

Helping Our Neighbors Through ALIVE! (ALEXANDRIANS INVOLVED ECUMENICALLY)

Don't know what to give a friend or family member for the holidays? Want to reduce the frenzy of gift-giving and advocate for a simpler lifestyle? Want to share your faith and blessings with those less fortunate around you while honoring a friend or relative? Whatever your reason, by purchasing a gift through ALIVE! you are directly benefiting families in Alexandria who need your help.

Founded in 1969, **A**LEXANDRIANS **I**NVOLVED **E**CUMENICALLY is a nonprofit consortium of over 40 religious congregations devoted to helping those in need in Alexandria, VA. ALIVE! serves thousands of Alexandrians annually, through the participation of hundreds of volunteers, providing a child development center, homeless shelter, financial assistance for critical needs, emergency food, and deliveries of furniture and housewares. ALIVE! is honored to be listed in the Catalogue for Philanthropy, which identifies and promotes "excellent, trustworthy nonprofits in Greater Washington."

PURCHASING A GIFT IS SIMPLE:

1. Review the catalog, available as a separate sheet.
2. Fill in the order form on the back of this sheet.
3. Write a check payable to ALIVE!
4. Send the order form and check to:
ALIVE!
2723 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22302
5. For each purchase, you will be sent a gift card and envelope and an insert describing your chosen gift.

EACH GIFT WILL ASSIST ONE OF ALIVE!'S SIX PROGRAMS:

ALIVE! House
ALIVE! Child Development Center
Family Emergency Program
Housewares
Furniture
Last Saturday Food Distribution

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
Then said I, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8*

ALIVE! HOLIDAY GIFT ORDER FORM

(Please Print Legibly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Gift is in honor of: _____

Gift is in memory of: _____

Please choose the gift(s) you would like to purchase from the catalog sheet. The item numbers are in blue (example: **A1** for Bus Tokens, **C3** Utilities):

Item Number	Quantity	Cost	TOTAL
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
GRAND TOTAL			\$

Instead of a gift selection, we would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$_____ to be used where needed most.

Gifts and contributions may be made by check made out to ALIVE!

ALIVE! is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable under the law.

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Office Use:

Check # _____

ALIVE! Programs and Descriptions of Gifts

A. ALIVE! House ⇨ Temporary housing for women and families in emergency and transitional situations. ALIVE! House provides 6-12 months of shelter, support, and help developing life skills for up to four homeless families at a time.

1	Bus tokens or Metro Fare cards	Provide transportation for a formerly homeless woman to get to class or a job interview	\$ 8
2	Ice cream treats.	Provide an ice cream treat for displaced children living in ALIVE! House with their mothers	\$10
3	Dress for Success.	Purchase a gift card to a local store to help a formerly homeless woman buy professional clothes to enter or re-enter the workforce.	\$50

B. Child Development Center (CDC) ⇨ A full-day preschool and early childhood education facility serving up to 38 children of working, poor Alexandrians throughout the year. Tuition and fees are based upon the parents' ability to pay.

1	Hat and Gloves	Purchase a hat and gloves/mittens to allow a child to play outside comfortably even on the coldest of days.	\$15
2	Shoes	Growing feet need new shoes often. Help two families by providing new sneakers for two children.	\$25
3	Nutritious Food	Learning to eat and enjoy healthy food is important for preschoolers. Provide materials for one class to plan and prepare two nutritious snacks.	\$35
4	Books	Help make reading at home a habit with the purchase of a set of beginning reading books for a child, selected by the CDC's social worker.	\$40
5	Cassette players/listening centers	The CDC needs 3 cassette players/listening centers for children to use to read books and play educational games during their free time. Purchase one for a classroom, providing another learning opportunity for the children.	\$75

C. Housewares ⇨ Donated housewares, including lamps, towels, sheets, dishes, silverware, pots, and pans, delivered on Saturdays.

1	Towels	Purchase new bath and kitchen towels for a family moving into an apartment from a battered women's shelter.	\$35
2	Children's Books and Games	Buy a basket of books, games and stuffed animals to make the children in a family moving from a homeless shelter feel at home in their new apartment.	\$40

D. Family Emergency Program ⇨ Assistance with rent, utilities, and medical expenses, as requested by social service agencies or clergy of member congregations. Also donated canned and packaged food, for a week of meals, delivered by volunteers to approximately 100 families each month.

1	Eggs	Provide a dozen eggs each for five families in need as a primary source of protein.	\$9
2	Medication	Provide the co-payment for a senior citizen otherwise unable to afford to fill prescriptions.	\$50
3	Utilities	Help a minimum-wage family pay for a portion of their heating bill for one month this winter.	\$75
4	Holiday Food Baskets	Provide a holiday meal with all the trimmings for a family of six. A basket of food including a turkey, fruits and vegetables, rolls and dessert will be delivered to a family, allowing them to prepare a traditional holiday meal.	\$50

E. Furniture ⇨ Donated beds, tables, chairs, chests, and other useable furniture, picked up and delivered by volunteers to ten to twelve families each weekend.

1	Beds	Help one child currently sleeping on the floor of an empty apartment by buying a single box spring and mattress.	\$100
2	Gas	Provide enough gas for one truck to pick up and deliver furniture to twelve families in need.	\$50

F. Last Saturday Food Distribution ⇨ A five-day supply of surplus fresh produce and staple foods distributed by volunteers once a month to serve approximately 650 families each month referred by social service agencies and ALIVE! congregations.

1	Holiday Turkeys	Provide a 10-pound turkey to a family for them to enjoy a traditional family meal during the holidays.	\$10
2	Beef Stew	Purchase a case of beef stew (24 cans) as a quick, nutritious dinner for twelve families.	\$20
3	Tuna	Purchase a case of tuna (48 cans) to provide two dozen families with an alternative source of protein.	\$35
4	Meat and cheese	Surplus meat and cheese can be purchased for 12 cents per pound from area food banks. Help ALIVE! provide 400 pounds of much-needed fresh protein to supplement canned food.	\$48