

Alternative Christmas Marketplace Project Descriptions

Local Ministries

- **Friends of Night People** is an inner-city ministry providing a hot meal each day to many people living in Buffalo. It also provides clothing, medical care, and other support services to the working poor and the homeless.
- **Kevin Guest House** provides warm and friendly housing to patients and families receiving care at Buffalo medical facilities.
- **Jericho Road Community Health Center** is a faith-based organization dedicated to facilitating wellness in the lives of refugees and low-income community members in Buffalo. The Parent Child Home Program prepares young children for school success by increasing language and literacy skills, enhancing social-emotional development and strengthening the parent-child relationship.
- **Harvest House** is a faith-based organization and retreat center with ministries for education, health care and babies/children.
- **Plymouth Crossroads** offers transitional housing for disconnected, abused and homeless young men, ages 16-20 in Western New York.
- **TRY - Teaching and Restoring Youth** is a transitional housing program that offers a loving, structured environment to women who are homeless and suffered from abuse, violence and victimization.
- **Blue Star Mothers** is a group of mothers who have children serving in the military. The local chapter sends care packages to deployed service members.
- **Family Justice Center – Northtowns Satellite** provides services for survivors of domestic violence and their children.
- **Amherst Warm Clothing Project** provides new warm clothing (such as coats, boots, hats, mittens and sweaters) for students in need in the Town of Amherst.

National & International Ministries

- **Church World Service** provides humanitarian assistance and development, refugee assistance and resettlement, and education, advocacy, and partnership. By making a gift of one of their offerings, you can help CWS to eradicate hunger and poverty, and to promote peace and justice around the world.
- **The Carter Center** is a nonprofit public policy center founded by Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter to fight disease, hunger, poverty, conflict and oppression around the world.
- **Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)** is an international, humanitarian-aid, non-governmental organization known for its projects in war-torn regions and developing countries facing endemic diseases.
- **Dress a Girl** is a part of Hope 4 Women International, a non-denominational Christian organization. People in many places, including NPC, are sewing colorful dresses to distribute around the world to girls at risk. Imagine a world where every little girl owns at least one dress!
- **The U.S. Fund for UNICEF** supports UNICEF's work, and other efforts in support of the world's children, through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States. Soccer balls are included in recreation kits that are sent to children in refugee camps, child-friendly spaces for disaster survivors and centers for displaced children – anywhere that children need to step away from suffering and experience the magic of play.