

Bring this shopping list to the Fair and get a free raffle ticket!

Attend one of the DC Area Alternative Gift Fairs in person! They are fantastic community events. And if you can't make it, you can participate by mail or electronically.

17th Annual Takoma Park – **Sat, Dec 5, 12-4pm**, 310 Tulip Ave, 3 blocks from Takoma metro

8th Annual Nat'l Edu Assoc – **Wed, Dec 9, 1130a-230pm**, 1201 16th Street, NW, DC - 3 blocks from Faragut North, 4.5 from Faragut West.

5th Annual Takoma Park Farmer's Market Tent – **Sun, Dec 13, 10a-2p.** – at Laurel and Carroll Ave (just a table and volunteers – see above for main events)

MAIL IN SHOPPING METHOD: by Dec 16th (or 19th)!

1. Please print out the shopping list(s) - page 2 below. (You can reuse the back of one-side used paper. And use "Shrink to fit" to print on regular letter paper.)
2. Fill in the shopping list and calculate the total payment amount. Now for the detailed version...
 - Work left to right first, for each gift multiply the price of the gift times quantity to get the total for each line.
 - Then work top to bottom, combine all gift totals and any "round up" or other gift fair donation for the "grand total". (If you have Kid's List items, add them to a main shopping list.)
3. Send your completed form and check, made out to "AGGW", and mail it to:

Mimi Ikle-Khalsa, 6719 Conway Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Please postmark all shopping lists by December 16th (or hand deliver by Dec 19th) so we can send back your inserts before the holidays.

4. Include a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) - use a 4.5x6 or larger envelope if you don't want your gift inserts folded.

ELECTRONIC/PAYPAL METHOD: by Dec 19th!

E1: Follow steps 1 and 2 above, either on paper or on a device.

E2: Use Paypal.com to "send money" to AGGW_inc@yahoo.com for the total amount.

E3: Also send an email to the same email address, with your list of gifts "ordered" (how many of which items), and your phone number and address.

These steps should be completed by Dec 19 if you want inserts mailed back to you before the holidays.

That's it! We will send back the inserts describing the gift and organizations for every gift you purchase (unless noted that you don't need them or don't need all of them) along with your receipt to keep for tax purposes. Thanks and Have a Great Holiday!

Mimi, Jim B, Geoff, Steve S, Steve W, Jill, Jim G, SJ, Jamie, Tim, Lulu and many more volunteers...

Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, Inc. (AGGW)

AGGW was founded on the premise that sometimes the most thoughtful gift you can give someone is a donation to charity in their honor. Alternative gifts fill direct and tangible needs at home and abroad, such as books for children in transitional housing or a water filter for a family in Haiti. Family members and friends are touched to know that the gift they have just received will have a very real and meaningful impact on people and communities in need.



Beneficiary organizations who offer their gifts at the annual holiday fairs address some of the most pressing problems in our world today. They are working to eradicate poverty and hunger, provide disaster relief, shelter the homeless, give children access to education, attend to medical needs and protect our environment.

Inspired by the work of [Alternative Gifts International](#), AGGW sponsors alternative gift fairs in the Washington, DC area. AGGW also works to spread the word about opportunities to visit the many gift fairs and markets in the DC region. At an alternative gift fair, a shopper finds causes to match the interests and passions of everyone on their holiday shopping list. AGGW grew out of the [Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair](#), which started in 1999 and has been held annually since then. In 2004, the project evolved into an incorporated, nonprofit organization governed by a board of directors. AGGW has helped several smaller fairs to organize in the area and served as their fiscal agent.

In 2011, the founding Board members turned over the reigns of AGGW to a new, Takoma Park-Based Board that is eager to continue and expand the community's support for the ideals of Alternative Giving.

– Mimi Ikle-Khalsa Co-Chair; Jim Baird Co-Chair; Sat Jiwan Ikle-Khalsa, Secretary; Geoff Maxson, Treasurer; Steve Whitney, Guiding Light; Email us at aggw_inc@yahoo.com or visit www.AGGW.org

	Donations All Fairs	AGGW Proceeds*		
2014	\$30,326	\$1,029		
2013	\$27,900	\$639		
2012	\$28,500	--	Typical Range of Income Per Org	\$500-\$2000
2011	\$28,973	\$824		
2010	\$29,487	\$833	Total Orgs 2001 thru 2014**	Over 100
2009	\$21,069	\$1,157		
2008	\$33,206	\$862	Avg # of Orgs @ TP Fair/year	16-18
2007	\$30,977	\$858		
2006	\$35,359	\$341		
Totals	\$265,797	\$6,543		

* AGGW raises funds for our operating expenses (the website, event supplies, food, printed materials, covering credit card fees so orgs get 100%) from the sale of bake sale items, raffle tickets, gift cards and round up donation.

** Organizations may participate only 2 out of 3 years in a row.



2015 Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair "Shopping List"



CASHIER COPY

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS			# Gifts	Line total	# Gifts	Line total
Bikes for the World	\$7	An all-purpose bike tool to make essential repairs	A		A	
(Various)	\$25	A bicycle collected, restored, & delivered to a qualified non-profit program	B		B	
	\$45	A bike repair tool kit for a micro-entrepreneur mechanic	C		C	
Co-partners of Campesinas	\$10	School supplies for an indigenous Guatemalan child	D		D	
(Guatemala and	\$30	Transportation fares to enable a rural student to get to school for a month	E		E	
El Salvador)	\$50	Four training classes to increase earning skills of a rural woman/youth	F		F	
Little Sisters Fund	\$10	40 lined notebooks for disadvantaged Little Sisters in Nepal	G		G	
(Nepal)	\$25	A year of books and school supplies for a Little Sister in Nepal	H		H	
	\$50	A girl's uniform, books, shoes, and school supplies for a year	I		I	
LOCAL/DOMESTIC ORGANIZATIONS						
CCI Health & Wellness Services	\$10	A pack of baby onesies for a low income pregnant mom	J		J	
	\$25	Baby "board books" for five low income moms	K		K	
	\$70	A newborn welcome bag full of baby essentials for a low income family	L		L	
Christ House	\$10	A nutritious dinner for seven homeless patients	M		M	
	\$30	Metro Smart Trip cards for five patients to get to medical appointments	N		N	
	\$40	A two-week supply of sterile bandages for wound dressings	O		O	
Crossroads Community	\$10	One week of fresh, local veggies for a low income family	P		P	
Food Network	\$40	One month of fresh, local veggies for a low income family	Q		Q	
	\$100	Half a market season of fresh veggies for a low income family	R		R	
Dance Place	\$10	Beads, paint and paper for an Energizer in the Creative Arts Summer Camp	S		S	
	\$30	Ballet & tap shoes for an aspiring young Energizer dancer	T		T	
	\$50	Metro fare for teens to visit UMD campus for tour and lecture on college prep	U		U	
FreeMinds Book Club	\$15	A poetry book for a youth charged as an adult at the DC Jail	V		V	
	\$30	Three book club selections for a youth at the DC Jail	W		W	
	\$75	One reading and writing workshop for a youth on probation	X		X	
Friends of Kenilworth	\$10	Garden tools, bulbs, and other supplies for volunteers	Y		Y	
Aquatic Gardens	\$25	Supplies for a student at Spring break camp (bug boxes, binoculars etc)	Z		Z	
	\$50	Enabling a local youth to participate a nature photography workshop	AA		AA	
Hilltop Microfinance	\$10	Marketing materials to promote a low--income DC business	BB		BB	
Initiative	\$30	A financial coaching session for a low--income DC entrepreneur	CC		CC	
	\$50	A matched contribution to a DC small business loan (eg: a fridge)	DD		DD	
Hoopoe Books Share	\$12	4 illustrated children's story books to help disadvantaged early readers	EE		EE	
Literacy (ISHK)	\$30	A Read Together workshop for 8 mothers in transitional housing	FF		FF	
	\$40	12 Read Together kits and a Guide to effective family literacy practices	GG		GG	
MUSST	\$35	Assisting a TP/SS neighbor to afford prescription medicine	HH		HH	
	\$40	Assisting a TP/SS neighbor facing utility disconnection to pay their bill	II		II	
	\$50	Assisting a TP/SS neighbor threatened with eviction to pay their rent	JJ		JJ	
Project Youth Artreach/ Class Acts Arts	\$10	10 Lbs. of clay for pottery workshops for incarcerated youth	KK		KK	
	\$25	Blank journals for 10 incarcerated youth in Literature Club	LL		LL	
	\$50	A West-African drumming workshop for incarcerated youth	MM		MM	
Shepherd's Table	\$10	Socks and underwear for 10 homeless people of TP/SS	NN		NN	
	\$40	A Saturday or Sunday brunch for 10 homeless people from TP/SS	OO		OO	
	\$50	Dinner with all the fixin's for 12 people from Takoma Park/Silver Spring	PP		PP	
SisterMentors	\$15	A journal for a girl of color to record her thoughts and feelings	QQ		QQ	
	\$30	A Social Skills and Leadership Workshop for a girl of color	RR		RR	
	\$60	A Four-day College visit for a girl of color	SS		SS	
Star Gazing Farm	\$5	A box of fresh spring greens to feed rescued rabbits and guinea pigs for a day	TT		TT	
Animal Sanctuary	\$20	Straw bedding to keep the animals warm in winter	UU		UU	
	\$50	A week of hay for a flock of elderly sheep, goats, alpacas and a horse	VV		VV	
Kids List	Enter Kids List Total Here. (Staple kids receipt to the slip.)			KT		KT
	GIFT SUBTOTAL			GS		GS
	\$2.00 -- Cards and Envelopes		CE		CE	
<i>*Support events like this in the future →</i>	\$3.00 -- CHARITY Cards		C2		C2	
	Round up for the Alternative Gift Fair Fund: \$5 \$10 \$25 other			GF		GF
**GRAND TOTAL (make check out to 'AGGW' or 'Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, Inc.')			GT		GT	
*If you've enjoyed this experience and would like other people to be able to attend such an event, please make a round up donation of any size!						
**Gifts & contributions are tax-deductible; the cards are not. This shopping list serves as your receipt.			Date		Date	
Sponsored by Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, www.AGGW.org with support from the Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, TP Child Development Center, Girl Scout Troop 1456 and the local community.			Chk# or Credit/cash?		Chk# or Credit/cash?	
			Cashier Initials		Cashier Initials	
			Receipt Number		Receipt Number	

