

Alternative Christmas Market
Catalog
2023



Dear friends,

Welcome to the Alternative Christmas market at All Saints Church! We are thrilled to have you join us for this joyous event, where we celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a unique and meaningful way.

At All Saints Church, we hold the value of Joyful Spirituality close to our hearts. We believe that the essence of Christmas lies not only in the exchange of gifts, but also in the joy and love we share with one another. This joyful spirit is what binds our community together and brings us closer to the true meaning of the season.

As you explore the market, you will find an array of beautifully crafted gifts and treasures that go beyond material possessions. Each item has been thoughtfully selected, representing the love and dedication of the artisans who have poured their hearts into their creations. By supporting these vendors, you are not only embracing the joy of giving, but also contributing to the livelihood of these organizations who are charging the world for the better.

We hope that your time spent at the Alternative Christmas market fills your heart with joy and reminds you of the true spirit of the holiday season. May you find inspiration, make lasting connections, and leave with a renewed sense of joy and purpose.

Thank you for being a part of our All Saints Church community, and we wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas.

In Peace,

Jane C. Wallace

Gloria Antall

Thomas Diaz (ASC Staff)

Alternative Christmas Market Leadership Team





Artists Guild of All Saints

The Artists Guild welcomes all Creatives, whether it be in drawing, painting, sculpting, photography and even knitting. Lovers of art are also welcome.

We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 10am and on Zoom.

We participate in several art shows at All Saints as well as craft fairs in the area. We also display art in the Guild Room that is changed on a month-long basis.

You don't need to be a member of the church or an artist to join us.

Proceeds to support the artists of...



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Calendars



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AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Mission Statement

African Team Ministries supports projects in Dioceses in East Africa for orphans, drip irrigation and mosquito nets.

Description of Programs to Support

- Support for orphans - \$20 per month
- Drip Irrigation - \$15 (drip irrigation kit)
- Mosquito net - \$8

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The seeds for Dunitz & Company were planted more than 30 years ago when founder Nancy Dunitz visited Guatemala for the first time. "I had been working in finance and longed to explore the world and focus on my creative side. A vacation took me to Guatemala and I've been working there ever since."

While touring Guatemala, Nancy encountered countless talented artisans weaving, painting and carving. Because of political unrest, the country offered minimal tourism trade and few outlets for selling their beautiful wares. Nancy's vision was to work with artisans fine tuning designs that would appeal to buyers in the US. She knew that this would create opportunity for many who would otherwise not have it.

During the early stages of Dunitz & Company, Nancy met two artists who introduced beading techniques to a few Mayan people. She began collaborating with these creative individuals, and soon a viable and sustaining business was born. "We were on the ground floor," comments Nancy. "Beading was a new medium in Guatemala and by creating fashion-forward designs, I knew I could also create demand."

Since that time, Dunitz has introduced countless beaded collections that have consistently employed well over one hundred individuals. In 2011, Dunitz & Company introduced the Joanie M collection, named to honor Nancy's mother. This beautiful fused-glass jewelry line is also handmade in Guatemala. The line was born when Nancy saw tremendous potential in the glass work of a local artisan named Rosa and began collaborating with her. Since that time, Nancy and Rosa have developed ceramic and laser cut jewelry collections. These colorful collections of jewelry they developed has delighted many of our customers and created a sustainable business for Rosa and her staff.

Dunitz & Company is a proud and vetted member of the [Fair Trade Federation](#) and [Museum Store Association](#), a Gold Certified Business member of [Green America](#) and a founding member of [Fair Trade Los Angeles](#).



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Our latest designs



Our Mission Statement

Friends in Deed is an interfaith organization that provides supportive services to meet basic human needs, so our homeless and at-risk neighbors can rebuild their lives.

COMPASSION CONNECTION DIGNITY

The **Food Pantry** provides food assistance to low-income and no-income families in the greater Pasadena/Altadena area. Our households are made up of “working poor” individuals, senior citizens and people with disabilities on fixed incomes, and those who are experiencing homelessness.

Founded in 2007, **The Women’s Room (TWR)** is the only organization in the San Gabriel Valley dedicated to serving women who are alone and homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is a daytime refuge known for wrapping its arms around the 20 to 35 women who come through the door each day, making them feel whole and appreciated. The program includes supportive services and basic needs: a shower, laundry and healthy food.

The Pasadena **Bad Weather Shelter (BWS)** is a Friends In Deed program that provides shelter for homeless individuals during the winter season. For the last few years, the Bad Weather Shelter has been weather activated (a forecast of 40 degrees or below and/or 40% chance of rain)

Friends In Deed’s **Homeless Prevention program** provides short-term and medium-term rental support, as well as move-in assistance, to individuals and families on the brink of becoming homeless. Nearly 70 individuals and families benefit from this program each year. This is a critical program because studies show that keeping a person housed is cheaper and more effective than trying to help someone get housed in the first place.

Friends In Deed’s **Street Outreach Program** identifies chronically homeless individuals, on the streets of Pasadena, and works to build trust and relationships with them. The Outreach team’s primary goal is to enter these folks into the Coordinated Entry System, which is the pathway to permanent supportive housing.

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Foster Care Project



All Saints' Foster Care Project (FCP) provides public policy advocacy, recruits volunteers, and partners with local agencies to provide services to foster children and youth; and to homeless, incarcerated youth who have "aged out" of foster care systems.

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Packing holiday food baskets for recently reunified families, gathering diapers for newly abandoned infants, helping a 3rd grader shop for new back-to-school's clothes, providing trained volunteers to facilitate family visitation requirements, are significant examples of the many ways FCP volunteers and supporters help ensure the welfare local foster children.

Your gift to will allow FCP to meet the emergency housing, transportation and incidental needs of foster children and transitional youth attending PCC.

Your contribution will assist a foster child graduating high school in June to become a full-time student at a college or university in the Fall.

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Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of our community.

For 32 years, Homeboy Industries has existed as a nonprofit that proudly stands with the most marginalized among us. We are firmly rooted in the belief that hope, training and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women provides the foundational healing necessary for sustained change. Through our innovative 18-month program model, participants are exposed to wraparound services such as Tattoo Removal, Mental Health Services, GED preparation, and more – all with the singular goal of healing the cycle of violence and restoring lives.

Social enterprise has been at the heart of our work for over 30 years, even before we had a title for what we were doing. Now, Homeboy Industries has grown from a single bakery to almost a dozen social enterprises, which provide both a vital training ground for clients as well as revenue streams to support the mission. Expansion of our businesses proves that people can transcend their pasts and become valuable, empowered employees and business leaders.

Please consider making a generous, tax-deductible donation to allow us to continue to stand with those on the margins in this unique time. Or, support us by shopping our online market! Click below.

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The Middle East Ministry (MEM) advocates for justice, peace and reconciliation between Israel and Palestine. MEM also seeks to educate the parish and community by sponsoring speakers, films and other up-to-date presentations on the situation in Palestine and Israel.

In 2014, Vivien Sansour founded the *Palestine Heirloom Seed Library*. The *Library* and its *Traveling Kitchen Project* seek to preserve and promote threatened seed varieties, traditional Palestinian farming practices, and the cultural identities associated with them.



Based in the village of Battir, a UNESCO World Heritage site outside Bethlehem, the Library also serves as home to *El Beir Arts & Seeds*, a space for collaborations with artists, poets, writers, journalists, and others to showcase and promote their talents and work.

Working closely with farmers, the Library has identified key seed varieties and food crops that are threatened with extinction and would provide opportunities to inspire local farmers and community members to actively preserve their bioculture and recuperate their local landscape. **Your gift will further efforts to identify, preserve and propagate heirloom seed varieties in Palestine.** Contact allsaintsmem@yahoo.com for holiday card choices and payment options.

We also invite you to enjoy our wonderful fair trade products. For 10+ years we have offered *Zatoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil* and *Za'atar (Thyme) Herb mix*. This year we again offer 100% pure Olive Oil Soap.

Zatoun Olive Oil from Palestine is a delicate, full-bodied olive oil with a sweet, smooth taste and peppery finish. Grown by traditional methods on ancient, terraced hills, this is the world's first Fair Trade olive oil (certified in 2009). It's perfect for dressings, marinades, and sautéing vegetables or meats. 750 mL bottles of Zatoun Extra Virgin Olive Oil are still only \$20. 500 mL bottles, also Certified Organic, are \$15.



Zatoun Za'atar Herb Mix is produced from wild thyme and ground sumac, mixed with toasted sesame seeds and a hint of sea salt. Za'atar has become a culinary sensation due to its intense herb flavor. Add za'atar to make salad dressings and marinades, to garnish soups, breads and pizza, or simply with olive oil for dipping. 5.3 oz bags are still only \$5.

The much-loved Palestinian olive oil soap is back!! Zatoun's 100% pure Olive Oil Soap feels like silk, is entirely free of scents and chemicals, and provides total softening and cleansing. A 110 gm bar is \$5.

Zatoun LA takes no profit from sales. All proceeds beyond the fair trade price paid to the farmers and shipping are returned to Palestine and will benefit the *Palestine Heirloom Seed Library*. Email ZatounLA@gmail.com to place your order and learn about payment and delivery options.



PEACE SISTERS

(Founded by Tina Kampor)



MISSION STATEMENT

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Peace Sisters has been able to increase the number of students we reach to over 480 girls in Dapaong, Togo (West Africa). All the students who receive our assistance are underprivileged in some way - whether as orphans or by some other family struggle - and many of them would have discontinued their studies by now if it were not for the assistance of Peace Sisters.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT

School Fees: The primary role that Peace Sisters plays in Togo is to pay school fees for girls who cannot afford this expense. We also provide school supplies and solar study lamps to improve the quality of their education, and we have begun providing menstrual pads and basic health insurance to prevent absenteeism. A year of middle/high school is estimated to cost \$40/girl.

Higher Education: In 2021, Peace Sisters was thrilled to celebrate the first College Graduation for a student in our program! We anticipate that about 45 girls will pursue a higher education this year, and we are currently expanding our fundraising to ensure we can help them attain their dreams. A year of school for each girl at the university level is estimated to cost \$1,000.

Computer Lab: As the young women in our program have continued on to college, it has been observed that many were at a disadvantage in their new environments because they had not previously received any computer training. To address this need, we recently opened a new computer lab in Dapaong, and now 450+ girls (who had never before touched a keyboard!) have access to our computer lab. We plan to expand this program in the near future.

HOW TO HELP

Donations can be made through our website (<https://www.peacesisters.org/take-action>) and there is also an option to send a "Gift Donation Card" (<https://www.peacesisters.org/gifts>) to someone if you would like to make your donation in honor of a loved one for the holidays!

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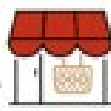
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The Running Stitch | Quilting Collective

Core and present collective:

Jane El Farra, Anjum Khan, Aida Osman, Ramza Saliefendic, Tahereh Sheerazie, Sobia Shehzad

The running stitch is a community of Los Angeles based Muslim women from different countries, who came together in 2001 for the love of quilting, sewing, crocheting and knitting. They meet once a week to work together, laugh out loud, share food and stories, drink tea and create. Having a surfeit of tantalizing donated fabric, from clothing business samples and outmoded garments of friends and family, they skillfully repurpose these discards into works of art such as rich, colorful quilts. The *running stitch* is their signature on their quilts. With time they have attracted friends and family to join them in stitching together and thereby extending the circle of friendship and camaraderie.

Mostly selling their quilts at various charitable fundraisers, organizers would ask who they were, what they were called, but they had no name or particular interest in naming themselves: they were simply a collective of sewing friends. Forced to choose a name they picked "Tuesdays," since that was the day, they met weekly. In 2016 when their work was chosen for an exhibition by the Pakistan Arts Council at the Pacific Asia Museum Pasadena, they decided to name themselves "the running stitch" since it was the common thread (pun intended) on all their work, large or small.

Born of community, sharing and building relationships through an artistic medium that spans generations of women, the group has been able to sell their work and support various charitable projects around the world, close to each one's heart. Their quilts have supported causes such as survivors of the earthquake in Baam, Iran in 2003; building accessible homes for women who sustained spinal cord injuries in Pakistan's earthquake in 2005; survivors of hurricane Katrina in 2006, assistance to flood victims in Bangladesh, and other natural and manmade disasters at home and internationally. Barring a five-month covid-19 hiatus in early 2020, what each of them brings to the process and the interplay within the group, is a testament to their having thrived for this many years.





MAKE A GIFT TODAY



Union Station Homeless Services has been serving our community for almost 50 years. As the lead agency coordinating homeless services in the San Gabriel Valley, we serve a region with a combined population of over 1.5 million across more than 36 cities and communities through our four pillars of service -- Outreach, Interim Housing, Housing, and Community Integration.

Our mission is to help individuals and families end homelessness and rebuild their lives.

Gift Amounts



- \$10: 3 nutritious meals for a person experiencing homelessness
- \$25: Toys and games for kids at the Family Center
- \$50: New clothing for a single mother
- \$140: Week of meals for parent and child





YOUNG & HEALTHY

Young & Healthy's Mission: through prevention, education, family support and access to healthcare services, Young & Healthy protects and improves the physical and mental health of uninsured and underserved children and their families in the greater Pasadena area.



We envision a future in which all children in our community have a "village" that cares about them and an equal opportunity for a healthy life.

WE BELIEVE

- IT IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD TO HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE.
- IN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL HEALTH.
- THAT BY INVESTING IN THE HEALTH OF UNDERSERVED YOUTH, WE CAN CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE SOCIETY.
- COMMUNITY NEEDS CHANGE OVER TIME, AND THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND.
- IN COLLABORATION, WORKING TOGETHER WITH OTHER COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES.
- IN TREATING EVERYONE WITH RESPECT AND SERVING WITH INTEGRITY.

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~ IMPACT Community ~

You have heard the saying, “Don’t give fish teach them fish.” IMPACT Community was born in 2007 in response to an unaddressed question coming from the rural Dalit communities, “Where Are The Fish Ponds?”

The ownership of the resources, and the power to hire, fire, and exploit are invariably in the hands of the people and those who believe in their entitlements by birth as upper caste. Likewise, the rural landless Dalits are born at the bottom of the socio-religious hierarchy to inherited untouchability and inherited poverty. Their lot is exploitation, malnutrition, lack of proper quality education and skills, and lack of legal defense, just to name a few.

Rev. BM Sudheer and Rev Dr. Regina Sudheer, the co-founders of IMPACT Community work in 30 villages in the States of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, South India. They both are pastors, lawyers, and educators. They specifically work with the most exploited and weakest section of rural Indian society, the landless Dalits and the marginalized.

Sudheer’s legal representations (pro bono) of the exploited Dalits continue to help many families. Regina’s management of two mission schools, the sewing center, and an experimental farm along with their combined efforts of awareness through workshops, seminars, etc. bring enlightenment and give direction to these communities, especially their youth.

The work option for rural men and “working” women who prefer to stay in their villages is 6-9 months of hard, back-breaking seasonal fieldwork for the upper caste landlords along with its baggage of indignities and living from season to season. Some youths work as electricians, plumbers, or painters. Some men go to towns to work on construction sites. They often waste their income on palm toddy or moonshine.

After due research IMPACT Bags began in 2009 to provide alternate training in sewing (not tailoring) for semi-literate Dalit women with an option for after-training employment at our Violet Training Center with a fair and regular income in a safe workplace along with basic healthcare.

Beginning with one village we slowly expanded to two. However, COVID and the extended severe lockdown in India impacted the work. We could not function for two years. We restarted last year and are rebuilding this work. We have continued to help and strengthen the impacted families. The mothers have been able to send their children to schools providing better education; the quality of food has improved in these homes; and the women who often sacrificed their own meals to feed their children are now getting sufficient nutrition and are finally able to save some funds for later.

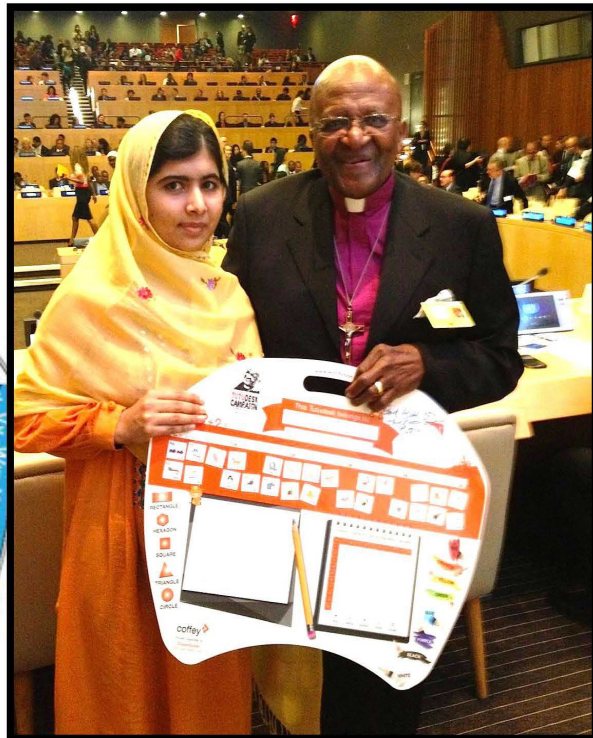
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