

STAR OF HOPE: Dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children, Star of Hope has been serving our community for many years. Positive life-changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life-management and recovery from substance abuse. Key to the success of Star of Hope is its comprehensive approach to addressing complex issues that impact homeless individuals and families.

Amount	Gift Suggestion	Qty.	Total
\$15	Clothing/School Supplies/Toiletries		
\$25	Host "Snacks & Good Night"		
\$50	Assist With Meals		
\$100	Tutoring		

YELLOWSTONE ACADEMY is a private Christian school in the nearby Third Ward that serves low-income students from Pre-K through 8th grades who live in extreme poverty. Palmer offers material, educational, and spiritual support to the students as they learn and seek the promises of transformed lives.

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$25	One school uniform		
\$50	Backpack and school supplies for one student		
\$75	School lunches for one class		
\$100	One week supply of laundry detergent for school uniforms		
\$250	Sponsor a field trip for one class		
\$500	Take home meals for 100 students		

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP: Palmer sends adults and youth to San Jose, Costa Rica each year to work side by side with the Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica in their ongoing mission projects, such as construction of churches and schools. We remain in close communications with the Bishop and diocese throughout the year, initiating the sharing of resources and exchanging wisdom and experiences..

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$5	Meal for a missionary		
\$10	T-shirt for a missionary		
\$25	One night's stay on mission trip		
\$50	Cost of construction materials		
\$300	One missionary's trip		

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING



*Christmas gifts that
spread joy all year long*



**NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31
GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE. NO WRAPPING REQUIRED!**

Purchase gifts in the names of family, friends or colleagues
to benefit Palmer's Outreach Ministries.

Shopping is easy. Here's how...

- Read the ministry descriptions and then browse the order form on the facing page.
- Select your gifts and enter quantities and totals on the order form.
- Add up the cost of all your gifts and enter the total on the order form.
- Write one check for the total amount to Palmer Church.
- Give your order form and check to the order taker at the Alternative Gift Market table on the patio or in front of the church.
- Complete the gift card(s) and give to whomever you choose.
- "Order online! Go to <http://palmerchurch.org/give/>. Click "Give Online." Select "AGM - Ministry" on the "Select a Fund" pulldown for the ministry that you'd like to support.
- Questions? Please contact Alisha Renshaw alrenshaw@live.com

ARCHWAY ACADEMY: Of the 42 recovery high schools in the U.S., Archway Academy is the largest. They are a close-knit group of teachers, recovery experts, and students working in tandem to create a welcoming campus on the grounds of Palmer Episcopal Church, that not only physically challenges its high-schoolers to remain sober, but stretches their expectations socially, spiritually, intellectually, and academically. The school provides a structured place for teens to continue both their recovery and their education without compromising either. Their students are hardworking, highly intelligent, and exhibit a remarkable degree of self-awareness and acuity that opens doors to equally remarkable futures. 94% of Archway seniors attend college after graduation. Archway's magic is made possible by 5 concepts: A Deep Support System, Real Fellowship, Balanced Expertise, Intimate Size, and Fierce Love.

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$25	School supplies		
\$50	Books for student library		
\$150	Friday lunch for students		
\$250	Sponsor a field trip		
\$300	Sponsor a College Trip		
\$1,050	One month's program fees for student		

EMERGENCY AID COALITION (EAC) was founded in 1983 and each year helps more than 50,000 individuals living on the edge of poverty. The EAC often helps those who must choose between paying the rent and feeding the family. Multiple congregations are collaborating to provide temporary assistance with an emphasis on serving the working poor. EAC provides food, clothing, sack lunches 6 days a week, school uniforms and school supplies with the goal of assisting clients working toward self-sufficiency. EAC's new "Boots to Work" program assists working poor clients by providing vouchers for boots required to achieve or retain employment.

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$2	One sack lunch for someone who is hungry in Houston		
\$10	Clothing for one homeless client or job seeker needing "dressier" clothing for an interview		
\$50	Groceries for one family		
\$100	School supplies, backpack and uniforms for one child OR one pair of work boots for the "Boots to Work" program		
\$300	Jeans, socks, underwear and hygiene products for 30 clients		

Palmers Assisting Reentry is a new ministry that seeks to welcome and assist former prison inmates as they rejoin the Houston community as well as their families and communities.

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$10	Food for a monthly dinner at Caleb House, a transitional housing site for those exiting prison		
\$25	Gift card for basic needs of someone recently		
\$75	Help furnish a transitional apartment for someone recently released		
\$150	Provide one hour of counseling for families of those reentering society		

New Hope Housing: New Hope Housing provides Housing + Services to individuals and families who are transitioning from homelessness or are living on a very limited income. Their programs support residents through education and enrichment opportunities, material goods, and life planning services that offer the platform to grow and thrive in housing.

Amount	Gift Suggestions	Qty	Total
\$5	Bus Pass		
\$25	Stock Food Pantry for 1 wk/Provide 1 hr enrichment class		
\$50	Family Reading Hour/2 hours of Case Management		
\$100	A year of cleaning supplies for 1 resident		
\$500	Holiday Party		
\$1,000	Supply refreshment for 1 year of a Support Group		

PALMER PLACE APARTMENTS currently leases six fully furnished apartments at greatly reduced rates to patients undergoing treatment at the Texas Medical Center. Since 2000, Palmer Place has been a "home away from home" to hundreds of tenants and their caregivers from around the world.

Amount	Gift Suggestion	Qty.	Total
\$25	Toaster, blender or other kitchen appliance		
\$50	Blankets, Comforter		
\$100	Set of Sheets		

THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY assists newly arrived refugee families as they begin their lives in America after fleeing persecution in their home countries.

Any Amount		Qty	Total
	Donations will benefit programs serving refugees and asylum seekers: Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston's Refugee Program, St. Mark's Episcopal Church/Interfaith Welcome Coalition-San Antonio, Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center-McAllen and Team Brownsville in Brownsville, TX		