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CHRISTMAS CATALOG



FELLOWSHIP of ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED to SERVE



BRING NEIGHBORS TOGETHER WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

Celebrate those special to you with a gift that has the power to connect with neighbors who would otherwise be hungry, hurting and alone this holiday season. When you give this Nativity season using the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve Christmas Gift Catalog, you are sharing compassion, love, and dignity with someone in need. Choose a gift from one of our special ministry areas and receive a free greeting card to share the impact of your gift with your honoree.

How To Use This Catalog

Learn about the ministry areas where your gifts in action make a difference every day.

Choose a gift that represents a cause that means the most to you or your loved one.

Place your order using the attached order form - OR - online at www.focusna.org/christmas.

Use the link to our greeting card portal to access your free greeting card(s) and share the meaning of your gift with your honoree(s)*.

Rest assured communities in need benefit from the power of the gift you choose.

**Greeting card portal access will be sent after your gift processes. Including an email address with your donation helps us reduce costs, and ensures you receive the fastest access to our online greeting card portal.*

COME, SIT AT OUR TABLE

FOOD MINISTRIES

The needs of our neighbors often go unseen. It is impossible to look at someone and know from sight alone when they last ate a meal. To serve someone in need, we must first connect with the human experiencing that need. Therefore, one of the most important things the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve does is offer neighbors a seat at our table, regardless of their outward facing needs.

GIVE THE GIFT OF FOOD



\$150

would stock a shelf in a neighborhood food pantry

\$150

is about the cost delivery of a pallet of basic needs items (\$1,000+ value)

\$25

would provide a food box of staples for a homebound senior

INSPIRE SUCCESS IN OTHERS

JOBS MINISTRIES

A word of encouragement can spark confidence in someone who is struggling to provide for themselves and their families. The pandemic has caused many people to either lose their jobs or have their hours significantly reduced. Your gifts provide for basic needs like food and clothing, but they also help to inspire action that leads to meaningful change - like finding stable employment. From providing a weekly bus pass to resume help or job training, your gifts share confidence and stability to job-seekers.

GIVE THE GIFT OF RESPECT



\$500

*is about the cost of wages
for one Jobs Program
recipient for one month*

\$75

*is the value of a new
outfit for a job interview*



MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

SHELTER & HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

"When I came to St Herman House I thought I was just moving to a new rooming place. But to my surprise, I actually found a family instead. Everyone here treats the other like a family member and every one feels respected and treated like a human."

- Izzy, Former Transitional House Resident

Many people have a roof over their heads, but have never experienced the feeling of "home." With every gift you give, you share the feeling of home with someone through our hospitality and shelter ministries. Whether we are providing emergency shelter, a hot meal, or simply sharing diapers with a young mother - we strive to share the comfort and safety of "home" with everyone we encounter.

\$300

would provide transitional housing for one individual for one month

\$75

is the value of a warm winter coat

\$25

would cover the cost of a meal for a family of five

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOME

SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE

YOUTH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MINISTRIES

Your gifts allow people to step away from their own lives and experience the reality of another. Through our work, people of all ages can come to understand that service is the fruit of living out our faith. Share the love of Christ with others by making a gift that supports our youth and engagement ministries.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE



"YES shows the uniqueness of how to love. Love is not black and white. Love will move mountains and through your actions, you can inspire people to find their own way and find their own calling that is unique to them. YES proves that love can change the world."

\$150

can help teens organize a neighborhood outreach event

\$25

is the value of school supplies for one child for the year

\$25

is the cost of registration for a teen to attend a virtual YES trip

TOGETHER, WE CAN FACE ANYTHING

SUPPORT THE AREA OF GREATEST NEED

FOCUS unites communities of givers across the country, and each community is responding to unique needs. However, at the root of every need is our fundamental need for connection and community. Your gifts have the power to inspire these connections that are rooted in Christ's love. Together, we can face anything.

“Need alone is a poor man’s worthiness”

- St. John Chrysostom

HOPE IN HARD TIMES: *Teresa’s Story*

Teresa and her four children have overcome many struggles together as a family. With extremely limited resources available to her, Teresa’s children understood at a young age the reality of skipping a meal to keep a roof over their heads. When we first met Teresa, she had lost her job during the pandemic and was struggling hard to maintain a hopeful attitude. Today, she has a part-time job, and her two oldest children work in restaurants and are pursuing their education. The food boxes FOCUS Southern California distributes removes the barrier to healthy food for Teresa’s family, and supports them as they work toward a stable future.



OUR PROMISE

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve promises to honor your generosity by using your donation in the most effective way possible. By selecting a gift through this catalog, you are making a donation to FOCUS North America. We are dedicated to using your donation to further the good work of FOCUS Communities across the country. Each gift in this catalog is representative of resources, services or support for programs provided across FOCUS North America's national movement. These services and programs may change due to environmental, programmatic, and economic considerations. Under these circumstances, FOCUS reserves the right to reallocate gifts as necessary. Your donation will be used to provide assistance where it is needed most within the ministry area you choose or to address substantially similar needs.

Order your gift online at focusna.org/christmas or using the order form below. With your order, you will be given access to our online greeting card portal where you can choose a special card to honor the person, or people, who inspired your gift.



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Gift of Food

☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$_____

Gift of Respect

☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$_____

Gift of Home

☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$_____

Gift of Love

☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$_____

Gift of Greatest Need

☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$300 ☐ \$_____

Yes, this Christmas I will share gifts that connect neighbors with the hope, encouragement, love, & resources they need.

☐ My check made payable to FOCUS North America is enclosed.

☐ Please charge this card for my gift.

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

3 digit code off back of card _____

Name as it appears on card _____

Signature _____

Gift Total

Make checks payable to FOCUS North America. Complete and mail this form to PO BOX 645039 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-5039. **Thank you for using our Christmas Gift Catalog to bless others this Christmas season.**

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