

BRENTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- 2018 ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING GUIDE -
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HOUSING

Open Table Nashville

Open Table Nashville is a non-profit, interfaith community that disrupts cycles of poverty, journeys with the marginalized and provides education about issues of homelessness.

We need funding to buy supplies and resources for our friends living on the streets. Warm blankets, gloves, coats, and socks can make all the difference in the world to someone on the streets on a cold winter night.

Mail checks to:

Open Table Nashville
PO Box 110266
Nashville, TN 37222

Send online donations directly: opentablenashville.org/give

Room In The Inn

To provide programs that emphasize human development and recovery through education, self-help and work, centered in community and long-term support for those who call the streets of Nashville home.

Room In The Inn began in the winter of 1985, when our Founding Director, Father Charles Strobel, opened the doors of his parish to individuals seeking sanctuary in the church parking lot. This simple act of kindness marked the beginning of Room In The Inn. In December 1986, four congregations committed to sheltering people experiencing homeless through March 1987. By the end of that winter, 31 congregations had joined. Now, we have nearly 200 congregations from a wide variety of traditions and over 7,000 volunteers who shelter almost 1,500 men and women from November 1 through March 31 each season.

Mail checks to:

Room In The Inn
P.O. Box 25309
Nashville, TN 37202

Send online donations directly: roomintheinn.org/donate

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HUNGER

Community Care Fellowship

Community Care Fellowship has served as a lighthouse to the East Nashville community for more than 35 years, helping our neighbors navigate life's treacherous waters by providing basic needs like warm meals, showers, and laundry. Our mentoring and after school programs have planted seeds of transformation in the lives of both children and youth. Our partnerships connect our guests with housing and essential mental health services.

Mail checks to:

Community Care Fellowship
P.O. Box 60068
Nashville, TN 37206

Send online donations directly: ccfnashville.org and click the Donate button in the upper right-hand corner

GraceWorks Ministries

GraceWorks' mission is neighbor serving neighbor, by the power of God's grace. We are a grace driven and collaborative ministry dedicated to being a community resource in Williamson County by helping people with food, rent, utilities, and other needs.

\$5 – Toilet Paper

Did you know that families cannot use food stamps on toiletries, not even toilet paper? GraceWorks spends \$1,000 a month to provide toilet paper on our food pantry shelves. This is an essential item, yet many of our neighbors are unable to afford it.

\$11 – 10 Fuel Bags

More than 5,000 students in Williamson County qualify for the free or reduced meal programs through the school systems. GraceWorks offers them bags of nutritional food for the weekend.

Mail checks to:

GraceWorks Ministries
104 Southeast Parkway, Suite 100
Franklin, TN 37064

Send online donations directly: graceworksministries.net/donate

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HEALING

Give Ye Them to Eat (GYTTE)

GYTTE is a ministry that serves impoverished people in Puebla, Mexico. Its purpose is to strengthen the capabilities of marginalized communities to better meet their needs.

More Than a Bandage – a GYTTE health program that has trained over 200 women – gives women the opportunity to learn about preventive health measures. Village women go through three one-week trainings to become community-based health promoters. The women serve their families, churches, and communities. They also volunteer with medical brigades to educate people in some of the most impoverished communities of Mexico. The health workers empower people to prevent many illnesses and to treat illness in its earliest stages.

\$350 supports a one-week course for one woman

\$1,050 supports three one-week courses for one woman over 18 months

\$21,000 support three one-week courses for 20 women over 18 months

Mail checks to:

Rev. Marian Harman
SWB District Office
Knob Hill Road
Trucksville, PA 18708

(Make checks payable to Trucksville United Methodist Church or TUMC and put GYTTE in the memo line. You will receive a receipt from Trucksville UMC that can be used for tax purposes.)

Send online donations directly: donate.globalministries.org/onlinegiving

(In the box for Project/Partner, put GYTTE #07629A)

Mending Hearts

Mending Hearts is a residential recovery-oriented therapeutic community for women who are or are at risk of becoming homeless as a result of their addiction to drugs, alcohol or both. Our facilities located in West Nashville are home to over 90 women who are in residence to address their addiction and the current circumstances of their life. Many of the women Mending Hearts serves are uninsured and experience immense barriers to recovery, housing and employment.

Mail checks to:

Mending Hearts
P.O. Box 280236
Nashville, TN 37228-0236

Send online donations directly: mendingheartstnc.org/donate-now/

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Bridges Domestic Violence Shelter

Bridges Domestic Violence Shelter's mission, as the only domestic violence shelter in Williamson County, is to serve women, men, and their children affected by domestic violence, ensuring a safe transition to successful independent living. Leaving an abusive situation can be complicated, difficult and sometimes dangerous.

Bridges helps with crisis intervention, temporary shelter, case management, child advocacy, court advocacy, support groups, outreach programs, transitional housing and community awareness through organizations such as BUMC. Bridges' goal is, first, to get abused individuals and their children into a safe environment. Once they are settled and safe, we have resources to help them move into a life of independence and self-determination. All services are offered in the strictest confidence. Generous donations of financial support from donors like you make it possible for Bridges to offer services free of charge.

Mail checks to:

Bridges Domestic Violence Center
P.O. Box 1592
Franklin, TN 37065

Send online donations directly:

Amazon wish list: [amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/Q6MM2DV2O5IR](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/Q6MM2DV2O5IR)

Online donations: bridgesdvc.org/donate-goods.html

Project Transformation

Project Transformation engages young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, supports children in holistic development, and connects churches with communities. PT lives out their mission through the three Cs: children, college students, and churches. All three Cs come together in a collaborative program model, through which college-age young adults implement summer and afterschool programs for children, strategically housed in churches. PT believes that transformation happens through relationships. It is in the holy space between each C that transformation occurs. Give the gift of relationship this Christmas season!

Mail checks to:

Project Transformation Tennessee
1008 19th Avenue S
Nashville, TN 37212

Send online donations directly: pttennessee.org/donate