



Welcome to gifts with vision

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A Giving Catalogue for the People of The United Church of Canada

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Dear Friends,

Children. Refugees. Elders. All of them have one thing in common: food insecurity. Some live where food is plentiful, but they have no money. Others can't count on a reliable food supply from day to day. But through Gifts with Vision, you're changing that. Children in Ontario who rely on school meals for nourishment can now take home a supply of food for the weekend. Hundreds of refugees from the war in Ukraine have received baskets of staple foods. Indigenous people living in "food deserts" can fight the ever-increasing costs of feeding their families. Never doubt the power of your gift. You are transforming the world, one gift at a time. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings,

The Gifts with Vision Team

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Power They Can Rely On

The population of students, staff, and family at United Theological College (UTC) in Harare, Zimbabwe, is expected to increase by 50% at a time when the power supply to the college is unreliable. Frequent power outages mean that the electric borehole pump is often unusable. Community members must walk several kilometers for clean water. The power outages also affect the lights and equipment in the library. Switching to solar power will provide a stable source of clean water as well as ensuring that the student population will be able to use the library anytime. A reliable water supply will also increase the UTC community's food security by providing enough extra water to grow vegetables.

\$150 GWV23-01

Your Gift of \$150 will help give all members of the UTC community access to the clean water and power they need.

Whatever They Need Most

When unhoused women arrive at Coverdale Centre for Women in Saint John, NB, they need money to apply for identification, buy medicine and groceries, and get bus tokens. And most of all, they need to be able to get these things without reliving their trauma through telling and retelling their stories to several different agencies. Coverdale Centre provides immediate help for the women they serve by giving them whatever they need most when they arrive. With their immediate needs met, women can begin to plan for a better future.

\$50 GWV23-02

Your Gift of \$50 will help women in the hardest moments of their lives by providing for their immediate needs.



Help Build a Well

Indigenous residents of the villages of Am-am and Madalipey in the Philippines rely on commercial vegetable gardening to provide cash for family needs. As farmers have expanded agriculture in this area, parts of the forests have been cleared and water has become scarce. For most of the year, local creeks are dry, and water needs to be delivered. Cordillera People's Alliance is helping the residents install a solar-powered water pump and storage tank, which they will maintain themselves. With stable access to water for household and garden use throughout the year, their livelihood will be enhanced, and poverty will be reduced.

\$100 GWV23-03

Your Gift of \$100 will help provide a stable source of water for the Indigenous residents of Am-am and Madalipey.

Wasauksing Food Bank

On any given Monday, community leaders from the Wasauksing First Nation near Parry Sound, ON, are ready to serve at the Wasauksing Food Bank. The food bank provides Indigenous foods like wild rice and white corn processed for corn soup along with milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs, canned food, and other staples. Local hunters and fishers also donate wild game and fish. During the rest of the week, food bank volunteers provide emergency drop-offs whenever necessary.

\$35 GWV23-04

Your Gift of \$35 will help leaders provide a week of fresh and staple foods for one family.



Reviving the Inuinnaqtun Language

Fewer than 600 people (0.9 percent of Inuit in Canada) can still speak the Inuinnaqtun language—the foundation of Inuinnaqtun culture in Nunavut. Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society is working hard to change that. As Inuinnaqtun stewards of culture and language, the group is reclaiming Inuinnaqtun identity through sharing language and culture. One-on-one language immersion sessions with mentors in the home and on the land inspire reconnection through everyday conversations and help heal the scars of systemic oppression.

\$15 GWV23-05

Your Gift of \$15 will give Inuinnaqtun language mentors the resources they need to spend 300 hours a year in one-on-one conversation with their apprentices.

Plant an Olive Tree

An olive tree can live 1,000 years in harsh conditions and yields a generous harvest. Over decades of Israeli military occupation, hundreds of thousands of olive trees in Palestine have been systematically destroyed. Many Palestinians rely on olive trees for their livelihood, nutrition, and other vital uses. Join East Jerusalem YMCA and the YWCA of Palestine in helping Palestinians plant trees for prosperity and peace.

\$25 GWV23-06

Your Gift of \$25 will purchase one olive tree sapling to replace one that has been destroyed.

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Food for the North:

Help people in the Far North access the food they need.

\$20 GWV23-14

\$50 GWV23-15



Mattresses for Matriarchs:

Berwick United Church Camp supports senior campers with new mattresses.

\$90 GWV23-22



Helping Migrant Children Grow:

Children in migrant communities receive meals through the work of the Colombian Methodist Church.

\$65 GWV23-19



Camping for All:

New sponsorship programs will support diversity in the camp experience for campers at Camp Ta-Wa-Si.

\$50 GWV23-23



Safe Spaces for LGBTQIA2S+ Youth at Risk:

Ugandan refugees who are LGBTQIA2S+ find safety, shelter, and support in Kenya through the Pembizo Christian Council.

\$35 GWV23-17



Fueling Empowerment with Biogas:

A biogas production project that will help empower women is supported by the Church of Christ in Congo.

\$75 GWV23-18

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A Kindergarten in a Refugee Camp

There are few bright spots for children in the Sabra/Shatila refugee camp in Beirut. Since 1950, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC) has provided a kindergarten for refugee children aged 3 to 6: a happy and colourful haven where children can begin their education. The kindergarten had to move to a new and more expensive location last year; increased rental costs and skyrocketing inflation are making it difficult to buy supplies like books, paper, and art supplies.

\$60 GWV23-07

Your Gift of \$60 will provide school supplies to help refugee children take their first steps toward a better future.

Return of the Buffalo

In Manitoba, 90 percent of children in the care of Child and Family Services are Indigenous. The cycle of colonialism began centuries ago; the trauma of child apprehension leaves lifelong attachment wounds for children and deepens their parents' despair. To end this generational cycle, Indigenous culture must be the way forward. Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Beausejour, MB, is fostering Indigenous family well-being through Return of the Buffalo, a program centred around the land that combines traditional knowledge with trauma-informed care. By learning about returning to the land, Indigenous lifeways, and the teaching of respect for all our relations, families will be able to begin to heal.

\$50 GWV23-08

Your Gift of \$50 helps Indigenous parents and children heal from the long-standing trauma of family separation.



Food Security for Elders

Food prices continue to rise because of inflation and worldwide supply chain disruptions. For Indigenous Elders living on the Morley First Nation and in the Lethbridge area, it's already hard to make ends meet, and rising food prices will make it even harder. Chinook Winds Regional Council delivers supermarket gift cards four times a year to help them buy food and other necessities.

\$20 GWV23-09

Your Gift of \$20 will purchase two gift cards for Indigenous Elders.

\$50 GWV23-10

Your Gift of \$50 will purchase five gift cards for Indigenous Elders.

Dignified Life Project

There's no denying how much better being clean and having freshly washed clothes can make you feel. 1JustCity's Dignified Life Project provides unsheltered guests in the Osborne Village, West Broadway, and West End areas of Winnipeg with everyday necessities to ensure they can live a more comfortable, dignified life. Along with shower and laundry services, guests can receive items like toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shampoo and conditioner, and fresh clothing and underwear. Feeling and looking clean can make a big difference in how the world perceives 1JustCity's guests and how they perceive themselves.

\$50 GWV23-11

Your Gift of \$50 will restore dignity to unhoused people by helping them access the hygiene and laundry supplies they need.



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Newcomer Senior Support Program

Newcomer seniors experience levels of isolation, poverty, discrimination, and barriers to accessing services that are much higher than the average population. Many experience complex physical and/or mental health problems as well as being isolated, having difficulty adjusting to life in a new country, and often lacking access to a social support network. In the Hamilton, Ontario area, these vulnerable seniors can find support at Wesley Urban Ministries. Multi-lingual case workers meet seniors one-on-one to help identify each senior's unique challenges so they can live independently and successfully with dignity.

\$75 GWV23-12

Your Gift of \$75 will help newcomer seniors meet their basic needs, retain their independence, and feel more welcomed in Canada.

Operation Backpack

Children who live in poverty in the rural community of North Dundas, ON, often start the school week hungry because they do not get enough to eat over the weekend. Rising food prices are making the problem worse. The House of Lazarus provides a bag of food every Friday (including high-protein items, fresh produce, and milk) to children and youth in need. Teachers slip the food into children's backpacks so no one feels singled out, and students come to school on Mondays ready to learn.

\$40 GWV23-13

Your Gift of \$40 will provide two months' worth of weekend groceries for a hungry child.



The Endowment Fund for Indigenous Post-Secondary Education

Waase-Aabin, the Ojibwe word for the first light of day, is a symbol of a bright new beginning and hope for Indigenous leaders of tomorrow. The Waase-Aabin program awards annual scholarships for post-secondary education to Indigenous students ages 18–29 who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. This program was developed by Indigenous Ministries and Justice and funded by an endowment established by donors from Peterborough, ON.

\$50 GWV-PSE Your Gift of \$50 will help to make post-secondary education a reality for more Indigenous students.



Build a Better World through Mission and Service

Because of your Gift, people living in poverty will receive food, shelter, and clothing. Refugees will be safer and more secure until times are better. Children will receive what they need—tuition or uniforms or simply a good breakfast—to stay in school. Your Gift through Mission and Service provides immediate support during crisis, and long-term support after it has passed. Through Mission and Service, you help transform lives and inspire meaning and purpose.

\$ ___ GWV-MS Your Gift for Mission and Service will help us build a better world together.



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Good News Update



Thank you for giving over **\$4.6 million** to our partners since 2011!

 And thank you for supporting this successfully completed project!

In the Rift Valley of Kenya, grandmothers whose children have died of AIDS are often left alone to care for their grandchildren. Many pastors there teach that HIV is a judgment on entire families for sexual sin and refuse to offer them pastoral care. With support from Gifts with Vision, pastors and grandmothers in one community came together to discuss HIV/AIDS. The end result was that the pastors made a commitment to extend compassion to the grandmothers and their families.

All of us know from our own life experience that when we know better, we do better. Your Gifts with Vision gave these grandmothers the opportunity to help their pastors learn to do better by connecting their love for their grandchildren to God's love for all. Thank you.



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