

Holiday GIVING

This is the time of year when we think of gifts and various ways we can make a difference through our choices. You can avoid the hassle of shopping, wrapping, and delivering by making a gift to one of the following in a loved one's name. The beauty of it is you don't even risk catching a cold from someone else – all the shopping is done at home.

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) ECS plans to provide \$25 gift cards to the 600 children in their "Out-of-School Time" Program. Contributions need to reach ECS before **December 10**. To participate in Christmas gift card drive you can choose from the following options:

Send a check with "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo line to:

Episcopal Community Services
225 S. 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Make an online donation via our website:

<https://ecsphilly.org/support/donate/>

List "Christmas Gift Cards" in the Comments box below your credit card Information.

Hosts for Hospitals – an organization that tries to help people who have come to hospitals for surgery or treatment in Philadelphia and surrounding areas that need a home in which they might stay for a short period of time. Transportation and food are not needed - just a place to stay. The director of the program (Cathy Davis – a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill) has contacted us and asked that if anyone has a spare room or are traveling over the holidays and might be willing to offer a place to stay. Pastor Maxine know if this is something you might be able to do and she will put you in contact with Cathy.

Home of the Sparrow is collecting critical household items and paper products that are not covered by government assistance (These gifts are due on **Giving Tuesday** which falls on November 30 this year).
Website - <https://www.homeofthesparrow.org/>

- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Towels Toilet Paper
- Dish Soap
- Deodorant
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Tissues
- Cleaning Products
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Store Gift Cards

St. James School is the Episcopal School started about 9 years ago to serve those students who live in the Strawberry Mansion area of the city – an area where the young people are underserved. The school is changing their neighborhood. For their Santa's Workshop, they would be grateful for:

- Sports Equipment (Sports balls – nerf etc.)
- Science kits
- Arts & Crafts Kits
- Barbies & Baby Dolls

- Legos
- Bath & Body
- \$25 Gift Certificates from Target, Walmart, or Amazon

Website - <https://stjamesphila.org/>

Pathways works with families that have been homeless. Their residential program helps families achieve self-sufficiency by getting all members back in school and providing nutrition classes, parenting classes and financial literacy for their clients. An important goal of Pathways is to provide those experiences that come from young people having positive experiences with their family – such as a trip to the zoo, a museum, or a theme park. They are also trying to build a fund to send their youth to Summer Camp next summer. If you would care to make a monetary donation to Pathways:

- Make a secure online gift at <https://pathwayspa.org/donate>
- Send a check to PathWays PA, 519 Station Rd., Media, PA 19063

The Heifer Project has as one of its mottos “Your gift can change the world.” By making donations that make possible the purchase of animals, bees and even water pumps, we can help people around the world fight hunger and poverty. Call 855-848-6437 if you wish to make a gift.

- A flock of Chicks is \$20
- A Beehive is \$30
- A Water Buffalo is \$250
- A Woolly Sheep is \$120 (you can help with of a share of a sheep for \$10).