

*Give
a gift.
Transform
a life.*



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FOCUS NORTH AMERICA

works faithfully, every single day to serve the working poor and homeless in America. We know that the needs of those living in financial poverty are as diverse as they are severe. To address these needs we use both standard and innovative methods to provide food, employment, housing, healthcare, and educational resources to Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. By moving individuals and families from risk and dependency to security and self-sufficiency, our programs offer a lasting impact on the societal and spiritual fabric of our nation.

FOCUS is a manifestation of a living Gospel: treat others as we want to be treated, freely give to the poor, and see the image and likeness of Christ in all. As we enter the season of Christ's Nativity, we remember that He came into the world with no place to lay His head—born in a stable, and dependent on the hospitality of others. Through giving and service to those in need, we often find that the outcomes are vastly greater than the gift itself. More often than not, our own lives are transformed through the act of charity.



FOCUS continues to be sustained primarily by individual donors who believe in our work. Join our effort to combat poverty in America and glorify God this Christmas season—and every season of the year. Thank you for your gracious prayers and support.



Honor a loved one or friend by giving a life-transforming gift in their honor. With each gift, we will send you a personalized card that you can present to your special recipient.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of FOCUS this Christmas by sharing your blessings with those we serve.



FOOD

FOCUS provides fully prepared meals for the homeless, supplemental food pantry items to families struggling to get by, and nutritious lunches to underfed children. This Christmas season, give the gift of nourishment.

WEEK OF SUMMER MEALS FOR A CHILD\$50

Each year, more than 21 million children receive free or reduced price lunches during the school year. But when school is out many of these children go hungry. FOCUS' Summer Feeding Program provides meals to children in need throughout the summer months. Your gift will keep a child healthy and hunger-free this summer.



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS FOR THE ELDERLY \$100

Many elderly have low, fixed incomes, making them prone to food insecurity and malnutrition. Without the ability to easily leave their homes, they cannot take care of their own basic needs. Your gift will enable FOCUS to provide two weeks of groceries for an elderly person who needs our support.



FEED THE MULTITUDES

FEED 500 ..\$1,000 FEED 250.... \$500 FEED 100 \$200

Across the nation, hundreds of families and individuals turn to FOCUS for food assistance every day. Your gift will help FOCUS feed hot meals to 100, 250, or 500 of our neighbors in need, ensuring that no person who comes to FOCUS leaves hungry.



KID'S NUTRITIOUS WEEKEND MEALS.....\$25

Children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school often come to school hungry and malnourished after the weekend. Help us ensure that these children have nutritious, healthy meals Friday through Sunday too. Your gift will provide a child with one month of weekend meals.



MAINTAIN A BEEHIVE.....\$250

FOCUS' 75-acre farm in Northeast Ohio has begun to harvest honey from our beehives and is now selling it. We've even trained some residents from our shelter in Cleveland in beekeeping and we hope to grow the apiary to 60 hives in 2018. Your gift will ensure the continued growth and sustainability of our training and honey harvesting.





DOCUMENT RECOVERY \$15

For many job seekers who are living outdoors or coming from an unstable housing situation, lost birth certificates, social security cards, and proper ID can be a major barrier to gaining employment. FOCUS is able to help individuals acquire these documents and get them on the road to success.



PARENTING SUPPORT \$80

Many single parents struggle to balance the demands of parenting, while also holding a job. FOCUS helps parents, especially mothers, provide for their families by offering parenting classes, personal finance training, mentoring, and support groups.



TUTOR CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS \$250

Children in urban schools around the country suffer from a lack of education resources as school budgets face increasing pressure. FOCUS steps in and helps with tutoring programs and mentoring. Your gift will provide these students with the tools they need to succeed in school and life.



JOBS FOR UNEMPLOYED RE-ENTERING THE WORKFORCE \$125

FOCUS provides job-training programs and placement for unemployed men and women working toward self-sufficiency. Help us teach marketable skills while allowing individuals to earn income and gain the confidence they need.



OCCUPATION

FOCUS has numerous programs centered on job training and placement—a vital step for anyone permanently transitioning to self-sustained living.

This Christmas season, give the gift of empowerment.



CLOTHING

FOCUS inspires confidence in the lives of those in need by providing them with clothing, furniture, and household items. This Christmas, give the gift of dignity.

BACKPACK \$10
BACKPACK WITH SUPPLIES \$30

A child's success is largely tied to the quality of his or her education, starting with access to proper school supplies. This small but meaningful gift will provide a child with a backpack. For just a little more, fill that backpack with supplies to give a child the tools to succeed.



GIFT OF WARMTH \$125

Winter can be harsh, and many people in our communities do not have the luxury to avoid the cold. Your gift will help FOCUS provide coats, hats, gloves, blankets, and other winter gear to our homeless friends this year—truly a heart-warming gift.



BABY BUNDLES \$75

Having an infant is expensive and parents with low-incomes often struggle to meet the added costs. Your gift will ensure our youngest friends are happy and healthy by providing diapers, clothing, and other supplies.



HYGIENE KIT \$20

Simple, essential items like soap and a toothbrush can be hard to afford for someone living on the street or in a shelter. Give someone a kit of basic hygiene items. Besides helping someone to clean up their outward appearance, your gift will also help increase their confidence and dignity.





GIFT OF LAUGHTER.....\$50

Every child deserves the opportunity to just be a kid. Put a smile on a child's face by providing toys and games their family could not otherwise afford.



SPONSOR A YES STUDENT..... \$150

Through FOCUS' Youth Equipped to Serve (YES) program, Orthodox youth participate in vocational formation and leadership opportunities by serving in their communities. Sponsor a young person's leadership growth through this meaningful scholarship.



HEALING FROM TRAUMA.....\$300

Trauma from food insecurity, violence, and homelessness is both a cause and result of poverty. At FOCUS Pittsburgh, we work to foster understanding micro-communities among neighbors, in order to heal shared trauma and improve communication. Your gift will allow us to train leaders who can respond to trauma in their own neighborhoods.



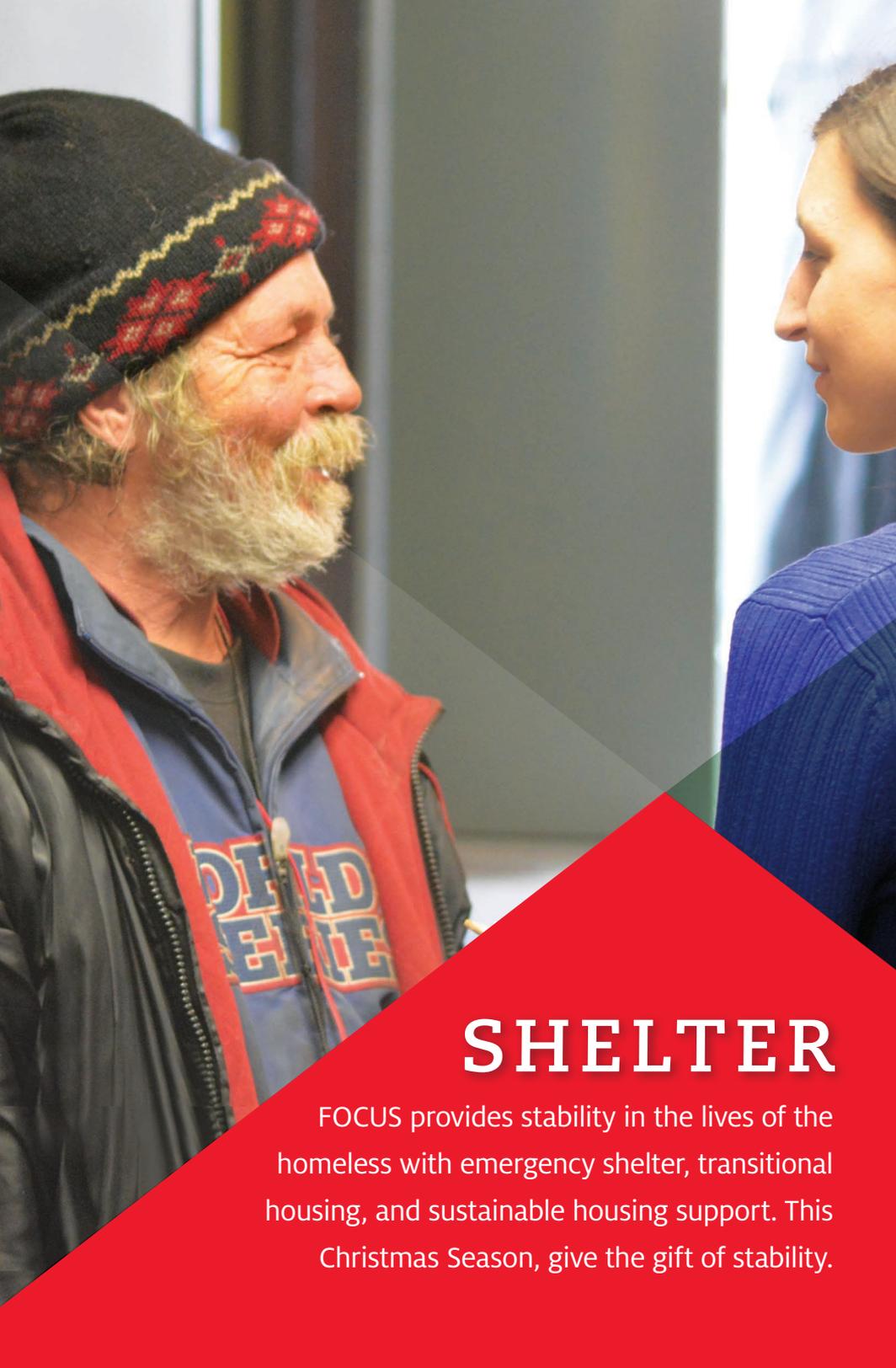
MEDICAL OR DENTAL EXAM..... \$100

FOCUS provides free and reliable health services to uninsured community members. Your support will provide medical and dental exams to help someone stay physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy.



UNDERSTANDING

FOCUS brings Orthodox Christians together to offer their love and talents to create compassionate and supportive communities. This Christmas season, give the gift of compassion.



SHELTER

FOCUS provides stability in the lives of the homeless with emergency shelter, transitional housing, and sustainable housing support. This Christmas Season, give the gift of stability.

SET OF HAND TOOLS\$25

Through our job training programs, men use their skills to benefit their communities by providing landscaping, janitorial, and maintenance services to area businesses and organizations. Enable their work with the gift of hand tools.



UTILITY SUPPORT\$75

Utilities can be among the highest costs for a family struggling to make ends meet. FOCUS provides assistance with gas, electricity, and water for our friends and neighbors who are in need. You can help a family keep the house warm this winter.



HOME REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE\$400

Many low-income, single parents do not have the time or extra money to pay for repairs when there are plumbing or electrical problems in their home. FOCUS volunteers provide home-repairs for families in emergency situations. Your gift will ensure that we can make living spaces safe and maintained for families that are trying to get ahead.



FIRE RELIEF\$175

An unexpected house fire can suddenly leave a family without any resources. FOCUS responds to fires with emergency food, clothing, and school supplies in order to help families recover. Your gift will ensure our ability to help families begin to restart their lives after a tragedy.





To order gifts, visit:

www.FOCUSNorthAmerica.org/Christmas.

Or complete this order form and mail in the enclosed envelope. For personal assistance with ordering, call **1-866-267-3083**. For each gift you choose, we will send you a gift acknowledgement card that you can give to the recipient.

CUT OR TEAR ALONG THE DOTTED LINE.

GIFT CATALOG ORDER FORM

FOOD

	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Week of Summer Meals for a Child	\$50 X _____	= _____
Food Pantry Items for the Elderly	\$100 X _____	= _____
Feed the Multitudes		
Feed 500	\$1,000 X _____	= _____
Feed 250	\$500 X _____	= _____
Feed 100	\$200 X _____	= _____
Kid's Nutritious Weekend Meals.....	\$25 X _____	= _____
Maintain a Beehive	\$250 X _____	= _____

OCCUPATION

	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Document Recovery.....	\$15 X _____	= _____
Parenting Support	\$80 X _____	= _____
Tutoring Children for Success.....	\$250 X _____	= _____
Jobs for Unemployed Re-Entering the Workforce	\$125 X _____	= _____

CLOTHING

	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Backpack	\$10 X _____	= _____
Backpack with Supplies	\$30 X _____	= _____
Gift of Warmth	\$125 X _____	= _____
Baby Bundles	\$75 X _____	= _____
Hygiene Kit	\$20 X _____	= _____

UNDERSTANDING

	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Gift of Laughter	\$50 X _____	= _____
Sponsor a YES Student.....	\$150 X _____	= _____
Healing from Trauma.....	\$300 X _____	= _____
Medical or Dental Exam	\$100 X _____	= _____

SHELTER

	QUANTITY	SUBTOTAL
Set of Hand Tools	\$25 X _____	= _____
Utility Support	\$75 X _____	= _____
Home Repair and Maintenance	\$400 X _____	= _____
Fire Relief	\$175 X _____	= _____

I would like to give a gift for use where needed most _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

She wrapped Him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:6-7

This Christmas, we remember that Christ Himself came into the world in a stable, homeless. We therefore remember our homeless neighbors, knowing that just as we do unto them, we do unto Christ himself.

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