

Abundant Gifts



A catalog of gifts that support mission and outreach partners of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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From time to time, we all wonder what we can do to make a difference in the lives of others. We want to show our love and appreciation for family and friends. And we want to share our abundance and good fortune with others. Whatever our circumstances, we know we are blessed to have advantages that most of the world's population cannot imagine.

The 2011-2012 edition of our Abundant Gifts Catalog provides a way for us to show our love and appreciation for family and friends, while we make a significant impact on the lives of real people who may not have had the opportunities we have had. It provides an alternative to the customary American practice of lavishing gifts on those who probably don't need more material things.

Please look through this catalog and consider giving a gift to a friend or loved one that can make a world of difference to those in need.

How to make a gift: After you've read about each of the ministries and have decided what gifts you would like to give, simply use the form in the center of this brochure to make your selections. Checks should be made payable to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The catalog is also on our Web site and gift orders can be placed online (saintstephensrichmond.net). Questions: Deb Lawrence, dlawrence@saintstephensrichmond.net or 288.2867, ext. 329. A card will be sent to the recipient(s) informing them that a gift has been made in their honor.

Virginia Girls Choir



The Virginia Girls Choir, founded at St. Stephen's in 2008, is an auditioned group of girls in grades four through ten who come from across the greater Richmond area. The girls work to sing with spirit and understanding in a variety of musical styles, with the music of the Anglican tradition taking pride of place in their repertoire.

The girls come from a wide array of schools and cultural and family backgrounds. Great care is taken to ensure that all members of the traveling choir, whose participation requires a large commitment of time and dedication, can take part in performances, tours and other activities. These are funded not by the parish budget but by individual gifts.

VGC 1 | \$75 Weekly supper for the entire choir

VGC 2 | \$125 Cost of uniform for one girl (3 shirts, 1 sweater, 1 dress)

VGC 3 | \$200 Cost of choir robe for one girl

Fairfield Court Elementary School

St. Stephen's and Fairfield Court enjoy a close and fruitful partnership that includes direct involvement by hundreds of our parishioners, as lunch buddies, classroom helpers and other volunteer opportunities. Despite the challenges faced by the residents of the Fairfield Court housing project in the East End, a dedicated staff, involved parents, motivated students and our hands-on support have made Fairfield one of the most successful elementary schools in the City of Richmond.

Instructional Materials and Supplies

FCS 1 | \$10 Blank Cassette Tapes

FCS 2 | \$20 (each) Magic School Bus Stories/Videos

FCS 3 | \$25 Tape Recorder w/ Microphone

FCS 4 | \$25 Electrical Pencil Sharpeners

FCS 5 | \$25 School Pack (supplies for one student)

FCS 6 | \$30 Computer Keyboards

FCS 7 | \$35 Rhyme & Read Activity Center

FCS 8 | \$50 Hands on Science Materials

FCS 9 | \$1175 Math Buddies Program Kit

Equipment and Furnishings

FCS 10 | \$50 DVD Player

FCS 11 | \$119 Safe & Simple Die Cut Machine

FCS 12 | \$120 Bookshelf (3+ shelves)

FCS 13 | \$200 Camcorder

FCS 14 | \$300-\$600 Classroom Rug

FCS 15 | \$2000 Choral Risers

Peter Paul Development Center

Peter Paul Development Center provides after school and summer educational enrichment for young people, and daytime activities for senior citizens. The roots of the Episcopal Church are deeply planted in this center, and St. Stephen's relationship with Peter Paul is a longstanding and rich one. Your gift, large or small, helps Peter Paul transform the lives of families in Richmond's East End.

Food

PPDC 1 | \$75 Food for our senior citizens program for one week

PPDC 2 | \$150 Food for one child for one week in our After School Program

Technology and Instructional Supplies and Office Needs

PPDC 3 | \$25 Art supplies

PPDC 4 | \$50 Academic workbooks

PPDC 5 | \$100 Grade-level computer software and textbook

PPDC 6 | \$150 General office supplies (folders, staplers, pencil sharpeners, paper)

PPDC 7 | \$250 Pre/Post-testing for one child with nationally standardized tests and trained testers

PPDC 8 | \$500 One week of the Summer Institute for one child

Children's Garden

PPDC 9 | \$25 Month's supply of bird seed

PPDC 10 | \$50 New plantings for garden (fall and spring)

Transportation and Field Trips

PPDC 11 | \$95 Field trip for one class of 15 to Maymont @\$3/student, plus food, transportation, and chaperones

PPDC 12 | \$140 Field trip for one class of 15 to Monticello @ \$6/student, plus food, transportation, and chaperones

PPDC 13 | \$245 Field trip for one class of 15 to the Science Museum @\$13/student, plus food, transportation, and chaperones

PPDC 14 | \$1,000 Transportation for all of PPDC's activities for one week

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School is an independent, tuition-free, faith-based middle school for students of limited resources, primarily from Richmond's East End. The school is in its third year of operation. With faithful support from St. Stephen's parishioners and many others, the school has grown from 25 to 52 students. Through a program focused on academic, social, and spiritual development, Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School helps students set their sights on college and responsible citizenship.

Food

AJCS 1 | \$15 Snacks for all 52 students for one day

Instructional materials and technology

AJCS 2 | \$25 Art supplies

AJCS 3 | \$40 One textbook

AJCS 4 | \$50 Class set of jump ropes

AJCS 5 | \$80 Kindle eReader

AJCS 6 | \$100 Kindle Reader

AJCS 7 | \$500 Video projector

AJCS 8 | \$3,000 A class set (10) of Netbooks or \$300 each



Building and furnishing needs

AJCS 9 | \$100 Picnic table

AJCS 10 | \$250 Weather-stripping for exterior doors

Tuition

AJCS 11 | \$13,000 Scholarship for one student

Food Ministry

The Food Ministry at St. Stephen's is inspired by the Eucharist, the central act of worship in the Christian faith. Through the Eucharist, Christians are fed by God so that they can feed others. The Food Ministry at St. Stephen's is designed to transform this belief into practice by offering programs that help people lead healthier lives that make them better stewards of God's Creation. This ministry helps to feed the hungry in many different ways, including the two listed here.

Food Pantry: St. Stephen's food pantry provides nourishing foods to those in the community who cannot afford them. We collect and distribute non-perishable food directly to those in need, Monday, 1-3 p.m.



FM 1 | \$10 Feeds a family of four for four days

FM 2 | \$25 Feeds a family of four for 10 days

FM 3 | \$50 Feeds a family of four for three weeks

Fruit Ministry: The Fruit Ministry volunteers meet at church at 8:30 a.m. every Monday of the year to sort and deliver fresh fruit to over 200 residents of Richmond's Gilpin Court neighborhood. Without the Fruit Ministry, these individuals would not have access to fresh fruit of any kind.

FM 4 | \$10 Provides one week of fruit to five people

FM 5 | \$25 Provides one week of fruit to 12 people

FM 6 | \$50 Provides one week of fruit to 25 people

National

The Gulf Coast

St. Stephen's mission teams have been traveling to the Gulf region several times each year for the past four years, to help residents clean up and rebuild following the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The work continues, and will continue for many years.

Construction Supplies and Tools

GC 1 | \$25 Gift card to local home/building supply store

GC 2 | \$50 Gift card to local home/building supply store

GC 3 | \$75 Gift card to local home/building supply store

GC 4 | \$100 Gift card to local home/building supply store

GC 5 | \$500 Gift card to local home/building supply store



Dominican Republic



St. Stephen's has been involved in the Dominican Republic for many years, working together with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic and local Episcopal leaders. Our relationships are now focused in the southwestern city of Azua, where the partnered congregations of Reconciliacion and San Jorge provide

basic necessities in the context of a vibrant church life. Our mission teams join in those efforts, helping to provide and improve basic necessities like health care and shelter where poverty and storm-related destruction and disease present daily hurdles to improved quality of life. We are also actively involved in the construction of a new church, the hub of the worship life and vital ministries of this growing church.

Health Care

DR 1 | \$25 Vitamins for a mother and baby for three months

DR 2 | \$50 Transportation costs for parents and child to specialty treatment at Santo Domingo Children's Hospital for six months

DR 3 | \$100 Purified water for family of four for three months

DR 4 | \$500 Dental hygiene for entire congregation for one year

DR 5 | \$1,000 De-worming medication for entire congregation for six months

Home and Church Construction

DR 6 | \$50 Paint for one house

DR 7 | \$100 Storm-resistant metal louver window

DR 8 | \$250 Supplies & labor for sanitary storm-resistant latrine

DR 9 | \$1,000 Supplies & labor for second bedroom for family of six

DR 10 | \$2,500 Supplies & labor for two-room house with indoor plumbing

DR 11 | \$100 A pew

DR 12 | \$250 A window

DR 13 | \$1,000 Landscaping and seeds to start a church garden

DR 14 | \$5,000 To complete wiring

DR 15 | \$10,000 Kitchen appliances to provide nutritious meals for church, school and community activities

DR 16 | \$25,000 To complete second floor of church building

Tuition

DR 17 | \$250 College tuition for one student for one semester

South Africa

St. Stephen's missionaries in South Africa, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, work with over 2,000 children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic, through the Isibindi Project. This program provides training for child care workers who check on families who have no parent or other adult, providing support to the very young "heads" of these households. Another component of the Isibindi Project is the establishment of "Safe Parks" where children can simply be children for a few hours after school each day. St. Stephen's and the Diocese of Virginia have provided financial support for these efforts, and each year, several parishioners make a pilgrimage to the townships of Alice, Ezebilini and Ilinge. The number of orphans in our care grows steadily.

Food

Often, the only food a child in our care will get on any given day is a nutritious snack or small meal provided at our Safe Parks.

SA 1 | \$25 Nutritious snack or meal for 50 orphans for a week

SA 2 | \$100 Nutritious snack or meal for a week for an entire Safe Park

School

To say that the local schools aren't much is an understatement. But it's the best these children have. School uniforms are required, but many newly orphaned children simply do not have access to uniforms. If a child does not get to school, he or she is much more vulnerable to violence and being socially ostracized. In addition, Monica, Heidi and the childcare workers frequently identify promising children who could break out of the cycle of poverty into which they were born, if only they had access to a better school.

SA 3 | \$50 School uniform and fees required for one orphan

SA 4 | \$3,150 Tuition, room and board, fees, uniform, and transportation for one promising orphan

Safe Park Structures

SA 5 | \$1,000 Safe Park with large shade structure where children can find shelter from stifling heat to do homework or play simple games

