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MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

This Holiday Wish Book provides individuals and families in our community with a unique opportunity to support local non-profit organizations with grants of \$2,500 or less. Each grant will provide support for tangible items needed by each organization. Wishes are described in detail so you decide where your support is best given. This year's listings offer a range of worthy organizations and wishes—from veterinary care to bedding for homeless shelters, to textbooks to weather balloons. Browse the pages and find the wish that your heart tells you to help fulfill.

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www.pittsburghfoundation.org/my_fund.

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Descriptive Audio Technology for Blind and Low-Vision Patrons

Wish Amount: \$2,500

BRICOLAGE PRODUCTION COMPANY

www.bricolagepgh.org

Bricolage immerses artists and audiences in adventurous theatrical experiences that foster connections and alter perceptions. Performances put the audience at the center of the action by removing barriers that prevent audiences from participating in Bricolage's unique productions.

Wish Request: This equipment will allow patrons who are blind or have low vision to have their needs met so that they can enjoy our productions.

- Transmitter @ \$690
- 4 Receivers @ \$790
- Charge Tray @ \$320
- Adapter @ \$100
- Soundproof Panels/Glass @ \$600

Population Served: Patrons who are blind in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

Music Education and Production Equipment for 'Creation Station'



Wish Amount: \$2,400

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

www.eecm.org

East End Cooperative Ministry's Children & Youth Programs inspire youth to work toward a brighter future. Programs help youth succeed in school, make healthy decisions, explore new interests, set goals and value themselves. Music education programs empower youth to use their skills to give back and create positive change in their generation.

Wish Request: Creation Station empowers youth by teaching performing and media arts in preparation for post-secondary education and careers in art, music, and technology. The portable music equipment will allow our programs to integrate more music creation and appreciation into our regular youth curriculum.

- 8 Yamaha 76-key Ultra-portable keyboards @ \$2,400

Population Served: Neighborhoods in Pittsburgh's East End.

Equipping the Children's Education Center

Wish Amount: \$2,460

FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER

www.TheFrickPittsburgh.org

The Frick is a historically important cultural asset that provides benefits to an average 125,000 visitors from Allegheny County and beyond each year. It is the region's only organization dedicated to the interdisciplinary goal of illuminating the art, history, architecture and culture of Pittsburgh during the 19th- and early 20th-century.

Wish Request: The Education Center will house the Frick's education programs in a wholly-renovated facility, which will include three flexible classrooms equipped with internet access and age-appropriate amenities. These supplies will expand our educational capacities and enrich the learning experiences we offer adults and children.

- 100 "sit-upon" cushions for students @ \$1,000
- Wire Cable Systems for displaying children's artwork @ \$910
- Tables and chairs @ \$550

Population Served: People in Allegheny County and surrounding regions.

Bringing Dance to an Unlikely Audience

Wish Amount: \$2,400

MARY MILLER DANCE COMPANY

www.MaryMillerDanceCo.org

Since its inception, Mary Miller Dance Company has been strongly committed to bringing performances to where the people are. Performing in all manner of public places, looking for ways to offer people moments in their days to get up and move themselves or to take a moment to enjoy the movement of others.

Wish Request: This assistance will cover rental costs for a rooftop production entitled "Heels Over Head" in which dancers will be filmed live, while their images are being projected onto the side of an adjoining building. This will be a free, public performance of modern dance and live music to give every person the opportunity to experience the arts.

- Camera to provide live-feed of dancers @ \$400
- LCD Projector will project dancers onto wall @ \$1,800
- Projection Lens for projector @ \$200

Population Served: Shares the magic of movement and technology with the people of Pittsburgh.



Sound System for Travelling Performance Troupe

Wish Amount: \$2,500

NEW HORIZON THEATER, INC.

www.newhorizontheater.org

New Horizon Theater, Inc. was founded with the mission to bring to the greater Pittsburgh area consistent, high-quality cultural events, reflecting the African-American points of view, and to provide an ongoing venue for ethnic writers and performers to further their professional development. Outreach programs impact students and their families as well as persons with various physical, mental, and emotional challenges.

New Horizon is visible and consistent and provides a source of culture and art to the community by delivering live stage productions on a regular basis.

Wish Request: A public address system will be purchased to enhance the quality of the productions. Since New Horizon does not currently have its own performance space, productions are staged at various locations such as community centers and small theaters.

- Public Address System @ \$700
- Microphones at mid-level price range \$450 x 4 = \$1,800

Population Served: Serves a general population including students, underserved students and their families in the East Liberty area of Pittsburgh.



Microphones for Middle School Drama Club

Wish Amount: \$2,134

PENN-TRAFFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

www.penntraffordfoundation.org

Penn-Trafford Community Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the educational experience of students of the Penn-Trafford School district and its community through the support of innovative and creative projects. The organization challenges teachers to submit grant ideas that engage and challenge themselves and their students beyond the core curriculum. The Middle School Drama Club productions enhance the arts focus of the larger objective of encouraging a robust STEAM curriculum (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) in and out of the classroom.

Wish Request: Audio equipment is needed to improve the quality of production.

- 4 Sennheiser Wireless Headset/Headworn Microphones @ \$45.99 each = \$183.96
- 3 Sennheiser EW Wireless Microphone Systems @ \$649.95 each = \$1949.85
- 100 "sit-upon" cushions for students @ \$1,000
- Wire Cable Systems for displaying children's artwork @ \$910
- Tables and chairs @ \$550

Population Served: Trafford Middle and Elementary Schools (538 students), two plays per year plus 10 other performances.



Performance Mirrors for Youth Dance

Wish Amount: \$2,500

PITTSBURGH MUSICAL THEATER

www.pittsburghmusicals.com

Pittsburgh Musical Theater (PMT) produces professional musical theater at the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh's Cultural District. Quality musicals with affordable seats for all, especially students, families and young children, underline a critical organizational mission. PMT has just purchased the former James Center Building in the West End Village to serve as its new home. The facility has theater and studio spaces with room for partners that will deepen its roots in the community.

Wish Request: The theater is expanding the early childhood development programs. Building upon an already successful "Broadway Juniors" program (4 to 7 year olds), a ballet, "Plies and Pirouettes," is being added. The wish is for performance mirrors in classrooms that will enhance the experience for our youngest students. They deserve to see the beautiful work they are doing.

- 15 Wall Mounted Ballet Mirrors @ \$200 each

Population Served: West End Village, Allegheny, Washington, Beaver, Pittsburgh.



Health and Safety for Metal Working Studio

Wish Amount: \$2,497

SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

www.contemporarycraft.org

Society for Contemporary Craft (SCC) engages the community in creative experiences through hands-on workshops in its education center. As Pittsburgh looks to the Maker Movement as an economic and social driver for the region, SCC is at the forefront by hosting local and visiting artists to teach workshops and provide scholarships to diverse audiences.

Wish Request: Although generously equipped with tools in the past, SCC's metals studio now has safety and space issues that must be addressed. These improvements are imperative because they fulfill OSHA requirements, replace antiquated equipment, and organize the space for improved safety and management.

- Chemical Cabinet @ \$346
- Eyewash Station @ \$57
- Crock Pot @ \$40
- Ultrasonic Cleaner @ \$60
- Jeweler's Benches @ \$1,994

Population Served: More than 450 adults and youth from the Pittsburgh region participate in workshops annually.

Ballet Program Essentials



Wish Amount: \$2,500

STAGE RIGHT SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

www.stagerightgreensburg.com

Stage Right School for the Performing Arts is dedicated to bringing affordable, high-quality, arts education and entertainment to Westmoreland County and the surrounding areas. In addition to bringing joy and entertainment to the community, students of the program are also finding success in their pursuits of attending the best colleges and universities in the country.

Wish Request: Stage Right is creating a new ballet room which will host regular classes and Master classes in the upcoming year.

- Sound System for room @ \$750
- Ballet Bars for the room at different heights @ \$500
- Portable Stage for practice performances @ \$1,250

Population Served: Westmoreland, Indiana, Fayette and Allegheny counties children ages 5 to 18.

Musical Instruments for At-Risk Children



Wish Amount: \$2,500

WESLEY SPECTRUM SERVICES

www.wesleyspectrum.org

Wesley Spectrum's K-9 school combines strong academics and behavioral health care for students at risk for school failure due to one or more educational or behavioral health reasons, including Autism, Learning Disabilities and Social/Emotional Disturbance. Wesley Spectrum uses a holistic approach to provide transformational support for children and families as they strive to become more independent, responsible and caring members of the community.

Wish Request: Music education at the elementary school level builds critical neural pathways and provides an opportunity for essential nonverbal communication which is vital for young people.

- World Percussion Instruments @ \$355
- Classical and Acoustic Guitars @ \$385
- Chromatic Alto Joia Tubes @ \$375
- Orff Instrument Set @ \$1,185
- Keyboards (portable) @ \$200

Population Served: Children grades K-9 across Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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Vests for Safety and Identification in Disasters



Wish Amount: \$2,499

AMERICAN RED CROSS

www.redcross.org/pa/pittsburgh

The Red Cross of Western Pennsylvania responds to individuals during a disaster when they have lost everything, perhaps even a loved one. The organization provides vital emotional, financial and physical support to victims of disaster and tragedy by addressing their recovery needs so they can regain some sense of normalcy in their lives.

Wish Request: The Red Cross of Western Pennsylvania Region is in need of 147 Disaster Vests that are used by volunteer and staff responders in the field to assist clients. They help identify the responders, as well as keep them safe during disaster operations.

- 147 Disaster Vests @ \$2,499

Population Served: Allegheny, Washington, Greene and Fayette Counties.

Books for Preschool and School Age Children



Wish Amount: \$2,500

C C MELLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

www.ccmellorlibrary.org

Quality children's services have always been a priority for CC Mellor Library. The library offers a collection of over 13,000 items (annual circulation 35,402), a trained staff to help with reader's advisory and extensive programming for preschool and school-aged children and their caregivers (annual attendance 3,472).

Wish Request: CC Mellor Library seeks to purchase and make available approximately 168 recently published children's books at an average price of \$12.95. Children from infancy through 6th grade would benefit from the following new materials:

- Picture Books
- Early Readers
- Fiction for Elementary School Students
- Non-Fiction for Preschool and Elementary School Students

Population Served: Children in the Woodland Hills School District.

Make Koenig Field Playground Wheelchair Accessible

Wish Amount: \$2,450

EDGEWOOD FOUNDATION

www.edgewoodfoundation.org

Since 1984, the Edgewood Foundation has promoted and sponsored events to bring neighbors together. In this modern world, that sense of community is hard to come by. Community gathering spots help give people a sense of belonging, emotional safety, and personal investment which aids in making our community stronger for generations to come.

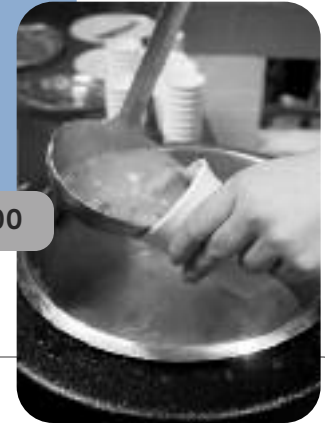
Wish Request: Wheelchair-accessible furniture will enable people of all abilities to be together. This furniture will make Koenig Field more wheelchair-accessible, encourage children to use the playground and to exercise more, and invite people to spend time together.

- 3 wheelchair-accessible picnic tables @ \$2,190
- 1 portable picnic table mover with wheels @ \$260

Population Served: Edgewood Borough residents of all ages and their families.

Restocking Community Center with Much-Needed Supplies

Wish Amount: \$2,500



FOCUS ON RENEWAL

www.forstorox.org

Focus On Renewal (FOR) is a critical source of hunger assistance for the Sto-Rox community. In this uncertain economy, these services are needed more than ever. Since the Community Center receives no regular financial assistance, FOR must raise the funds to keep the Community Center open five days a week. On average, Focus On Renewal serves 200 families at the food bank and 40–60 individuals for lunch each weekday.

Wish Request: With constant use by staff and community members, supplies and other expendables frequently run short. The funding of this wish will aid in addressing shortages in key supplies and equipment.

- Industrial floor scrubber @ \$869
- Commercial microwave @ \$300
- Pots and pans @ \$265
- Silverware @ \$200
- Cold beverage dispenser @ \$40

Population Served: Sto-Rox community.

Clean and Green Mobile Infrastructure



Wish Amount: \$2,224

GTECH STRATEGIES

www.gtechstrategies.org

ReClaim, one of GTECH's core programs targets vacant land as a platform for comprehensive redevelopment and creates a more engaged citizen base through its programming. GTECH-on-the-Go events are a vital part of ReClaim's community engagement process to enable creativity and ownership of vacant land reclamation with community members.

Wish Request: GTECH is seeking mobile infrastructure to clean and green vacant lots with communities. On the day of a GTECH-on-the-Go event, GTECH arrives with resources to clean a vacant lot with neighborhood volunteers.

- 1 Solar-Powered Generator @ \$1,495
- 20 pairs of work gloves @ \$40
- 6 six ft folding tables @ \$270
- 12 Pruners @ \$287
- 8 Shovels @ 132

Population Served: Communities in Allegheny County; 2014-2015 events will serve Pittsburgh's Northside, Homestead and McKeesport.

Beds for Beaver County Homeless

Wish Amount: \$2,000

LUTHERAN SERVICE SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

www.LSSWPA.org

Crossroads is the only men's shelter in Beaver County. Before it existed, those seeking shelter were directed to surrounding counties, where (even if travel was covered) the shelter still might turn them away. Today, the Lutheran Service Society provides the shelter and local resources to prevent emergency homelessness from becoming chronic homelessness.

Wish Request: Contributions towards the purchase of 20 new cots for our growing number of guests of Crossroads Emergency Shelter. The cots are essential to providing overnight shelter to the growing number of homeless who are turning to our shelter for help.

- 20 Cots @ \$2,000

Population Served: Beaver County's Homeless.

Job Training Supplies for Aspiring Machinists



Wish Amount: \$2,256

NEW CENTURY CAREERS

www.ncsquared.com

New Century Careers offers free in-demand machinist skills training; including job placement assistance for unemployed and under-employed individuals providing a pathway into a manufacturing career. New Century seeks to improve the lives of individuals through the development of the necessary skills which can lead to good quality, family wage jobs and careers.

Wish Request: Access to text book resources is especially important for trainees with barriers to prepare for industry certification exams and success.

- Precision Machining Technology Textbook:
20 @ \$84 each = \$1,680
- Shop Reference for Students and Apprentices Textbook:
20 @ \$20 each = \$400
- T130X IIS Calculator:
16 @ \$11 each = \$176

Population Served: Unemployed and under-employed individuals in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Providing Clean, Affordable Cars to Low-Income Workers



Wish Amount: \$1,010

NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

www.nhco.org

The Community Auto Program of North Hills Community Outreach is a unique initiative for helping low-income working families who struggle to access reliable transportation. With cuts to local public transportation, it's essential to get people into cars so they can get to jobs. With cars, people can get more hours and better jobs. The low-cost cars Community Auto provides change lives and help contribute to a more promising future for individuals and the community.

Wish Request: Donations will purchase supplies so Community Auto volunteers can clean and detail the often dirty vehicles donated to the program. Having additional supplies will save money while enabling the creation of clean vehicles so working people can purchase cars with dignity.

- Canister vacuum with blower and attachments @ \$200
- 30 Armor All @ \$150
- 30 Leather Protector spray @ \$150
- 20 Chamois @ \$300
- 30 Turtle Wax @ \$210

Population Served: Low-income working people in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.



Outfit a New Community Meeting Space

Wish Amount: \$2,200

SHARPSBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY

www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org

Sharpsburg Community Library provides low and moderate income families with access to high quality materials, programs and services that they are not able to afford on their own. The library staff and volunteers teach early literacy skills, provide a safe place for teens after school and assist with online job searching and applications.

Wish Request: Contributions for the purchase of equipment and window coverings for the Sharpsburg Community Library's new Community Room where community members gather for library programs, organizational meetings and social functions. The new Community Room would be the only public meeting space in Sharpsburg. The requested items are necessary for the space to be fully functional.

- 1 portable projector @ \$650
- 1 mobile multimedia cart @ \$270
- 1 electric 60" x 80" projection screen @ \$200
- 8 blackout shades @ \$1,100

Population Served: The residents of Sharpsburg.

Hosting Community Open Microphone Nights

Wish Amount: \$2,222

WILKINS SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER

www.wscpcgh.org

The Wilkins School Community Center has been organized to grow and sustainably maintain a center for community activity and civic pride by promoting educational, recreational and cultural programs. The Open Mic Night removes cost barriers for participation in the arts and encourages a broader level of community participation.

Wish Request: Contributions toward a sound system where anyone can perform music, poetry, dance, comedy, storytelling, performance arts. This is a place for artists of all backgrounds and ages to come together, share, connect, gain experience. Nonperformers attend at no cost.

- 3 stage stands \$66.20
- 3 Speaker cabinets \$1,140
- 2 Speakers \$179
- 3 Microphones \$297
- Mixer \$539.99

This on-site capacity will eliminate the costs associated with rental equipment while adding a student-run afterschool opportunity.

Population Served: Numerous cultural organizations and individuals of all ages in Swissvale, Wilkinsburg, Pittsburgh, Edgewood and beyond.

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Enabling Frail Seniors to Continue Reading

Wish Amount: \$2,250

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

www.aclalibraries.org

The Allegheny County Library Association uses a senior services bookmobile to bring library services into senior facilities for people who are physically unable to visit a library building. Residents can browse a small collection, put books on reserve, and request special titles through inter-library loan. Reading provides lifelong learning and enjoyment, and one way to enable that for seniors is through a variety of supportive technologies. Listening to an audio book or reading on a lightweight e-reader stimulates intellectual activity and helps prevent memory loss.

Wish Request: Since print size or a book's weight can prevent some seniors from reading, the Bookmobile seeks to offer a menu of modern options so seniors can continue to enjoy the benefits of reading and lifelong learning.

- 15 Audio players @ \$50 each
- 5 e-readers with resizable text and text to sound options @ \$100 each
- Expanded audio book collection \$1,000

Population Served: 44 senior living facilities within Allegheny County (2013 circulation = 30,945).

Encouraging Science and Math through Robotics



Wish Amount: \$2,500

GIRLS OF STEEL ROBOTICS

AT CMU'S FIELD ROBOTICS CENTER

www.girlsofsteelrobotics.com

Girls of Steel Outreach Program brings together students (boys and girls), mentors, and adults from several counties in Western PA. The goal is to get students excited about science and math by learning how to build robots. CMU's program includes a subset of activities specifically designed to recruit girls.

Wish Request: Contributions towards CMU's facility in the Strip District designed to accommodate hundreds of students that meet to learn how to design and build robots for competition. These additions will help make the space safer and more conducive to learning and innovation.

- 4 Work tables @ \$800
- 4 Lighting fixtures @ \$200
- Power tools and hand tools @ \$500
- Lumber to rebuild practice field @ \$500
- Carpeting for a 30' x 60' field @ 500

Population Served: Middle school and high school students in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Wish Amount: \$2,450

GED Preparation Text Books and Calculators



GREATER PITTSBURGH LITERACY COUNCIL

www.gplc.org

GPLC transforms lives through education. As adults strengthen their skills, they gain the confidence needed to earn their GED, enroll in college or training programs, as well as find meaningful employment. This enables them to break from poverty and become better employees, parents and members of the community.

Wish Request: The cost of GED preparation materials can create obstacles for the men and women we serve, many of whom are low income. By covering this cost, you eliminate this barrier, helping them move forward to a better future. As materials are reused as much as possible, these text book/calculator sets will help dozens of students reach their goal of earning a GED.

- 25 GED Preparation Book Sets @ \$2,000
- 25 Test Calculators @ \$450

Population Served: Men and women in Allegheny County.

Financial Literacy Course in High-Needs High Schools



Wish Amount: \$2,500

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

www.jawesternpa.org

Junior Achievement is a youth development organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing youth to succeed in our global economy and community. JA's vision is to empower young people to own their economic success. JA's mentors educate students about financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work-force readiness, through experiential, hands-on programs.

Wish Request: We will provide every student in Junior Achievement's Money 101 course, The Missing Semester, with a free workbook. The course provides an overview on the essentials for making wise financial decisions and gaining financial freedom. The goal of the course is to help students recognize the importance of building a strong financial foundation, how to prepare for the unexpected and confront future challenges.

- 357 "The Missing Semester" workbooks @ \$7 per book.

Population Served: High-needs high schools in Allegheny and surrounding counties including Propel Braddock Hills, Baldwin, Riverview, Chartiers-Houston.

Exploring the Atmosphere and Near Space

Wish Amount: \$750



PITTSBURGH URBAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

www.pucs.org

Pittsburgh Urban Christian School prepares children from diverse economic, racial and cultural backgrounds for academic success in high school while instilling in them a sense of responsibility to the community and building strong moral character. More than 55% of students reside in failing school districts; more than half need financial aid.

Wish Request: Scientific exploration fuels imagination; STEM programs expose children to new ideas, allowing them to see possibilities, gain new perspectives, and think critically to solve problems. Wish Book funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to gather and analyze weather and atmospheric data for classroom experiments and activities.

- 800 gram helium filled weather balloon @ \$275
- Weather instruments and materials including Arduino with thermometer and altimeter @ \$120
- GPS tracking module @ \$125
- GoPro video camera, \$200; and parachute @ \$30

Population Served: Children from Wilkinsburg, Penn Hills, Woodland Hills, East Liberty and the Pittsburgh area.

Wish Amount: \$2,500

Afterschool Cooking Program



PROPEL SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

www.propelschools.org

Propel is meeting a crucial need—the provision of a high performing public education option for every child. Propel is educating students from underserved communities in a holistic fashion that encourages their academic and personal achievement. The comprehensive Afterschool Program provides a safe, familiar, high-quality environment for learning and enrichment.

Wish Request: Propel would like to expand and improve the cooking and nutrition component of the After-School Program. This activity will help educate young people on making healthy diet choices and introduce them to different methods of food preparation. A mobile mini-kitchen with related curriculum will benefit K-8 students attending Propel Braddock Hills Elementary Afterschool Program.

- 1 mobile cooking cart @ \$2,500

Population Served: This school serves students from several school districts including Woodland Hills, Pittsburgh Public and Wilkinsburg.



Contribute to an Oral History Project for Young Adults

Wish Amount: \$2,150

SLB RADIO PRODUCTIONS, INC.

www.slbradio.org www.neighborhoodvoices.org

SLB Radio Productions, Inc. (SLB) uses radio and audio to encourage, amplify, share and archive the ideas, stories, and feelings of children, youth and families. As part of this mission, SLB conducts oral history programs connecting youth and adults in under-resourced neighborhoods throughout Greater Pittsburgh. Richly designed and replicated 20+ times, these programs help students sharpen listening, speaking and technical skills as they interview neighborhood adults. Students also draw inspiration and hope as they hear, archive and share these stories.

Wish Request: Three field kits for youth to use as they record oral histories from neighborhood adults. Each kit is \$750:

- 1 Zoom H6 Recorder @ \$400
- 2 Sennheiser E835 microphones/cables @ \$80
- 1 ART Headphone Amp with 4 AKG Headphones @ \$180
- 1 case @ \$90

Population Served: Children and youth in under-resourced school districts and community centers in Greater Pittsburgh.

Tablets for Afterschool Program

Wish Amount: \$2,500



SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

www.shim-center.org

South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) is a human services organization dedicated to providing the resources and support necessary for struggling families to achieve self-sufficiency. One of the services SHIM provides is an after-school program called Kaleidoscope Klub for children in grades K–5. Nearly 50% of these children are making the transition from living in a refugee camp overseas, to moving to the United States, learning English and acclimating to our customs.

Wish Request: SHIM would like to purchase digital tablets to use in Kaleidoscope Klub. Young people will have the ability to work on STEM Projects (Science Technology Engineering Math) with tutors each day on site as well as utilize the tablets for creative and school-based assignments.

- 11 Tablets @ \$229

Population Served: South Hills Communities/Baldwin and Whitehall.

LIGHTS, CAMERA,
ACTION!
Help Low-Income
Students Shine!

Wish Amount: \$2,500

THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY

www.theneighborhoodacademy.org

The Neighborhood Academy is Pittsburgh's only private, independent college-preparatory school geared to serving low-income youth. 100% of graduates matriculate to four-year universities. 85% graduate in five years or less (surpassing the national average: 11% in six years or less). 90% of college graduates are fully-employed. The Neighborhood Academy helps drive economic change and social mobility in our community.

Wish Request: Inner-city students can develop a “can’t do” attitude. Performing arts provides a novel opportunity for allowing students to discover talents, confidence, sense of self and teamwork. By supporting a dramatic arts program, students can experience the “can do” attitude, a cooperative effort, the success of group over self, and the rewards of stretching beyond one’s comfort zone. Materials for 75 students include:

- Scripts/music @ \$1,100
- Set Construction @ \$550
- Costumes @ \$450
- Equipment Rental @ \$400

Population Served: High school age youth from the Pittsburgh area.



Supporting Literacy
on the North Side

Wish Amount: \$2,448

URBAN IMPACT FOUNDATION

www.uifpgh.org

The Urban Impact Foundation focuses on helping at-risk children, youth and families in a holistic manner by meeting their academic, physical, social and spiritual needs. Urban Impact helps transform lives in the community by helping participants become responsible members of the community and mature followers of Christ.

Wish Request: Serving alongside teachers inside the Pittsburgh Public Schools via our Literacy Support program, the funded materials will help reinforce the key building blocks of literacy being taught in the classrooms.

- Level Books for Kindergarten @ \$599
- Level Books for 1st Grade @ \$599
- Level Books for 2nd Grade @ \$525
- Level Books for 3rd Grade @ \$525
- 12 Magnetic Letter Tile Sets for grades K, 1, 2 @ \$200

Population Served: Youth on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

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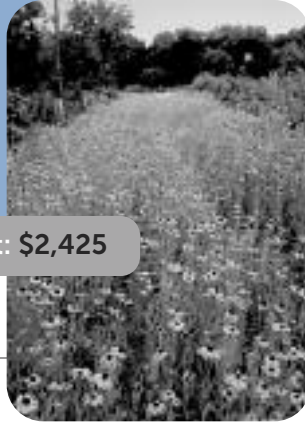
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Dam Removal and Trail Restoration

Wish Amount: \$2,425



CHZ COMPOSTING AND EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

www.chzcomposting.org

CHZ is a collaborative effort between the municipalities of Cranberry Township, Harmony Borough and Zelienople Borough to combine resources and create a showplace destination for the preservation of the common environment. The focus of this effort is a site on property owned by Zelienople and located in Jackson Township. When complete, the nearly 40 acre site will be a nature preserve and arboretum for plants, birds, and wildlife and serve as an outdoor classroom.

Wish Request: An unused dam on Scholars Run, owned by Zelienople Borough, will be removed cooperatively by the Borough, PennDOT and CHZ volunteers. Volunteers will also sow the seed and plant the native trees, but need funds to purchase seed, saplings and benches.

- 14 Pounds native seed @ \$700
- 33 Native assorted trees and shrubs @ \$300
- 1 Bench with back and 3 backless benches @ \$1,425

Population Served: Southwestern Butler County, and portions of Beaver and Lawrence Counties.

Raised Garden Troughs to Benefit Seniors and Children

Wish Amount: \$2,457

GREENSBURG GARDEN CENTER

www.greensburggardencenter.com

Horticulture education and conservation of the environment are necessary, especially to the young, to promote respect for nature, conservation of natural resources and the understanding of the interaction of plants, insects, animals and human beings and their dependency on each other to promote a better world.

Wish Request: Gardening activities promote a healthier lifestyle for aging members and encourage interaction with younger members through educational workshops and classes. Current outdoor planting areas are at ground level. Raised troughs would enable seniors with aging knees to participate in gardening activities with no bending. Children's workshops could be conducted outside; tents provide protection from sun or rain.

- 3 Tents with drop sides @ \$597
- 5 Troughs @ \$1,385
- 15 Cement Pads @ \$225
- Mushroom Compost @ \$250

Population Served: Westmoreland County and the surrounding areas; all ages.

Building and Protecting Sustainable Trails



Wish Amount: \$1,730

HOLLOW OAK LAND TRUST

www.hollowoak.org

Hollow Oak protects and connects green space by acquiring land and providing environmental stewardship. Volunteers build miles of sustainable trails each year, establishing new connections among parks, and building conservation areas and other green spaces. Past work has resulted in conservation areas and greenways that preserve wildlife habitat while also increasing public access to nature.

Wish Request: Contributions to Hollow Oak Land Trust empower volunteers from schools, businesses and the community to build and maintain sustainable trails, while also recognizing and protecting their good work. Heavy duty tools are essential for volunteers to build and maintain sustainable trail. Trail cameras will also be installed to protect against ATV and motorcycle damage.

- Trail Tools (25) @ \$830
- Trail Cameras, locks & cables (5) @ \$400
- Volunteer Recognition T-shirts (100) @ \$500

Population Served: Western Allegheny County: Moon, Coraopolis, Franklin Park, Kennedy, Robinson, North Fayette.

Low/No-Cost Spay and Neutering for Cats



Wish Amount: \$2,500

HOMELESS CAT MANAGEMENT TEAM, INC.

www.homelesscat.org

The mission of the Homeless Cat Management Team is to lead the way to ending overpopulation of companion animals in the Pittsburgh area by providing high-volume, high-quality, low-cost sterilization. Since the organization does not have a shelter, its work is conducted in the field by a staff of approximately 950 volunteer cat caregivers. The organization is composed almost entirely of volunteers, and its sole focus is on cats. To date, the organization has completed 16,579 critically needed surgeries, surgeries that would otherwise not have happened.

Wish Request: Feral/Pet Cat Package for 50 Cats (25 male and 25 female)

- Surgery with antibiotic/pain meds, rabies vaccine, frontline, ear mite treatment if needed and mandatory ear tip) 50 cats x \$30 each = \$1,500
- Safeguard traps including back door 20 x \$50 each = \$1,000

Population Served: City of Pittsburgh, in particular, 29,750 individuals and families residing in below poverty level households.

Edible Schoolyard at Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8



Wish Amount: \$1,678

LAWRENCEVILLE UNITED

www.lunited.org

Believing that strong public schools benefit the entire community, Lawrenceville United's PEP Rally program supports and strengthens our neighborhood schools through community-supported initiatives and parent engagement. This work expands opportunities for students, improves public confidence in our schools, and creates meaningful partnerships between schools, families, and community. The school garden will be a huge step forward in developing an environmental theme for Arsenal and expanding "green" opportunities for its students.

Wish Request: Contributions to fund an edible school garden at Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8.

- Supplies to germinate seedlings in science class @ \$407
- Supplies to construct raised garden bed @ \$406
- Soil and fertilizer for garden @ \$671
- Tools to maintain garden @ \$194

Population Served: The students and their families of Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8.

Create a Giving Garden



Wish Amount: \$2,477

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.queenofangelssch.org

The mission of Queen of Angels Catholic School is to provide a quality education for its students, while also instilling in them a willingness to serve. This project will help them learn about plant biology while serving the neediest of the population. Equally important, it is essential that students recognize needs in their communities and realize that their efforts can make a difference. Creating a Giving Garden can contribute to that important lesson.

Wish Request: Contributions toward Queen of Angels' Giving Garden will provide first hand learning opportunities for every grade within the science curriculum, and valuable experience cultivating and donating vegetables to the Sunshine Soup Kitchen in McKeesport.

- Indoor Growing Towers @ \$1,977
- Gardening Tools and Soil @ \$400
- Edible Plants and Seeds @ \$100

Population Served: 230 students, age 2-14 in McKeesport.

Veterinary Care for Therapy Horses



Wish Amount: \$2,500

RIDING FOR THE HANDICAPPED OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

www.rhwpa.org

Riding for the Handicapped of Western PA provides therapeutic riding instruction at no cost for over 100 children. Each child receives a 45 minute riding lesson weekly from April through October. These lessons improve core strength, balance, social interaction, confidence and independence to mentally and physically challenged children.

Wish Request: Care and concern for the health of our horses is a vital step in creating the safe and welcoming environment that is so beneficial to our young riders. Each horse needs annual check-ups as well as attention to injuries or ailments that arise. Funding for veterinary support will enable RHWPA to continue providing a rewarding therapeutic experience at no cost to families in the region.

- Veterinary care for ten horses @ \$ 250

Population Served: Youth from Allegheny, Butler, Beaver and Westmoreland Counties.

Supporting Water Patrol on our Three Rivers



Wish Amount: \$2,500

THREE RIVERS WATERKEEPER

www.threeriverswaterkeeper.org

Three Rivers Waterkeeper serves as a scientific and legal advocate for the health and protection of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers. It is the only organization with boats on the three rivers with the specific purpose of identifying pollution incidents and holding those polluters accountable. Working with a variety of community, regional and state partners, Three Rivers enhances our partner's water monitoring with our scientific analysis, evaluation of pollution threats, community engagement and enforcement of clean water laws.

Wish Request: Maintaining a presence on the rivers is a vital aspect of The Three Rivers Waterkeeper mission. To accomplish this task, the organization relies on a small collection of boats and kayaks, which are vital for conducting visible monitoring and patrols in areas where the threat to water quality is greatest. Since patrols are conducted in all weather, funding will provide protective and transport gear that helps ensure our ability to execute river patrols.

- Simms Dry Suits \$900
- Sagebrush Waterproof Gear Bag \$225
- Marine Batteries \$350
- Boat Motor Oil and Lubricants \$275
- Thule Xsporter Rack \$750

Population Served: All communities touching the three great rivers of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Keeping Cats Clean and Comfortable



Wish Amount: \$1,920

WESTERN PA HUMANE SOCIETY

www.wpahumane.org

The Western PA Humane Society is Pittsburgh's oldest animal shelter. As an open door shelter, no animals are turned away, regardless of age, breed, size or health. The organization finds homes for thousands of homeless pets each year while providing important services that enrich the lives of people and their pets.

Wish Request: The Western PA Humane Society adopts out thousands of cats and kittens each year. Cats need clean, comfortable areas to live in. Stainless steel litter pans are easy to clean and keep cats and cleaning staff healthy and comfortable. In addition to the organization's shelter, Western PA Human Society also utilizes offsite adoptions venues such as PetSmarts and Petcos.

- Stainless steel litter pans for our cats and kittens

Population Served: Western Pennsylvania.

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Children's Therapy Kits for Mobile Clinicians

Wish Amount: \$1,975

ALLEGHENY CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

www.pfq.org

Allegheny Children's Initiative works with children and adolescents experiencing behavioral and mental health challenges. Children at the Initiative struggle with various types of issues including self injury behaviors (i.e. cutting), bullying, depression, autism and more. The organization's goal is to keep the family unit together.

Wish Request: Allegheny Children's Initiative provides mental health services in the home, at school or after school. Mobile clinicians need tools to serve kids on the go. These versatile "kits" provide flexibility and options for the clinicians. The addition of 25 Mobile Therapy Kits would greatly enhance the capacity of the program.

- 25 bags @ \$375
- 25 colored pencils, crayons, markers @ \$250
- 50 board games @ \$550
- 25 puzzles @ \$200
- 25 stress balls @ \$100
- 25 stickers, paper, scissors, glue @ \$250
- 25 Ugame pocket edition @ \$250

Population Served: Provides services to children and adolescents who reside in communities throughout Allegheny County.

Birthday Present Cheer



Wish Amount: \$2,000

BEVERLY'S BIRTHDAYS

www.beverlysbirthdays.org

The mission of Beverly's Birthdays is simple—to celebrate homeless youth on their special day and to create long lasting positive memories for them and their families to cherish. Beverly's Birthday believes it is essential that our homeless youth know that they are not forgotten on their birthday.

Wish Request: Contributions to fulfill teen birthday wishes by providing birthday celebrations for children living in homeless shelters in the Pittsburgh region.

- 50 birthday presents for the children at Mercy Behavioral Health @ \$1,000 (\$20/gift)
- 50 birthday presents for the children at The Bradley Center @ 1,000 (\$20/gift)

Population Served: Children at Mercy Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh. Children at The Bradley Center in Robinson.

Diaper Bank for Families in Need



Wish Amount: \$2,400

CASA OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

www.pgh-casa.org

CASA's mission is to ensure that every child has a safe, supportive and permanent home by providing volunteer advocacy for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the child welfare system.

Wish Request: Funding to purchase diapers for 40 children under the age of 2 on an ongoing basis, as well as for those children who are late to potty-train due to developmental delays. Funding provides diapers for delivery during home visits. Eliminating this stress helps families better respond to children's needs and decreases abuse.

- Average cost per child per month @ \$60
- Monthly cost for 40 children @ \$2,400

Population Served: Abused and neglected children within Allegheny County.

Replace Wooden Beds at Youth Housing Shelter

Wish Amount: \$2,500

THE CHRISTIAN HOME OF JOHNSTOWN, INC.

www.CHJCares.org

The Christian Home is a nonprofit, non-sectarian agency that provides emergency shelter and residential services for at-risk adolescent youth ages 10-19. Christian Home provides a lifeline to children through a safe, caring, nonjudgmental environment with individually tailored programs to help them acquire the skills needed to develop into well-adjusted, productive young adults.

Wish Request: We would like to replace our wooden bed frames. The current wooden bed frames provide hiding places for bedbugs that arrive in new resident personal belongings. Metal bed frames help prevent infestation.

- 5 Metal Beds @ \$2,500

Population Served: At risk adolescent youth ages 10 to 19 years from 13 Pennsylvania counties.



Emergency Beds Program for Children in Need

Wish Amount: \$2,420

CHRISTIAN LAYMAN CORPS

www.christianlaymencorps.com

The Christian Layman Corps serves southwestern Pennsylvania by providing needy families with food, clothing, household items, and furniture. The CLC's various outreach programs work to serve the community and provide assistance to those in need.

Wish Request: The Emergency Bed Program provides a needy child with a bed. Each bed set costs \$110. Children can be without a bed for a variety of reasons such as a domestic abuse, a parent's joblessness, or children sharing a bed. This program started in 2012 and has already given away 217 beds. Since every child deserves to have a bed to sleep on, this program works to make sure that these children have this basic necessity.

Population Served: Westmoreland County.

Safe Transportation for Homeless Children

Wish Amount: \$2,421

FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

www.familypromiseswpa.org

Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. By partnering with congregations who open their hearts and the doors of their churches to host families, Family Promise delivers safe shelter, compassionate care and intensive case management at less than a third of the cost of a traditional shelter.

Wish Request: Purchase of nine Diono Radian RTX compact car seats to eliminate loss of van seating space while safely transporting multiple children and adults between the Family Promise day centers and our partner churches, where families are hosted for dinners, evenings and overnights. Radians, with their high safety rating and COMPACT design, will enable Family Promise to transport (and therefore, serve) to our maximum capacity.

- 9 Diono car seats @ \$269

Population Served: Homeless children and their families in Allegheny and Washington Counties.

Refocusing through Recreation: Adolescent and Teen Rehab Therapies

Wish Amount: \$2,496

GATEWAY REHABILITATION CENTER

www.gatewayrehab.org

Gateway Rehabilitation Center is a private, not-for-profit organization, focused on the prevention, treatment, education and research of substance abuse and alcoholism. Drug/alcohol use among teens and adolescents of all socioeconomic levels is skyrocketing. This dangerous behavior often begins due to issues of low self-esteem, anger, body-image, bullying, or peer pressure. The Gateway residential treatment programs strive to restore wellness with therapies that address substance abuse and underlying mental health issues through recreation.

Wish Request: Gateway's Youth Services Center blends therapy with age-appropriate recreational activities to reinvigorate and refocus youth on life's positive side. We hope to brighten the spirits and aid the recovery of youth who will spend their holidays with us instead of at home.

- 1 Foosball Table @ \$307
- 1 Backboard; 2 basketballs @ \$350
- 1 Cornhole game @ \$140
- 1 Table tennis set @ \$524
- 25 Men's sweatshirts; 5 Pair women's gloves @ \$1,175

Population Served: Western Pennsylvania.



Replacement Appliances for those in Need

Wish Amount: \$2,490

HOSANNA INDUSTRIES, INC.

www.hosannaindustries.org

Can you imagine having an income of \$1,500/month and waking up one morning to a warm refrigerator or a stove that no longer works? The average income of the households helped by Hosanna Industries is less than \$20,000 a year. Hosanna House, Inc. is a multi-purpose community center serving over 35,000 people a year. The organization's mission is to provide opportunities that will empower families and individuals to discover, acknowledge and develop their maximum potential physically, spiritually and economically. Without Hosanna support, many of these families and individuals cannot afford necessary home repairs, including the replacement of appliances that no longer work.

Wish Request:

- 6 appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers or dryers) @ \$2,490

Population Served: Impoverished households in Southwestern Pennsylvania with the majority in Allegheny County.



New Youth Activity Center for "Laugh, Learn and Lead"

Wish Amount: \$2,100

SARAH HEINZ HOUSE ASSOCIATION

www.sarahheinzhouse.org

Sarah Heinz House is a valuable community resource which provides more than 3,000 area youth (ages PreK–18 years) with quality after-school and summer programs and community outreach activities each year. The mission is to provide kids, especially those who need it most, to "Laugh, Learn and Lead."

Wish Request: This wish will transform our game room into a more interactive space for creative learning and play for kids in our after-school and summer programs.

- Supplies to Build Interactive Games/Activity Stations @ \$600
- Game Room Supplies (ping pong balls, Legos, build-it-yourself kits) @ \$400
- Board Games/Interactive Motor Skills Development Games @ \$350
- Materials for Art/Creativity Projects @ \$250
- Microphone/Speakers @ \$500

Population Served: Youth (PreK-18 years) from the North Side, City of Pittsburgh and surrounding suburbs.

Warm Coats for Youth and Seniors in Need

Wish Amount: \$2,500

THE RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

www.rankinchristiancenter.org

For 110 years, The Rankin Christian Center has met the physical, spiritual, emotional, and economic needs of residents of this tri-Boro area in the Mon Valley. The organization's mission is to feed, clothe, and care for the most vulnerable populations in our service area.

Wish Request: Contributions for Coats for Kids/Seniors will provide warm winter coats for economically disadvantaged youth and seniors who, otherwise, would go without during the winter months.

- 25 winter coats for youth @ \$1,250
- 25 winter coats for seniors @ \$1,250

Population Served: Children (2–18) and seniors in Rankin, Braddock and Swissvale boros.

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Job Training for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Wish Amount: \$2,400

ARC HUMAN SERVICES (AHS)

www.arcwpa.net

AHS is a nonprofit provider of creative and innovative residential, vocational and community services to enhance the health, safety and happiness of individuals with intellectual, developmental and mental disabilities as they live and work within the Southwestern PA community.

Wish Request: AHS wants to create a more robust Job Coaching and Training program that will provide individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to train for multiple types of jobs within the community and learn independent living skills. The online training software focuses on the full cycle of a career, from exploring job opportunities to retaining employment for intellectually disabilities diagnosed individuals.

- Online Training Software for 16 users @ \$2,400

Population Served: Southwestern, Pennsylvania.



Wish Amount: \$2,299

Adaptive Technology for Blind and Visually Impaired

BLIND AND VISION REHABILITATION SERVICES OF PITTSBURGH

www.bvrspittsburgh.org

Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services is the leading agency providing programming and services to blind and visually impaired individuals throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. The Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Center offers individualized programs that are designed to help meet each client's personal and career goals. The organization also offers vocational training, low vision, and employment services.

Wish Request: In order to meet the individual needs of our varied clients, it is essential that visually impaired individuals be allowed to test and evaluate adaptive equipment prior to obtaining it. We are seeking three devices for evaluation by our students:

- Portable camera that enables students to access printed documents through magnification and synthetic speech;
- Hand-held device that reads aloud electronic documents and textbooks;
- Wireless Braille keyboard for use with iPhones, iPads, and similar devices.

Population Served: Southwestern Pennsylvania.



Wish Amount: \$1,864

Life Skills Training for Intellectually Disabled Deaf Adults

CENTER FOR HEARING AND DEAF SERVICES, INC.

www.hdscenter.org

Center for Hearing and Deaf Services is the only nonprofit serving the deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing, and their families in Western Pennsylvania. As part of this mission, the program for intellectually disabled deaf adults seeks to help this group reach the maximum level of practical independence. If successful, this program helps keep intellectually disabled deaf adults out of institutions and in the community.

Wish Request: In order to encourage independence, promote interaction and social skills, the purchase of a smart board would enable groups of up to 15 clients to interactively access essential information about academic topics, health, personal safety, hygiene, and other topics. Additionally, as part of encouraging their independence, a new dishwasher would help teach our clients about keeping a clean house and enable them to maintain their living space.

- Smart Board @ \$1,264
- Dishwasher @ \$600

Population Served: Serves intellectually disabled deaf adults from all over Western Pennsylvania.



Wheelchair Accessible Pottery Wheel for Visitor Use

Wish Amount: \$2,246

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH

www.pittsburghkids.org

The Museum's mission is to provide innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. The Museum maintains a long-standing commitment to accessibility and diversity for all visitors, staff and community members, and provides accessibility programming and maintains a highly accessible facility for visitors of all backgrounds and abilities.

Wish Request: The current ceramic equipment is inaccessible for visitors in wheelchairs and with other mobility impairments. An accessible pottery wheel would allow for true inclusivity.

- Wheelchair Accessible Pottery Wheel for \$2,246; includes a splash pan, and is stationary during throwing, adjustable, and mobile.

Population Served: The Museum sees 267,000 children and families a year from Pittsburgh and surrounding regions.



Free Influenza Vaccines for Local Residents

Wish Amount: \$2,500

COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES

www.chscorp.org

Every person has value and should have a place to call home. Community Human Services honors this belief by empowering its clients by trying to ensure that everyone can find stable housing, connect to community supports, build relationships, and access quality food.

Wish Request: Purchase supplies necessary for our registered nurses to conduct a vaccine clinic for people with limited income or no insurance.

- 120 doses of flu vaccine @ \$1,938
- Gloves, alcohol pads, syringes, bandages, and Epi-Pens @ \$500

Population Served: Primarily Downtown and South Oakland residents with limited income or no insurance.



Wish Amount: \$2,400

Wigs for Women and Girls with Cancer

HAIR PEACE CHARITIES

www.hairpeace.org

Losing your hair to chemotherapy, even temporarily, can be devastating for a woman. Being bald is a constant reminder to herself—and it broadcasts to the world—“I have cancer.” Shopping for groceries, attending social functions, going to work, or simply spending time with her family can be emotionally excruciating. Hair Peace Charities empowers women to walk through their treatment with dignity by enabling them to purchase wigs.

Wish Request: Fund a wig voucher program to help women and girls with cancer maintain a vital sense of normalcy during chemotherapy treatment. Most insurance companies in Pennsylvania do not cover the costs associated with the purchase of a wig.

- 16 wig vouchers @ \$2,400

Population Served: Serve any woman in the 412 or 724 area codes experiencing chemotherapy-induced hair loss.

Preventive Health Care Services

Wish Amount: \$1,900

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WESTERN PA

www.ppwp.org

Planned Parenthood of Western PA (PPWP) provides comprehensive and complementary health care to those in need of services. Over 74% of the clients who turned to PPWP for their health care needs live in low-income families. For many of these people, the care they receive from PPWP represent their only access to routine preventive health care.

Wish Request: Access to reproductive health care provides an opportunity for early detection of cancerous and pre-cancerous cells which can lead to significantly improved health outcomes. Contributions will help achieve this through the purchase of new laboratory and clinical equipment.

- Medical microscope for clinical staff to identify a variety of infections @ \$600
- Medical exam light to improve visibility during pap smears and colonoscopy procedures. This light allows medical staff to see true tissue color rendition; improving the ability to diagnose and treat medical conditions @ \$1,300

Population Served: Services to anyone in need throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Therapeutic Equipment for Children with Developmental Delays

Wish Amount: \$2,500



THE EARLY LEARNING INSTITUTE

www.telipa.org

The Early Learning Institute helps children with developmental delays to reach their full potential, and to enter kindergarten with minimal or no special education supports. Last year, 93% of the children served achieved the goals in their treatment plan.

Wish Request: In order for many of the children to achieve their treatment goals, special therapeutic equipment is necessary and critical for their success.

- 100 nuk brushes (for pediatric speech therapy) @ \$500
- 100 chewy tubes (for pediatric speech therapy) @ \$800
- 25 weighted vests (for pediatric occupational therapy) @ \$1,200

Population Served: Allegheny and Washington County.

Buddy-Tracking Wristbands

Wish Amount: \$2,448

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF PITTSBURGH

www.fcpg.com

The Friendship Circle aims to enrich the lives of all participants through mutually gratifying interactions. Children and young adults with special needs learn to enjoy and navigate the company of teenage volunteers in a range of social activities. At the same time, those same teenage volunteers learn about compassion, inclusion, and the intrinsic value of every human being.

Wish Request: Purchase two dozen pairs of My Buddy Tag wristbands for large-group outings such as apple picking, visits to local museums, Zoo Day, and Kennywood Day. The wrist band is designed to connect pairs of volunteers and friends with special needs to a staff member's smart phones through the use of a free app. This wish would help our volunteers and friends with special needs be better connected, and would help quickly track separated buddies on outings.

- 50 BuddyTags @ \$39.99
- 30 extra wristbands @ \$14.97

Population Served: Children and young adults with special needs in the Jewish and Greater Pittsburgh communities.



iPads for Family Hospice Patients and Families

Wish Amount: \$2,500

THE WOINER FOUNDATION

www.woinerfoundation.org

The Woiner Foundation's work focuses on both supporting Pittsburgh area cancer patients and families and helping advance important cancer research. Many patients require hospice and palliative care at some point during their diagnosis and Family Hospice needs support to provide the most advanced quality-of-life care.

Wish Request: Contributions to purchase five iPads for use by the patients and families at Family Hospice and Palliative Care's two 12-bed inpatient centers, one in Lawrenceville and the other in Mt. Lebanon. This new technology would allow patients and families to connect via Skype if they can't visit in person, and would help to pass time during difficult hours.

- 5 iPads @ \$500 each

Population Served: Family Hospice and Palliative Care has five offices that serve nine counties in Western Pennsylvania.



Braille Embosser for Blind Children

Wish Amount: \$1,995

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN

www.wpsbc.org

The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children is a one-of-a-kind educational facility for students with visual impairment. The on-campus program serves children who are blind but further challenged by additional complex disabilities. In addition, Outreach programs impact the lives of hundreds of babies, youth and young adults through Western Pennsylvania.

Wish Request: The EmBraille Desktop Embosser is a “printer” for Braille. Whereas a typical printer adds ink to a page to make visible characters, an embosser creates raised dots on a page to form Braille characters. The Braille is translated and embossed from MS Word in one touch. This new equipment will help students with visual impairment access vital school materials by having them reproduced in Braille.

Population Served: Students served within 33 counties within Western Pennsylvania.



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New Bedding for Homeless Shelter

Wish Amount: \$2,310

BETHLEHEM HAVEN

www.bethlehemhaven.org

Bethlehem Haven believes that a safe place is an essential foundation for women to achieve stable mental and physical health, as well as personal empowerment. Every woman at Bethlehem Haven is linked to supportive services so she can leave homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

Wish Request: Bethlehem Haven wishes to have new bedding for 66 beds. In 2014, the Emergency Shelter was renovated and 28 beds all received new blankets, pillows, and sheet sets. Now, we'd like to replace all of the bedding for the other women in transitional housing. Currently, many women are using sheets and comforters that have been in use at our facilities for more than 10 years. Some are threadbare.

- 66 sets @ \$35 each

Population Served: Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.



Cooler Chests for Meal Delivery

Wish Amount: \$1,500

BUTLER MEALS ON WHEELS, INC.

www.butlermealsonwheels.com

Butler Meals on Wheels provides home delivered meals to the homebound that are unable to shop and cook for themselves. There is no age or income requirement. Service may be long term or of short duration while convalescing.

Wish Request: Contributions toward hot and cold chests that are used to maintain the proper food temperature during home delivery. New chests will replace ones that are falling apart and are no longer safe for meal delivery service.

- 15 Hot Chests @ \$750
- 15 Cold Chests @ \$750

Population Served: The City of Butler and the surrounding community.

Bedding and Blankets for Pittsburgh's Homeless



Wish Amount: \$2,490

LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

www.lightoflife.org

Pittsburgh's poor and homeless need intensive and comprehensive resources to address a complex mix of issues that lie at the root of their problems. Programs are designed to teach and inspire, provide the poor and homeless with opportunities and resources essential for recovery, achievement, and lifelong learning. Meeting clients' most basic physical requirements by providing fresh and warm bedding positions them to benefit from other services and programs.

Wish Request: Purchase 83 sets of sheets and blankets (\$30 per bed) to provide clean and healthy sleeping accommodations for the men in our Shelter and Residential programs. This will support our recent grant award for new mattresses and enable the men to be warm and comfortable during the upcoming winter.

Population Served: Homeless men on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

New Beds for Elderly Residents in Need



Wish Amount: \$2,500

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org

The Little Sisters of the Poor care exclusively for the elderly poor. Each resident is welcomed as one would welcome a member of their own family and cared for with love and respect until death.

Wish Request: Our nursing home must replace some elderly residents' beds both for their safety and comfort and for that of the staff caring for them. One new adjustable height, high low bed will cost approximately \$1,250. The Little Sisters are requesting two new beds. The beds are essential because many current beds in use have reached their lifespan and need to be replaced.

- Two adjustable height beds @ \$1,250 each

Population Served: Elderly poor of Western Pennsylvania.



Food Safety and Storage at Housing Sites

Wish Amount: \$1,735

RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES, INC.

www.residentialcare.org

Residential Care Services, Inc. provides housing and meals to over 125 different individuals each year. Additionally, we provide assistance for day-to-day tasks; from cooking and cleaning to budgeting, medication management, community awareness and assisting the person to utilize natural supports.

Wish Request: A new refrigerator and freezer will allow us to take advantage of bulk discounts of meat and frozen food items that are distributed to our housing sites.

- GE Refrigerator to serve 65 adults
- Whirlpool Upright Freezer to serve 65 adults

Population Served: Adults age 18 to 65 in Allegheny County with mental health, housing and recovery needs.

Resources for People in Crisis

Wish Amount: \$2,345

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER OF WESTERN PA

www.samaritancounseling.net

Serving over 3,500 men, women and children annually, Samaritan Counseling Center of Western PA provides psychological counseling, educational programs and other services to empower people struggling with mental and emotional health disorders, grief, marital strife, trauma and numerous life crises to achieve hope, healing and healthy living.

Wish Request: Samaritan helps people learn to help themselves. After a counseling session, clients benefit from tools they can take home to aid them in healing.

- 60 Books/Workbooks for clients @ \$900
- 5 Light Boxes (for clients with depression/seasonal affective disorder) @ \$1,145
- Supplies for approximately 20 child and adult clients engaged in creative expression/art therapy @ \$300

Population Served: People in four counties in Western Pennsylvania.

Commercial Refrigerator for Food Pantry and Drop-In Center

Wish Amount: \$2,466

SHEPHERD'S HEART FELLOWSHIP

www.shepheart.org

Shepherd's Heart Fellowship passionately serves homeless veterans and other homeless people of Pittsburgh. The organization provides transitional housing, counseling and other resources for more than 1,200 homeless adults annually. Shepherd's Heart operates a Drop-In Center, Food Pantry, Resource Center and Shuttle Bus.

Wish Request: A commercial Refrigerator with improved food storage will allow us to better utilize donated items and better provide comprehensive food services to more than 1,200 homeless adults each year. We offer breakfast 6 days per week and a hot meal each Sunday evening to those in need.

- Commercial Refrigerator @ \$2,466

Population Served: Homeless adults, including homeless veterans, throughout the Pittsburgh region.

Bedding for Children in Need

Wish Amount: \$2,500

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL, CONFERENCE AT MADONNA DEL CASTELLO AND WORD OF GOD PARISHES

www.svdppitt.org

The mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is to serve God by serving his poor and needy. The Society visits an average of 1 to 2 families in crisis each week, providing assistance that often keeps that family from financial disaster by providing different types of short-term relief.

Wish Request: Sleeping in a bed rather than on the floor improves the quality of sleep. Better rested children are healthier, have better school attendance and performance. We provide approximately 80 beds annually, but not blankets, sheets or pillows. When families cannot afford beds it's a blessing to have them provided. However it puts a financial burden on them to obtain bedding.

- Bedding for 80 beds @ \$2,500

Population Served: Serve the poor and needy of Swissvale and Rankin.

Expand Cafe in Senior Center

Wish Amount: \$2,290

VINTAGE, INC.

www.vintageseniorservices.org

Vintage operates a comprehensive senior center located in East Liberty with the mission to improve and influence the experience of aging in our community. With a focus on health and wellness, Vintage offers a wide array of programs and activities for adults age 60+.

Wish Request: Vintage wishes to purchase a merchandising case for dry goods to expand its Cafe, which is completely volunteer-driven. Cafe items are sold at-cost with the intention of helping to meet the nutritional needs of older adults who may have access barriers for grocery shopping. This equipment will us to display dry goods such as canned foods, paper products and other essential household items.

- Merchandising case for dry goods @ \$2,290

Population Served: Older adults residing primarily in the East End of Pittsburgh.



Wish Amount: \$2,450

Emergency Supplies for Moms with Infants

WILKINSBURG COMMUNITY MINISTRY

www.wcm15221.org

Half of Wilkinsburg's residents live at or below poverty level and their families are headed by working women. Wilkinsburg Community Ministry offers services to help families through immediate crises while they find sustained help. While the Wilkinsburg Community Ministry does feed children through its after school programs; sometimes the needs of infants and toddlers slip through the safety net.

Wish Request: Among the working poor, infant supplies are unaffordable. For long-term sustained support, we refer our mothers to Women Infants and Children at Hosanna House. For short-term support, we seek to bridge the gap with necessities for young mothers and young children.

- Nursing and feeding supplies @ \$1,200
- 75 emergency diaper kits (disposable diapers and accessories such as powder, salve, etc.) @ \$1,250

Population Served: Moms with infants in Wilkinsburg.



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