of a loved one or friend and would like an acknowledgement to send them, please indicate below. We will see that you receive a card to send to your honoree.

- Yes, I would like to have an acknowledgement card to send.