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**An Alternative Gift Market**

**December 1, 8, and 15, 2024**

And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least

of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ~Matthew 25:40

**Gracious Gifts** offers a Christ-centered way of giving. Honoring a family member or loved-one through Gracious Gifts brings **joy** to the giver, **illumination** to the recipient, and **hope** to the beneficiary.

The following is a list of organizations with which Crossroads has had a long-time involvement and has formed lasting relationships.

Gracious Gifts is also a place where we can call attention to “new” causes that cry out for our compassionate response.



**Local Missions**

**Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County** (educational services)

Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County provides individualized educational services for adult learners to improve academic and life skills in order to pursue their personal, professional and life goals. [www.adultliteracyoz.org](http://www.adultliteracyoz.org)

**Advocates of Ozaukee** (battered women’s shelter)

Advocates of Ozaukee is committed to safety, respect and compassion for individuals and families, and works to end domestic and sexual violence through education, prevention and intervention services. [www.advocatesof](http://www.advocatesof)ozaukee.com

**Benedict Center** Milwaukee (interfaith criminal justice agency)

Benedict Centeris an interfaith nonprofit dedicated to helping women, affected by the criminal justice system, find hope and lead safer and healthier lives, while advocating for a system of justice that is fair and treats everyone with dignity and respect. [www.benedictcenter.org](http://www.benedictcenter.org)

**Big Brothers/Sisters of Ozaukee County**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Ozaukee (BBBOZ) serves children, ages 5-17, needing and wanting a mentor within a community-based or school-based service area. The Community-based service area matches youth with volunteer mentors who spend a minimum of three hours, twice a month with the youth in the community. nicoleb@bbboz.org

**Bread of Healing Clinic** (Milwaukee)

Bread of Healing Clinicis a neighborhood-based medical clinic for individuals with financial or other barriers to quality healthcare. They commit themselves to respect, love and learn from the people they serve believing the atmosphere they create reflects Jesus’ healing ministry. [www.breadofhealing.org](http://www.breadofhealing.org)

**Cathedral Center Bread of Healing Clinic** Milwaukee (women/children homeless shelter)

Cathedral Centerof Milwaukee provides a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness one life at a time. They offer comprehensive, targeted programs that include emergency shelter, case management services and workforce development. [www.cathedral-center.org](http://www.cathedral-center.org)

**Divine Intervention - Tippecanoe Presbyterian** **Church**

Divine Intervention is an inter-faith ministry providing emergency overnight safe sanctuary to the homeless in the greater Milwaukee area respecting the dignity of all of God’s children. They provide 20+ guests their basic human right of a safe place to warm overnight, enriched by generous dinners served family style.

[www.tippechurch.org/divine-intervention.html](http://www.tippechurch.org/divine-intervention.html)

**Family Promise of Ozaukee County**

Family Promise of Ozaukee County seeks to end homelessness in Ozaukee County by rebuilding lives with compassion, providing resources and services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness in the community. Our organization works to help anyone experiencing homelessness secure safe and stable housing. Our homeless services offer a continuum of care from the first call for help to securing housing. We support our clients every step of the way. [www.](http://www.)familypromiseoz.org

**Family Sharing of Ozaukee County**

The mission of Family Sharing is to alleviate hunger in Ozaukee County with dignity and compassion. They provide food, at no charge, to people in need in Ozaukee County. All donations of food are distributed directly to those who need it… for Ozaukee, from Ozaukee. [www.familysharingozaukee.org](http://www.familysharingozaukee.org)

**Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee County**

Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee County enriches our local community by helping under-served residents realize their dream of home ownership. While Ozaukee County is one of the wealthier counties in Wisconsin, many families are living in substandard housing. A house is more than a home and by helping families achieve home ownership our communities’ benefits are boundless. [www.ozhh.org](http://www.ozhh.org)

**Helping Hands, Healing Hooves**

Helping Hands Healing Hoovesis a non-profit, therapeutic, equine-assisted riding program that encourages individuals of all ages, with special needs, to develop their full potential. They strive to create a unique and peaceful environment where individuals have the freedom to develop knowledge, trust, hope and determination through therapy with horses. Veterans, current military and civil servants are offered free services. [www.helpinghandshealinghooves.org](http://www.helpinghandshealinghooves.org)

**Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County**

Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in Grafton, Wisconsin. Our mission is Enabling seniors, and individuals with disabilities, to remain independent in their home***.***Our goal is to help our clients maintain a healthy lifestyle. [www.interfaithozaukee.org](http://www.interfaithozaukee.org)

**Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative**

Founded and run by veterans, MHVI’s mission is to help homeless and at-risk veterans reach and maintain their highest levels of independence. They offer unique programs to fill the gaps without duplicating what others do. When possible, they partner with the Veterans Administration, Wis. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers and other non-profit agencies. [www.wisconsinvets.org](http://www.wisconsinvets.org)

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission**

Our mission is to share God’s love by caring for those who are poor in body, mind and spirit, and to see lives transformed, through Christ, to hope, joy and lasting productivity. We value being productive members of our community who pray for our city and serve our churches to help reach the lost. We value Stewardship, Professionalism and Honesty in our dealings with guests, supporters and the general public.

<https://milmission.org>

**Our Next Generation**

Our Next Generation (ONG) is a non-profit with a mission to serve the children of our neighborhoods with programs focused on improving educational outcomes and life skills. Our organization provides after-school and summer academic enrichment and personal development programs for youth and their families. [www.ongkids.org](http://www.ongkids.org)

**SEA Literacy** Milwaukee

SEA Literacy uplifts the lives of refugee students in greater Milwaukee by empowering them to become engaged members of this diverse, dynamic community. Our goal is to foster social and educational development, thus creating community leaders and inspiring future generations. We are also committed to providing the people of Milwaukee and the surrounding suburbs the opportunity to reach out to their neighbors and strengthen the harmony in our city!

[www.sealmke.org](https://www.sealmke.org)

**Missionaries / Mission Trips**

**His House of Christian Fellowship**

With twelve locations across Michigan, HHCF exists to bring the gospel to college campuses and send students back out as world changers for Christ.

mccm@hhcf.org

**Ministerio de Vida in Cancun** (bringing youth to Christ)

is a church and community center located in the northwestern area of Cancun, Mexico. They focus on supporting the spiritual, social and intellectual development of underprivileged youth and families by offering worship services, providing youth and family programming, education, counseling, as well as clean water and other basic needs. Many Crossroads members have volunteered through the years with this mission.

[www.crossroadspres.org/serve/global-impact/minsterio-de-vida](http://www.crossroadspres.org/serve/global-impact/minsterio-de-vida)

**National / International Missions**

**Heal Africa**

Heal Africa compassionately serves vulnerable people and communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through a holistic approach to healthcare, education, community action and leadership development in response to changing needs. Programs include fostering health, empowering women, cultivating community and promoting education. [www.healafrica.org](http://www.healafrica.org)

## Marion Medical Mission

## Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian, front-line, hands-on, volunteer, non-profit organization that responds to Christ’s call to serve by working hand-in-hand with God’s people in Africa. In 1990 they built 13 wells in Malawi and now have expanded to Tanzania and Zambia building 2900 wells every year. [www.mmmwater.org](http://www.mmmwater.org)

**Mountain of Light Orphanage**

Mountain of Light (Montana de Luz) Orphanage in Honduras is a faith-based organization caring for children affected by HIV/AIDS, educationally, emotionally, medically and spiritually while they grow to adulthood. They have transitioned from a hospice for 3 children in 2001, to a home, thanks to antiretroviral medications and is a growing resource for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS throughout Honduras. [www.montanadeluz.org](http://www.montanadeluz.org)

**Opportunity International**

Opportunity Internationalprovides financial solutions and training that empower people living in poverty to transform their lives, their children’s futures and their communities. They provide entrepreneurs (89% women) access to capital for loans, savings accounts, training and support to transform their lives to exit poverty. [www.opportunity.org](http://www.opportunity.org)

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistanceis the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Its purpose is to respond when natural or human-caused disasters impact communities and work closely with congregations and local mission partners to bring Christ’s love and healing.

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pda)

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