

Opportunity for Fawn Grove Compassion Center



Fawn Grove Compassion Center currently has a Challenge Grant Campaign going on where there has been \$8,000 offered to help them raise needed year-end funds. The grant donors are granting \$1 for every \$2 they raise between now and December 22nd. This year alone, FBCC has provided over 116 tons of goods valued at \$1.9 million for disaster response and urgent needs around the world! Let's help them continue to be there for those in crisis. If you would like to contribute, mark your gift ***Christmas FGCC.***

"I Love You!"

Most teenage foster kids don't hear these words very often. Most are placed in group homes and can feel unimportant. In December, these teens will be invited to a holiday party! It is a goal to have a gift basket for each person to take with them! If you are interested in donating items for one of these baskets, please bring them in by Sunday, December 9th. Let's give these kids a night to remember and help them feel special this Christmas season!



Here are a few ideas:

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| Head phones | Phone chargers | Water bottles(Swell, Yeti) |
| Fuzzy socks | Candles | Nail polish |
| Lip gloss/Chapstick | Blankets | Hair stuff/ brushes |
| Orioles/ Ravens stuff | Gloves, scarves, hats | |
| Football/Basketball | Totes/ Duffle bags/Book bags | |
| Bath & Body Works | Baseball hats | Picture frames |
| Books/magazines | Gift cards | |

Fruit Baskets For the Homebound

We will be giving fruit baskets to our homebound members. If you would like to help assemble or deliver the baskets, please contact the Church Office.



Cash Donations

If you feel God has just blessed you and you want to be a blessing, feel free to simply give a cash gift and mark it ***Christmas Giving.*** We will be sure to designate it for a worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS!

A SEASON OF GIVING



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Christmas Giving & Serving Opportunities

This year, we are offering many possibilities for you to share in the spirit of the season with some of our friends and neighbors. We hope that you will share in a spirit of generosity and perhaps use this as an opportunity to continue to shape your family culture. These opportunities offer a forum for discussions around the table that can produce not only a sense of gratitude, but also a way to tangibly serve others. As you think about our outreach to Lighthouse Community, some of the elderly in Harford County who often choose between food and medicine, our local foster care system, or our friends in need here and around the world, perhaps you can lead your family in prayer.

Already, we have collected winter clothing for Inner County Outreach, a ministry we partner with in Aberdeen.

Here are some opportunities for you and your family.

Gift Cards For Lighthouse Community

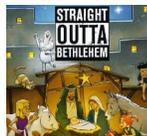
Our family at Lighthouse Community live in Sandtown, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Baltimore. We would like to provide 9 families in need with Walmart gift cards to purchase gifts and food for a Christmas dinner. You may give either a \$25 or \$50 gift card or a cash donation. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help us with this need, mark your gift *Lighthouse Christmas*.

Food Baskets for Harford County Neighbors

Some of the senior citizens in our community are making difficult choices as to whether to purchase prescription drugs or food. You can put a smile on the face of one of these dear neighbors as we will provide boxes of groceries for our Harford County seniors through the Office on Aging. A list of preferred food items can be found in the Lobby and you can bring in other non-perishable food items too (please make sure you check the date on these items). There might be some items on the Giving Tree for these folks as well.

Ministry to Local Nursing Homes

On December 15th, our children's choir will provide a presentation of their Christmas Musical and invite residents of some of the local nursing homes. The children will provide refreshments for the event.



The Giving Tree



Last year, we served 9 families, and we are anticipating another year in which our congregation will be used to bless families needing assistance in our church and in our childcare ministry. Ornaments will be available on the Giving Tree on December 2nd that represent a "wish list" from some of our families. Choose an ornament from the tree, purchase and wrap the gift and return it by December 16th, with the ornament attached to the gift. We would also like to provide a Christmas dinner for families so donations of turkeys, hams and non-perishable food items would be appreciated. Deliveries will be made the following week, so if you would like to help with these deliveries, contact the Church Office.

Children's Christmas Project



Our Hickory Child Development Center and our Sunday School children are filling coin banks to sponsor two children, Sajib and Shantona, who live in Murmu of Bangladesh. Through your generosity, these children will receive an education and a hot meal daily.



Urgent Need in Sierra Leone



Following the example of Jesus, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with local congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease.

NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the gospel to all people in word and deed.

In Sierra Leone, Africa, near the capital of Freetown, torrential rains caused devastating mudslides. Many were still asleep when part of a mountain collapsed. Homes and buildings were swept away by the floodwaters. More than 400 people are dead, and 600 more are missing. More than 3,000 people are homeless. Entire communities have been pummeled. "As a church we want to do whatever we can to minister to the survivors and those who are bereaved. We want to share the love and compassion of Christ with our people in any way we possibly can." The Church of the Nazarene is working to assist those affected by the devastation by providing for urgent needs, such as bottled water, food, and hygiene kits. You can help by marking your gift *Africa Disaster Relief*.