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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support it needs and none of what it doesn't.

Your donation will be used where needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. (For example, a gift of vaccinations may be used to support other health care initiatives.) This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that it does. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the United States or abroad.



Popular Gifts!

Goat

With this gift, a family gets access to an ongoing supply of protein-packed milk and dairy products.

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Family farm

This gift can help a family get a fresh start.

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You can raise funds for this gift or others by collaborating with your friends, family or congregation!
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programmatic work.

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Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You'll receive a receipt of your gift for your records. For frequently asked questions and more information on the churchwide ministries featured in this catalog, please visit ELCA.org/goodgifts.

Your gifts
support
work in



countries.

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Chicks

Ten little chicks can make a big difference. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals – they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

\$10 Chicks



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Help the farm grow!



Add a rooster.
\$15

“ Money is no longer a problem. Even in this hard economy we are not starving. In case of shocks, we can sell some chickens. *—Silvester, Zimbabwe* ”

Family farm

Help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good. A cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to eat and sell, and tools and training to increase the harvest, this gift can make a big difference.

\$715 Family farm

Popular Gift!



Goat

Limited space to graze? Dry land? **Goats don't mind! Goats can go where other animals can't**, surviving in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. Fresh milk from a goat provides daily nutrition for children and their families. Plus, goats are incredibly quick to reproduce, providing an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others in their community.

\$50 Goat

Popular Gift!

Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

“ I am now able to support my family and able to send my seven children to school. *—Moses, Malawi* ”



Add some friends!



Goat and flock of chicks
\$60

Make it a pair!



A couple of goats
\$100

Go all out!



A herd of goats
\$300

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Piglet

This little piggy couldn't be a bigger lifesaver. This gift is a source of natural fertilizer, helping a family's crops grow tall and strong. If needed, a pig can be sold at market for funds to pay children's school fees or cover an emergency trip to the clinic. That's like money in the bank.

\$30 Piglet



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance



Cow

One dairy cow can produce a few gallons of milk each day. Milk provides a calcium-packed source of nutrition for growing children, and a family can generate income by selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. With food, funds and fertilizer, the gift of a cow has got it all.

\$500 Cow

\$50 Share of a cow

Fish farm

Give your neighbors a fish, and they'll eat for a day. Give your neighbors a community fish farm, and they'll eat for a lifetime. A fish farm starts with a pond, training and a few fast-growing fish such as tilapia. Soon the pond can provide the community with a longtime supply of fish, rich in vitamins, minerals and protein.

\$250 Community fish farm

\$50 Share of a fish farm



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

Honeybees

These busy bees didn't get their reputation as hard workers for nothing! **Support families and healthy honeybee colonies with this buzzworthy gift.** Honeybees provide honey to eat and beeswax to transform into handcrafted soaps and candles, allowing a family to start a small business selling their products. As an added bonus, these little bees boost crop growth on the farm by pollinating plants everywhere they go.

\$20 Honeybees



Grow a garden!

\$220 Honeybees + community vegetable garden

Find out more about the community vegetable garden on page 14.



"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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At an average cost of \$2,500, a spring box is one of many types of water projects supported by your gifts. Water wells can range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 or more, depending on the location and cost of materials.



Simple water well

One of the biggest challenges to overcoming poverty is lack of access to clean water. **With a simple well, or spring box, as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water.** Communities are healthier. People spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children have time for work and school. Talk about a future filled with hope!

\$2,500 Simple water well

\$250 Share of a safe water project

Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

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With this new well ... the water is better and clear, clear. This water fountain brought relief to us. We are isolated, and with this good water, we can help families who are without.

—Sirlei, Brazil

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Water filter

When safe drinking water just isn't available – especially in times following emergencies or natural disasters – **a simple ceramic water filter is a lifesaver.** Capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals, a water filter is a powerful, reliable way to provide safe water when it's needed most.

\$30 Water filter



Irrigation system

Many farmers around the world rely on rainwater to nourish their crops. **When the rain doesn't fall, an entire community can be vulnerable to drought and hunger.** Irrigation systems, coupled with training and maintenance, can help vulnerable farmers and their families become more resilient to the impacts of climate change and give them the tools to protect their water supply.

\$100 Portion of an irrigation project

Sean Hawkey/ACT Alliance

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Latrine

When you gotta go, you gotta go. But a startling 2 billion people around the world lack access to basic sanitation, including toilets. Without facilities, contamination of the local water supply and food chain make far too many people sick from preventable diseases. **A new latrine, along with training to help with maintenance and hygiene, leads to a much healthier community,** not to mention a safer way to take care of business.

\$150 Latrine

Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

Start a small business with a microloan

A woman may have the necessary leadership skills to realize her dream of owning a small business, but without savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge.

A microloan can be just what a woman needs to start her business – weaving, baking or running a storefront, for example – to create a steady source of income and help her family overcome poverty. As she repays the loan, the funds are reinvested in a cooperative so that the cycle of giving will continue and its impact will grow.

\$125 Microloan for a woman



Paul Jeffrey/Life on Earth

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I have opened my own restaurant because I am passionate about cooking. I really welcome this initiative because we women are satisfied with daily credit to build our businesses so we can meet our family needs like food, health and education.

–*Khady, Senegal*

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Sean Hawkey/Life on Earth

Send a woman to farmers' field school

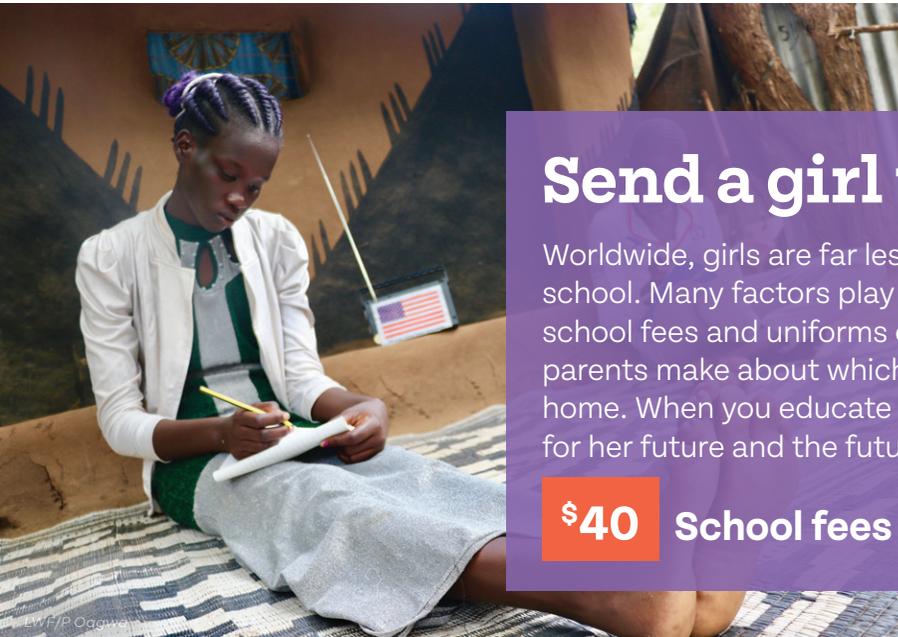
Women are the force behind half the world's food production, but they don't always enjoy the same access to land, supplies or education as their male counterparts. **According to one estimate, if female farmers around the world had equal access to these resources, the resulting food production would put a significant dent in the number of people living with hunger.** With an opportunity to attend farmers' field school, women can learn the latest advances in agriculture, marketing and leadership, and help nourish their families and communities.

\$75 Farmers' field school for a woman

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN



Send a girl to school

Worldwide, girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. Many factors play into this, yet helping families with school fees and uniforms can eliminate the difficult choice parents make about which child goes to school and which stays home. When you educate a girl, you open a world of opportunity for her future and the future of her family and community.

\$40 School fees and uniform for a girl



Computer for a community center

Your gift of a computer for a community center can help students who don't have access to technology at home do their schoolwork and learn tech skills that will prepare them for the future.

\$800 Computer for a community center

Internet connectivity for students

Internet access can open a world of learning, allowing children to continue their education even at home – a key step in ending hunger and poverty for them and their communities.

\$100 One month of internet connectivity for students



School supplies

Imagine being denied the chance to attend school just because your family can't afford school supplies. This is the case for far too many children around the world. Your gift of notebooks, paper and pencils provide the building blocks for a brighter future.

\$10 School supplies for a child

\$300 School supplies for a classroom



Environmentally friendly cookstove

Traditional cooking stoves can burn a lot of wood and fill small homes with dangerous smoke that leads to a host of health problems for families. More efficient stoves can burn a variety of fuels, produce less smoke and maintain heat better, which means families burn less wood and face fewer health risks.

\$105 Environmentally friendly cookstove

Albin Hillert/Life on Earth

AGRICULTURE



Community vegetable garden

Start with a shared plot of land and soil, add drought-resistant seeds, and top it off with tools and training. The result? Plenty of tomatoes, potatoes, cabbage, beans, cassava and other vegetables to go around. Extra produce can be sold for income, with the garden's members using their shared profits to reinvest in and expand the garden.

\$200 Community vegetable garden

Fruit-tree seedling

Certain fruit trees – such as mango, orange and guava – are known to thrive in the driest of conditions, even drought. These low-maintenance trees represent an investment in the community that can span generations, protecting the soil from erosion and providing vitamin-packed fruit to children and adults alike.

\$10 Fruit-tree seedling

\$150 Fruit tree farm

Seeds and gardening tools

Help a new gardener grow! New tools and equipment – along with seeds and comprehensive agricultural training – can help a family start their own small garden, improve their daily nutrition and increase their earning power.

\$50 Seeds and gardening tools



“ When [we received] the fruit grafts and vegetable seeds, we were joyful. We couldn't buy the seeds or the seedlings and didn't know how to care for and plant some things, so that work was significant. From there, we could multiply our seeds ourselves.

–Terri, Brazil

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HEALTH CARE



Hygiene kit

We all know that hand-washing is an important way to stay healthy and control the spread of disease, including COVID-19. But in many communities, critical supplies such as soap, bleach and even water are scarce. A hygiene kit provides sanitation supplies and education for households, schools, clinics and other public spaces. It's a simple yet powerful way to protect our most vulnerable neighbors and save lives.

\$25 Hygiene kit

Personal protective equipment

Protect frontline health care workers and other essential program staff from COVID-19 and other diseases with supplies such as face masks, gloves and disinfectant. This gift cares for the caretakers, protecting them as they serve others.

\$25 Personal protective equipment

Food for orphans and vulnerable children

A nutritious diet is important to a child's health. **Foods high in protein and vitamins help keep tummies full and immune systems strong.** Your support reminds children who have lost one or both parents that someone cares.

\$25 Nutrition for a child for one month

\$300 Nutrition for a child for one year



Mosquito net

In many places around the world, **just one bite from an infected mosquito can transmit malaria and lead to serious illness or death.** A mosquito net treated with long-lasting insecticide and accompanied with education on its proper use can protect those most at risk – especially small children and older adults – from this life-threatening disease.

\$10 Mosquito net

\$20 Mosquito nets for a family

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Health care for a child

When a child feels sick or needs a checkup, no parent should have to choose between a visit to the clinic and food for the family. Spare a parent or caregiver this difficult decision and offer them peace of mind by covering the cost of a visit.

\$10 Clinic visit for a child

Vaccinations for a child

Every 20 seconds, a child dies from a vaccine-preventable disease, such as measles, polio, tetanus and tuberculosis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Immunizing a child is one of the best ways to make sure that they stay healthy – and that their family avoids the medical costs associated with treating these illnesses – for years to come.

\$30 Vaccinations for a child

Stock a health clinic

Just one week of supplies can help treat hundreds of people. Diagnostic tests, antibiotics and treatments – for everything from common colds to malaria, tuberculosis to HIV and AIDS – are among the basic supplies every clinic needs to treat patients and save lives.

\$75 Stock a health clinic for a week



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually

we are members one of another.”

Romans 12:5

Support a refugee family

Lutherans are known for their work with refugees, from managing some of the world’s largest refugee camps to leading resettlement efforts. These camps shelter people who have fled war and violence, and food supplies help them stay healthy after a long, dangerous journey to safety.

\$50 Feed a refugee family for one week

\$200 Feed a refugee family for one month



Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance



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Warm blankets

Share love and warmth by giving a blanket to a survivor of an emergency or natural disaster. Blankets and other supplies are distributed to those who have lost their homes and belongings, providing comfort, rest and a reminder that someone cares.

\$10 Blanket



New!

Counseling and care

After the immediate danger of a disaster has passed, emotional and spiritual care can help heal the trauma inflicted by a crisis. Peer-to-peer, group or individual counseling can provide survivors with hope and healing.

\$160 Week of trauma counseling

\$640 Month of trauma counseling



Popular Gift!

Bibles for the growing church

Share the message of Christ’s love. Support fast-growing Lutheran churches with Bibles – sometimes in brand-new translations – and support God’s people as they study and share the word.

\$12 Bible

“[Jesus] said to [his disciples], ‘Go into all the world and *proclaim the good news to the whole creation.*’”

Mark 16:15



Motorbike for a pastor

How beautiful are the feet (and the wheels) that bring **good news!** With a reliable source of transportation, pastors in rural areas can greatly increase the size of the community they serve. Motorbikes help church leaders share the message of God’s love in Jesus Christ with people in the most remote villages and communities.

\$375 Motorbike for a pastor



LWF/Albin Hillert

Sunday school start-up kit

Care for God’s little ones by nurturing their faith. With lessons, supplies and teaching aids, you can equip fast-growing communities of faith with Christian educational materials that make the gospel accessible to children of all ages.

\$65 Sunday school start-up kit

LEADERS AND CHANGE-MAKERS



Help a woman leader make a difference

Our global companion churches have identified young women who excel in their studies and show great potential to lead their communities. They just need financial support to continue their schooling. **That's where you can play a role – by offering a scholarship and a spot in one of our ELCA colleges or universities** to complete a young woman's education in business, women's rights, peace studies or some other subject. After their education, these women return to their home countries ready to assume important leadership roles. You can play a key role in a young leader's story, and one day we'll all benefit from what she shares with the world.

\$100 Scholarship support for an international woman leader



Equip an entrepreneur with vocational training

Vocational training centers prepare people for new job opportunities, teaching such in-demand trades as mechanics, welding and carpentry. **New skills and access to materials equip individuals with the resources and confidence they need to begin new careers and launch their own businesses**, earning more income and accumulating wealth for their family and future generations.

\$75 Vocational training

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The thought that I will become a pastor in the ELCA is more than exciting – to me it is a fulfillment of a spiritual call to serve, learn and share God's love in the world. Without the Fund for Leaders, I would not be attending seminary. It represents to me the unequivocal support and belief of the church body in myself and the other recipients.

–Tori, ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient



Send a future leader to seminary

The future of this church rests on the next generation of leaders. By providing scholarship support to outstanding candidates for seminary, you can help future pastors and deacons graduate with less student debt, serving wherever the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

\$150 One week of tuition for one seminary course

\$600 One month of tuition for one seminary course

\$2,500 One semester of tuition for one seminary course

HELP AT HOME

Stock a backpack with food

More than 30 million children in the United States depend on school meal programs to stay well-nourished and ready to learn. But on weekends, many children struggle to maintain the same nutrition level at home. Backpack programs across the country help students at risk of hunger by discreetly stocking their backpacks with a weekend's supply of food each Friday afternoon and sometimes over holidays. That way, children – and their families – have a couple days of healthy meals and snacks to get them through the weekend and back in the classroom ready to learn!

\$10 Stock a backpack with food



“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,

for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16

Warm meals at a soup kitchen

Whether people are looking for refuge from the streets or a little extra help to get by, a warm meal and a seat at the table can go a long way. Your gifts help support soup kitchens across the country, many of which are organized by ELCA congregations, as they serve up meals to people in need. More importantly, they help connect guests to resources, addressing long-term needs and helping to overcome hunger, poverty and homelessness.

\$20 Feed 10 people at a soup kitchen

\$100 Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen



New!

Housing for vulnerable youth

Rejection by family and other hardships can drive LGBTQIA+ youth into homelessness and increase their risk of suicide. A safe place to stay while getting connected to resources can help vulnerable young people set themselves on a path of healing and stability.

\$50 One night of shelter for a vulnerable LGBTQIA+ youth

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Personal and household necessities for disaster survivors

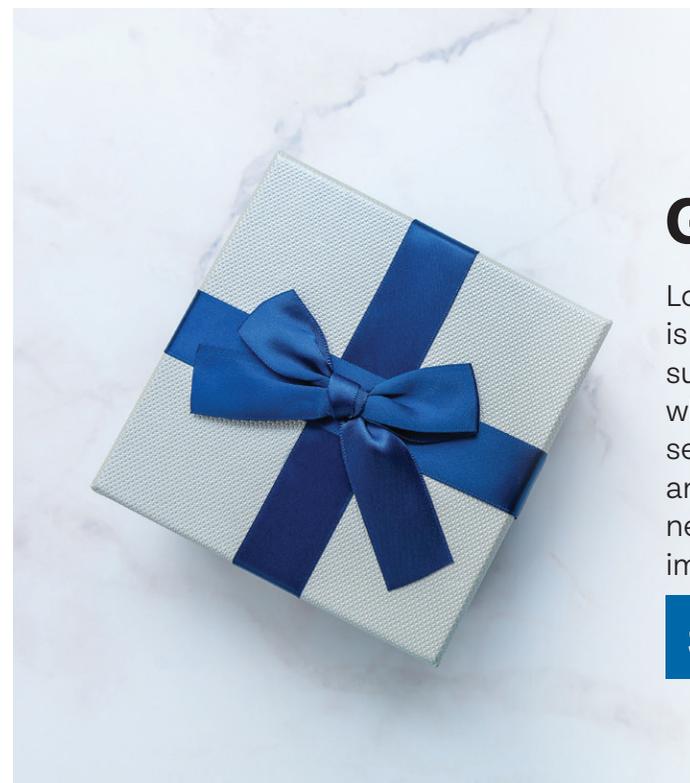
Food, new clothes, housewares and toiletries can greatly help a family struggling in the aftermath of a natural disaster, especially when they have no place to call home. When emergency crews leave and media attention fades, our church stays. This gift reminds a family that they haven't been forgotten.

\$200 A month's supply of necessities

Give where needed most

Looking for a meaningful way to give where the need is greatest? This gift is for you! Your unrestricted support will allow the ELCA to respond where and when its help is needed most, starting new ministries, sending missionaries, training leaders, engaging youth and young adults, sharing the gospel and serving our neighbors. With one gift you can make a sweeping impact, reaching far and wide to share God's love.

\$ any amount





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