

## Mail-In Shopping Instructions: by Dec 13<sup>th</sup> (or 15<sup>th</sup>)!

If for some reason you are not able to join us for a fair, please follow the instructions on how you can still support great non-profits and the Alternative Gift Fair by mailing in your selections and payment. Don't let missing an event stop you from giving gifts that truly make a difference for people & communities in need.

1. Attend one of the fairs in person! They are fantastic community events. And if you can't make it...
2. **Please print out the shopping list** - page 2 below. (You can reuse the back of one-side used paper.)
3. **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". (Sorry, the Kid's List and cards are not available for mail-in shopping.)
4. **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 13th (or hand deliver by Dec 15th)** so we can process your requests in time to include disbursement checks to the organizations.

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

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, Geoff, Steve, Sat Jiwan, and more Takoma Park volunteers...

## Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, Inc.

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 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](mailto:aggw_inc@yahoo.com)

	Donations All Fairs	AGGW Proceeds*		
2010	\$29,487	\$833	Range of Income Per Org	\$400-\$1900
2009	\$21,069	\$1,157	Total Organizations since 2001**	86
2008	\$33,206	\$862	Avg # of organizations @ TP Fair	16-18
2007	\$30,977	\$858		
2006	\$35,359	\$341		
Totals	\$150,098	\$4,051		

\* AGGW raises funds for our operating expenses (the website, event supplies, food, printed materials) 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.

**2011 Takoma Park Alternative Gift Fair "Shopping List"**

**CASHIER COPY**

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS			# Gifts	Line total	# Gifts	Line total
<b>Bikes for the World</b>	\$10	An all purpose bike tool to make essential repairs	A		A	
(various)	\$25	A bicycle collected, stored, & delivered to a qualified non-profit program	B		B	
	\$45	A bike mechanic starter kit suitable for rural settlements	C		C	
<b>Blue Mountain Project</b>	\$10	Lunches for 5 children attending Fun Camp	D		D	
(Jamaica)	\$25	The monthly electric bill to keep a health clinic operating	E		E	
	\$50	School supplies for one child for a year	F		F	
<b>Co-partners of Campesinas</b>	\$10	School supplies to ensure attendance of an indigenous child	G		G	
(Guatemala, El Salvador)	\$20	Transportation money to help a rural youth continue school	H		H	
	\$50	Four training classes to increase rural women's earning skills	I		I	
<b>Project Muso/</b>	\$5	A week of food aid to stabilize expenses while launching a small business	J		J	
<b>Dining for Women</b>	\$30	Materials for financial management training workshop for microfinance participants	K		K	
(Mali)	\$50	A fixed asset, e.g. goat or sewing machine, to a woman to launch a small business	L		L	
<b>Pueblo a Pueblo</b>	\$15	School lunch for 50 Mayan children	M		M	
(Guatemala)	\$30	Medical and dental checkups for 10 Mayan children	N		N	
	\$50	Six new children's books for the school library	O		O	
LOCAL/DOMESTIC ORGANIZATIONS						
<b>Art for the People</b>	\$15	A pane of "fusing glass" for a Senior to make a glass bowl	P		P	
	\$20	A set of brushes for a severely autistic teenager to express him/herself	Q		Q	
	\$50	An hour-long art class for 15 homeless people	R		R	
<b>Crossroads Farmers Market</b>	\$10	One week fresh, local vegetables for a low-income family	S		S	
aka Crossroads Community Food Network	\$40	One month fresh, local vegetables for a low-income family	T		T	
	\$100	A summer of fresh, local vegetables for a low-income family	U		U	
<b>Dance Place</b>	\$10	5 tickets for schoolchildren to see a professional dance performance	V		V	
	\$25	One week of art supplies and snacks for our afterschool program	W		W	
	\$50	One Outreach dance class for 10-20 underserved youth	X		X	
<b>Free Minds</b>	\$10	One journal & dictionary for a newly incarcerated youth at the DC jail	Y		Y	
<b>Book Club &amp; Writing Workshop</b>	\$30	Two SAT prep or vocational training books for a youth coming home from prison	Z		Z	
	\$48	A book-a-month for 4 months for a youth transferred to a federal prison	AA		AA	
<b>HealingWorks</b>	\$10	Supplies for 4 acupuncture sessions for wounded soldier, family member, caregiver	BB		BB	
	\$25	An ear acupuncture session for wounded soldier, family member or caregiver	CC		CC	
	\$35	A bodywork session for wounded service member, family member or caregiver	DD		DD	
<b>The Holiday Project</b>	\$10	A dozen stuffed animals to accompany holiday hospital and nursing home visits	EE		EE	
	\$40	A month of tech services for (unpaid) staff to recruit and organize 400-500 volunteers	FF		FF	
<b>Homeless Children's</b>	\$15	Art supplies for 5 children in family shelters	GG		GG	
<b>Playtime Project</b>	\$30	Healthy snacks for 40 children in a family shelter	HH		HH	
	\$50	Metro transportation for 15 children on a field trip	II		II	
<b>Hungry for Music</b>	\$5	A recorder (a good starter instrument) for a disadvantaged child	JJ		JJ	
	\$35	One hour of professional music instruction for a low-income child	KK		KK	
	\$75	A Fender acoustic guitar for an underprivileged child	LL		LL	
<b>(LRC) Legal Resource Center</b>	\$5	Relocation guides disseminated to state-wide organizations and others	MM		MM	
<b>on Violence Against Women</b>	\$20	A bus ticket or transportation costs for a victim traveling to a custody hearing	NN		NN	
	\$50	Translating printed advocacy materials into other languages (i.e. Spanish)	OO		OO	
<b>M.O.M.I.E's TLC</b>	\$10	School Supplies Kit to support Academic time in the After School Program	PP		PP	
	\$30	A set of Great Persons History Books for M.O.M.I.E's history curriculum	QQ		QQ	
	\$75	One month van transportation to visit other schools, community centers & field trips	RR		RR	
<b>S.A.F.E.</b>	\$4	One youth to attend the end-of-season pizza party celebration	SS		SS	
<b>(Smart Activities for</b>	\$25	Half the cost for one Y.E.S. participant to attend the annual college tour	TT		TT	
<b>Fitness &amp; Education, Inc.)</b>	\$85	A group lesson for 6 kids, ages 7-12, at College Park Tennis Ctr in the winter	UU		UU	
<b>SEEC - Seeking Equality,</b>	\$15	A holiday gift appropriate for a person with developmental disabilities	VV		VV	
<b>Empowerment, &amp; Community</b>	\$25	A professional fitness session for a person with significant disabilities	WW		WW	
	\$50	A job skills class for a person with developmental disabilities	XX		XX	
<b>Shepherd's Table</b>	\$10	Sets of new underwear and socks for three clients	YY		YY	
<b>(TPPC)</b>	\$20	Six dinner meals	ZZ		ZZ	
	\$40	One pair of prescription eye glasses	A3		A3	
<b>SPCA/HS</b>	\$10	Food for a hungry animal for a week	B3		B3	
<b>of Prince George's County</b>	\$20	Basic immunizations for rescued animal	C3		C3	
	\$45	Spaying/neutering one cat in the shelter	D3		D3	
<b>Washington DC</b>	\$15	The chance to skate on the National Mall for a child	E3		E3	
<b>- Inner City Outings</b>	\$25	Swimming at Beaver Dam Swim Club for a child	F3		F3	
<b>(Sierra Club)</b>	\$50	An overnight camping trip for a child	G3		G3	
<b>Kids List</b>	Enter Kids List Total Here. (Staple kids receipt to the slip.)			KL		KL
	<b>GIFT SUBTOTAL</b>			GS		GS
<b>*Support events like this</b>	<b>\$2.00 -- Cards and Envelopes</b>		CE		CE	
<b>in the future</b> →	<b>Round up for the Alternative Gift Fair Fund: \$5 \$10 \$25 other</b>			GF		GF
	<b>**GRAND TOTAL (make check out to 'AGGW' or 'Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, Inc.)</b>		GT		GT	
*If you've enjoyed this experience and would like other people to be able to attend such an event, please make a donation of any size!						
**Gifts and contributions are tax-deductible; the cards are not. This shopping list serves as your receipt.						
 Sponsored by <b>Alternative Gifts of Greater Washington, www.aggw.org</b> with support from the <b>Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Friends of Sligo Creek</b> and the local community.			Date		Date	
			Check # or cash?		Check # or cash?	
			Cashier Initials		Cashier Initials	