

ABUNDANT Gifts



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From time to time, we might wonder what we can do to make a difference in the lives of others. Regardless of our individual circumstances, we have material advantages that most of the world's population cannot imagine. The 2017-2018 edition of our Abundant Gifts Catalog provides an avenue for making a significant impact on the lives of real people who may not have had the opportunities we have had, and to do so in a way that provides an alternative to the customary American practice of lavishing gifts on loved ones who probably don't need more material things.

If you are looking for a meaningful gift—for Christmas, birthday, or other occasion—for a relative or friend who doesn't need more material possessions, this catalog provides a way to do that. Please browse these pages and consider giving a gift that can make a world of difference to those in need.

Use the form in the center of this brochure to make your selections. Checks should be made payable to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Downloadable PDFs of this catalog and the order form are also on our Web site (ststephensRVA.org/abundantgifts). Questions: Deb Lawrence, dlawrence@ststephensRVA.org or 288.2867, ext. 329. A card will be sent to the recipient(s) informing them that your gift has been made in their honor.

Cover: A medical mission team travels to Azua in the Dominican Republic each year where doctors, dentists and other medical providers offer a week-long clinic at our partner church there.

VIRGINIA GIRLS CHOIR

The Virginia Girls Choir, founded at St. Stephen's in 2008, is an auditioned group of girls in grades three through twelve 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.

VGC1 | \$ 20 Cost of Christmas sheet music for one girl

VGC2 | \$ 45 Cost of a private voice lesson for one girl

VGC3 | \$150 Cost of Wednesday supper for a year for one girl

FAIRFIELD COURT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Stephen's and Fairfield School enjoy a close and fruitful partnership that includes direct involvement by many of our parishioners as lunch buddies, classroom helpers and other volunteer roles. 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.

FCS1 | \$ 5 Mini white board and dry erase marker for one student

FCS2 | \$10 Field trip sponsorship for one child

FCS3 | \$10 Whisper phone for K-2 reading fluency

FCS4 | \$10 Nurse's pack (pair of sweatpants, underwear for one child)

FCS5 | \$15 Headphones with microphone for literacy stations

FCS6 | \$25 Supply pack (supplies for one student)

FCS7 | \$30 Winter coat for one child

FCS8 | \$30 Set of books for classroom library

FCS9 | \$35 Hygiene pack (hand sanitizer, soap, tissues, disinfectant wipes)

FCS10 | \$40 4 "Grabber Tools" for school groundskeeping

FCS11 | \$40 Class set of primary composition journals for kindergarten

FCS12 | \$50 6-ft. folding table for school events

FCS13 | \$60 Set of marquee letters

PETER PAUL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Peter Paul Development Center provides an academic after-school and summer program for students in grades 2-12, parent programming, community engagement through Richmond Promise Neighborhood, twice-weekly daytime activities for senior citizens, and twice-monthly food distribution. The roots of the Episcopal Church are deeply planted in the center, and St. Stephen's relationship with Peter Paul is a longstanding and rich one. This marks the sixth year of an expansion program made possible by St. Stephen's to incorporate Peter Paul's after school program at nearby Fairfield Court Elementary School. The Fairfield expansion was a launching pad for a recent expansion into George Mason Elementary School for an after school program. In total, PPDC serves nearly 300 students (160 on-site, 60 off-site at Fairfield

Court Elementary School, and 60 off-site at George Mason Elementary School)

as well as their parents, 60 senior citizens, and more than 2,600 individuals who use the food distribution program. Your gift, large or small, helps Peter Paul transform the lives of families in Richmond's East End.



PPDC1 | \$25 Sponsor a student for a day of after-school programming at PPDC: transportation, nutritious meal, academic enrichment

PPDC2 | \$50 Christmas food box for one family

PPDC3 | \$80 A book for every student in a classroom

PPDC4 | \$138 Sponsor a student for one week of Summer Promise: transportation, five snacks, five lunches, and 30 total hours of summer fun, including eight hours of academic enrichment

PPDC5 | \$501 Sponsor a student for one month of after-school

programming: transportation, 20 nutritious meals, 32 hours of academic instruction, and 8 hours of enrichment activities
PPDC6 | \$1,104 Sponsor a student for 8 weeks of Summer Promise

ANNA JULIA COOPER EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School is an independent, faith-based middle school providing full-tuition scholarships to students of limited economic resources, primarily from Richmond's East End. Through a program focused on the whole child, the school helps empower students and graduates to change the trajectory of their lives, setting their sights on success in high school, college, and serving their communities. Anna Julia Cooper School values all staff, parents and volunteers as integral to its success as a school and a "community of affection."

- AJCES1** | \$10 Uniform sweatshirt for one student in need
- AJCES2** | \$20 Mid-morning snacks for one class for a week
- AJCES3** | \$25 School supply pack for one student
- AJCES4** | \$25 Gas card to help graduate families with transportation to high school outside the neighborhood
- AJCES5** | \$40 Case of copy paper
- AJCES6** | \$100 Gas for a school-wide field trip
- AJCES7** | \$200 Reward trip for monthly reading competition
- AJCES8** | \$300 Netbook computer for one student

AREA CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER IN SERVICE (ACTS)

ACTS is a Greater Richmond interfaith mission which provides support and resources to our neighbors in financial crisis, enabling them to live sustainable, self-sufficient and dignified lives. ACTS provides rent, mortgage and utility assistance as well as other support and resources or referrals to more appropriate agencies that make it possible for those in crisis to stay in their homes and avoid homelessness.

- ACTS1** | \$10 Care bag items such as personal hygiene, paper or cleaning supplies
- ACTS2** | \$17.50 Week's bus tickets for transportation to/from work
- ACTS3** | \$20 One week of gas and water
- ACTS4** | \$50 One week of electricity

ST. STEPHEN'S 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. Our food ministry 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.



Food Pantry: St. Stephen's food pantry provides nourishing foods to those in the community who cannot afford them. We collect non-perishable food for those in need, and each Monday afternoon from

1:00 until 3:00, we welcome individuals into our pantry to choose foods they need to feed themselves and their families.

FM1 | \$25 Feed a family of four for four days

FM2 | \$40 Feed a family of four for 10 days

FM3 | \$65 Feed a family of four for three weeks

Fruit Ministry: Fruit Ministry volunteers meet at church at 9 a.m. every Monday to sort and deliver fresh fruit to over 200 residents of Richmond's Gilpin Court neighborhood and Highland Park. Without this ministry, the people we serve would not have access to fresh fruit of any kind.

FM4 | \$20 Provide one week of fruit to five people

FM5 | \$35 Provide one week of fruit to 12 people

FM6 | \$60 Provide one week of fruit to 25 people

Sunday Community Suppers: Our Sunday Community Suppers have become a time for fellowship, delicious, healthy meals, and for some, the only nutritious food they will have all week. Those who can make a donation for their meal do so. These suppers are for all, however, regardless of the ability to make a donation. You can help bridge the gap with a gift in this area.

FM7 | \$10 Cost of providing one meal to someone in need who relies on this for their weekly nutrition

FM8 | \$40 Cost of providing a month's worth of Sunday Supper meals

National

DISASTER RELIEF

St. Stephen's mission teams travel each year to communities in our region and beyond to assist with relief and rebuilding efforts in areas hard-hit by natural disasters. This year has been particularly rough, with flooding and hurricanes devastating homes both near and far. We will plan trips for 2018 to help with clean-up and rebuilding in West Virginia, Texas and Florida. Your gift will help these communities and their residents return to life as it was before these disasters.

Construction Supplies and Tools

HR1 | \$25 Gift card to local home/building supply store

HR2 | \$50 Gift card to local home/building supply store

HR3 | \$75 Gift card to local home/building supply store

HR4 | \$100 Gift card to local home/building supply store



International

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

St. Stephen's has been involved in the Dominican Republic for many years, working with the local Episcopal diocese and other Episcopal leaders. Our relationships are focused in the southwestern city of Azua, where the partnered congregations of Reconciliacion and San Jorge provide basic necessities amidst a vibrant church life. Our mission teams join those efforts, helping provide and improve basic necessities like health care and shelter where poverty and disease present daily hurdles. We send a team of medical and dental professionals to Azua for a week each year, and senior high youth to run Vacation Bible School.

Health Care

- DR1** | \$25 Vitamins for a mother and baby for three months
- DR2** | \$50 Transportation costs for parents and child to specialty treatment at Santo Domingo Children's Hospital for six months
- DR3** | \$100 Purified water for family of four for three months
- DR4** | \$500 Dental hygiene for entire congregation for one year
- DR5** | \$1,000 De-worming medicine for entire congregation for six months

Home and Church Construction

- DR6** | \$50 Paint for one house
- DR7** | \$100 Storm-resistant metal louver window
- DR8** | \$250 Supplies & labor for sanitary storm-resistant latrine
- DR9** | \$500 Power inverter for the church during outages
- DR10** | \$1,500 Supplies & labor for second bedroom for family of six
- DR11** | \$2,500 Supplies & labor for two-room house with indoor plumbing
- DR12** | \$1,000 Landscaping and seeds to start a church garden

Tuition

- DR13** | \$250 College tuition for one student for one semester

ARGENTINA

Our missionaries Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega are living in a very poor part of northern Argentina where they are working closely with women and children suffering from violence and addiction. Many children become addicted as early as age eight, and Heidi and Monica are engaged in ministries to help people imagine and build a new plan for their lives.



- AR1** | \$25 Pack of toiletries for one woman involved in the program
- AR2** | \$25 Supplies for summer day camp for one child
- AR3** | \$25 Arts and crafts supplies for summer day camp
- AR4** | \$25 One week's snacks for five children at camp
- AR5** | \$100 Gas and maintenance for vehicle to transport mission supplies and camp children

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