

# *Alternative* → **GIVING FAIR** → *2020*

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# Welcome to the 2020 ALTERNATIVE GIVING FAIR ONLINE CATALOG

Plymouth's annual Alternative Giving Fair has moved online! Before you get started, here are a few tips to help you successfully navigate the catalog and make your donations and purchases. If you would prefer an abbreviated hard copy of the catalog and giving form, email [agf@plymouthucc.org](mailto:agf@plymouthucc.org). It will be sent to you as a printable document attached to the email response, or it can be mailed as a hard copy.

The 2020 Fair involves 14 groups, clustered in three categories: **Plymouth-Related Programs and Projects**, **Community Development Support Programs**, and **National Programs Addressing Global Poverty**. Each subsequent page then describes one of the projects. If the group is supported through a donation or purchase through Plymouth, complete your payment on the [AGF Giving Form](#). This form allows you to pay immediately by credit/debit card or by ACH transfer, or to PAY LATER by check, payable to Plymouth with AGF on the memo line. Checks may then be mailed or delivered to the Church Office.

To donate to or purchase products from the Community Development Support Programs, a SHOP button on the catalog page will take you to the group's own website and purchasing process.

For most donations through Plymouth, you may simply enter the amounts you wish to donate to each group. In two cases, however (Equal Exchange and Heifer International), there are choices available. Pages for these two programs provide a 3 Step Process for placing an order — and communicating the details of your order to the AGF Team.

If you have questions, get in touch with the AGF Team by emailing [agf@plymouthucc.org](mailto:agf@plymouthucc.org).

**Happy Shopping — and thank you  
for participating in Plymouth's 2020  
Alternative Giving Fair.**

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# PLYMOUTH- RELATED PROGRAMS & PROJECTS





## Emergency Immigration Fund Edgar Chocoy Initiative

ISAAC's Emergency Immigration Fund was created to help area families address emergency needs that arise from or are exacerbated by their immigration status. In 2019, when Fort Collins became a destination point for increasing numbers of Unaccompanied Minors, ISAAC expanded the scope of the Fund to address this emerging need.

The initiative was named in honor of Edgar Chocoy, a teenager who fled gang violence in Guatemala, applied for asylum, lost his case – and was deported. Within hours of his return, he was dead. Edgar was a pro bono client of Kim Medina, an immigration lawyer now based in Fort Collins. Proceeds from a local production of "De Novo," a play based on Edgar's case, generated the start-up funds for the new initiative, which was named in his honor.

Unaccompanied Minors qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), but achieving that status involves working with both a Family Law attorney and an immigration attorney – and costly filing fees. All too often, they drop out of school in a desperate attempt to meet some of these costs.

Your support may help save a life.







This Fair Trade Worker Co-op partners with more than 40 farmer co-ops and organizations around the world to provide customers (like us!) with access to exceptional products such as a wide variety of teas, organic chocolate bars, coffee from a variety of countries, cocoa, and olive oil, couscous, green wheat and dates from Palestine. Available products are listed here and on the following page.

Plymouth's share of the proceeds from sales support our Youth Programs. Your purchases will be organized by youth and their families, as well as adult advisors, from Plymouth's Senior High Fellowship, then delivered as they are received or soon after the Fair.

**To place an order, please follow these steps:**

**Step 1.** Select from items listed here and total the cost.

**Step 2.** Enter your total into the Equal Exchange line on the online AGF Giving Form.

**Step 3.** Email the Team at [agf@plymouthucc.org](mailto:agf@plymouthucc.org) to provide detailed information about the items you have selected (how many bags of which variety of coffee, etc.).

## Caffeinated Coffee, Beans or Ground \$9/bag



**Mind, Body  
& Soul**  
\$9



**Love Buzz**  
\$9



**Ethiopian**  
\$9

## Decaf, Beans or Ground \$10/bag



**Decaf**  
\$10

## Special 1lb bags, \$12/bag



**Congo  
(beans only)**  
Supporting  
Panzi  
Hospital  
\$12



**Mama Tierra  
(ground only)**  
Supporting  
Catholic  
Relief  
Services  
\$12



**Sisters Blend  
(ground only)**  
Supporting  
women's co-op  
\$12

## Teas, \$4/box

### Black



English,  
Irish, English  
Decaf, Earl  
Gray, Chai,  
Darjeeling  
\$4

### Herbal



Pepper-  
mint,  
Chamomile,  
Ginger  
\$4

### Green



Green,  
Green Tea  
with Ginger,  
Jasmine  
Green, Mint  
Green  
\$4





Any items that go out of stock should be available within two weeks. We wouldn't want Santa to miss out on his Equal Exchange hot cocoa!

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## Chocolate Bars (percentage refers to cacao level) \$4/bar



Milk  
(43%)  
\$4



Coconut  
Milk  
(55%)  
\$4



Almond  
(55%)  
\$4



Milk w/  
Caramel  
Crunch  
(43%)  
\$4



Dark w/  
Caramel  
Crunch  
(55%)  
\$4



Mint  
(67%)  
\$4



Orange  
(65%)  
\$4



Lemon  
Ginger  
(55%)  
\$4



Total  
Eclipse  
(92%)  
\$4



Extreme  
Dark  
(88%)  
\$4



Panama  
(80%)  
\$4



Very  
Dark  
(71%)  
\$4

## Hot Cocoa \$8/tin



Milk  
\$8



Dark  
\$8



Spicy  
\$8

## Palestinian Products



Olive Oil  
500 mL  
\$15



Freekeh  
(Green Wheat)  
28 oz  
\$10



Dates  
17.6 oz  
\$15



Couscous  
(Maftoul)  
28 oz  
\$10





Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Their vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. This includes Fort Collins, where affordable housing, especially for single parents, is a daunting challenge. Plymouth's Habitat Team works through the Fort Collins Chapter and also participates in "global builds" in other locations, such as restoring hurricane-damaged communities in the U.S. or creating sustainable housing in the mountains of Peru, Guatemala or Nepal.



## *Meet Becky & Ember*

Plymouth's current project is Habitat FOCO's second Multi-Faith Build. Plymouth, along with volunteers from a variety of other faith communities, will build half of a duplex for Becky, a single mother, and her daughter, Ember. Every dollar donated will be matched by Becky's home church, First United Methodist, the primary sponsor of this home. Their sponsorship means your generosity will have twice the impact! Each donor will receive a rustic "little house" as a symbol of your contribution toward strength, stability and self-sufficiency for Becky and Ember.

[Get to know them by watching a brief video and reading their family story.](#)





La Cocina is a comprehensive mental health services provider dedicated to working compassionately and holistically with the Spanish-speaking/immigrant communities of Larimer and Eagle Counties.

The center's services include trauma therapy, mental health support for families, and Mind Over Border – their unique support services and assessments for clients involved in immigration proceedings. The goal: to create a world in which all people can thrive, free from fear and the oppressive forces that have long governed their lives.



## *La Cocina's Story*

La Cocina began early in 2017 when Latinx mental health professionals and Health Promoters shared their concerns that instances of anxiety and depression were growing dramatically among immigrant groups following the 2016 election – and there was a dearth of appropriate mental health services to address these needs in Northern Colorado. This conversation led to the development of a team of 17 professionals from diverse disciplines. La Cocina served 50 immigrant families in its first ten months. Today the program has facilitated mental health recovery for hundreds more. These clients reflect not only the fear and anxiety within the immigrant community but also the urgent need for forensic assessments for detained parents awaiting court hearings while separated from their families.





In “normal” years, Plymouth members have been able, through our Giving Tree Ministry Team, to support families related to La Familia/The Family Center through their Adopt-A-Family program. Plymouth members purchased and provided wrapped gifts for members of a particular household. This year, that gesture of support will need to be different. We are inviting cash donations to La Familia, which will then be used to provide families with one or more \$25 gift cards. Gifts in this form will empower these families, who have been profoundly affected by COVID-19 and subsequent loss of income, to make decisions about how best to meet the needs of their families during the holiday season and beyond.





# Lango School

## WOSHA, ETHIOPIA

During their Peace Corps Service in Ethiopia, Bob and Nancy Sturtevant encountered Mekane Yesus Church, which was providing classes for 150 children in three rooms of its building. The school had benches for the children, a small blackboard, and two persistent teachers who asked for their help to build and furnish a more adequate space. They agreed.

The rest of the story is a series of small miracles – fundraisers in several countries, project-support funds from Peace Corps, friends who arrived with teaching supplies or sports equipment in hand, other friends who sent books and money, a CSU service group that made possible a pipeline to bring running water to the school, a bake sale that paid for the building of playground equipment.

Plymouth's World Missions Ministry Team "adopted" the school in 2013. Through an annual Ethiopian Dinner (not held this year) and AGF, Plymouth covers about a third of the school's annual budget of \$15,000. Lango is now educating 200 children with five teachers in four grade levels (Primary, Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and First Grade).





# Rawdat El-Zuhur School

## EAST JERUSALEM

Plymouth has supported two students from Rawdat El-Zuhur School each year for 20 years. One, Mahmoud Imad Mahmoud recently graduated. Gifts to Rawdat through AGF will now support Adeeb Sarraj and a new student, Baraa' Abbasi. This support is provided in conjunction with the United Church of Christ's Global Ministries' Child Sponsorship Program. To learn more, go to [www.rawdat.org](http://www.rawdat.org).

### OUR STUDENTS



Adeeb  
Sarraj



Mahmoud  
Imad Mahmoud



### About Rawdat

Following the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, hundreds of Palestinian families were dislocated and destitute. In 1952, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Nazir, then director of the social welfare department for Jerusalem, brought abused and impoverished girls into her home. With help from the Anglican bishop of Jerusalem and her friends, she was able to provide both shelter and training in skills by which they could help support their families. She began with 25 girls and called the program Rawdat El-Zuhur ("Garden of Flowers").

After the 1967 War, there was an urgent need for schools for Palestinian children. In response, Rawdat evolved into a formal elementary school with a kindergarten. The school now serves 221 Palestinian students, both Christian and Muslim.





# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS**



## HELP-UGANDA

In 2009, H.E.L.P. International started a primary school in the poverty-stricken village of Masese, Uganda. It began with 45 kids and one teacher. Today there are 550 students in grades Nursery through Primary 7 and a staff of over 30. A hundred graduates have gone on for further education. In addition, a village empowerment program gives the adults a hand up and out of the cycle of poverty. This is done in part through the work of skilled women who create beautiful jewelry and crafts using hand-rolled paper beads. Purchases from their [online store](#) help these families survive.

The story of this endeavor is told in the recently-released book, *Accidental Missionary* by Pam McCormick of Loveland. It is available from [Amazon](#) and the [program's website](#). For further information, pictures and videos about this project go to [www.help-uganda.com](http://www.help-uganda.com).

*Shop*  
**HELP-UGANDA**





# Murulle Foundation ETHIOPIA

The Murulle Foundation (TMF), a non-profit organization based in Fort Collins, is committed to building an enduring coexistence of people and threatened ecosystems in sub-Saharan Africa, though most of their work is currently centered in Ethiopia. Their projects build partnerships that promote conservation, education, and social equality.

One such program is a micro-finance loan program for women around the village of Dinsho. Through this program, more than 200 women have received loans since the program began in 2006. Their businesses include buying grains and spices in large quantities and selling in smaller quantities, buying a goat to fatten and sell for a profit several months later, opening coffee cafés, and rebuilding a thatched-roofed home to rent. Recently, at the suggestion of the women, small groups were given herds of goats to fatten in the hope that larger herds, which could be sold at intervals, would give them a steadier income.

Due to COVID-19, a new group was not formed this year, but the project hopes to begin forming groups again in 2021. For more information on TMF visit their website at [www.murulle.org](http://www.murulle.org).

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MURULLE





# Samburu Youth Education Fund

In 2005, a group of university researchers in community-based conservation and natural resources were engaged in the Samburu region of Kenya. There they got to know the people and became engaged with the children, who worked very hard every evening to complete their schoolwork. They were committed to creating a promising future for themselves, but secondary school in Kenya is not free. Costs begin at \$400, well beyond the means of many families in the area. Without the money, education for these students would come to an end.

The Samburu Youth Education Fund was created to support such students. Each year 50 students, half female, are supported through SYEF. Since 2010 when this program began, dozens have gone on to complete high school.

Investing in education and women's empowerment are two effective ways to address global issues like poverty and sustainability. SYEF does both through its support of artisans who are parents, grandparents and guardians of SYEF students.

To support the scholarship program or to consider a purchase of beaded jewelry, baskets or animal figures:

*Shop*  
**SAMBURU**







Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair Trade, non-profit network of retail stores, has spent more than 70 years cultivating long-term trading relationships in which artisans receive a fair price for their work. One of their retail sites, located in Old Town Square, Fort Collins, began as an outreach effort of the Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship Church in 2000. This non-profit, volunteer-operated store features distinctive, handmade gifts and home décor created by artisans in developing countries.

Due to COVID, shopping at the Old Town store is by appointment only, and the number of shoppers allowed at any given time is limited. The shop is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. For further information or to make an appointment for in-store shopping, call 970-224-9501.

For online shopping, go to [tenthousandvillages.com/fortcollins](https://tenthousandvillages.com/fortcollins). Curbside pickup for items purchased online is available any time the shop is open. Donations to support the artisan communities with which the organization works are also accepted on the website.

*Shop*  
**TEN THOUSAND  
VILLAGES**







If you've seen people around town wearing masks made of colorful Guatemalan fabric, they're probably from UPAVIM Crafts, a self-run cooperative of women in La Esperanza, Guatemala. Its name says it all: "unidas para vivir mejor" ("united for a better life"). Together, the women provide leadership opportunities, greater economic independence and education for the members and their families.

Founded in 1989, UPAVIM creates and sells colorful, handcrafted products – kitchen items, jewelry, ethically-made gifts for babies and children, liturgical stoles, ornaments and other holiday items and, of course, masks in many sizes, shapes and colors. Sales of UPAVIM's Fair Trade goods directly support the cooperative, a full-day K-6 school, daycare, and a Montessori-based preschool. UPAVIM's success has also fueled the development of a health clinic, a tutoring program, a bakery and more.

Online purchases may be made by going to their website at [www.upavimcrafts.org](http://www.upavimcrafts.org). Use code FAIRTRADE33 to receive a 15% discount as part of Plymouth. Shipping is via USPS.

*Shop*  
**UPAVIM online store**







# **NATIONAL PROGRAMS ADDRESSING GLOBAL POVERTY**





In the aftermath of World War II, 17 U.S. denominations came together to form an agency to “do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.” They called it Church World Service. The focus then was on rebuilding war-torn Europe and Asia and addressing a staggering refugee crisis. It began as a program of the National Council of Churches, but 70 years later it is now an independent faith-based organization focused on “transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster.” In addition to direct aid in affected communities, CWS also seeks out ways to address the root causes of hunger and poverty.

**Thus a primary role of CWS is now to address the basic need of creating the political will to address the systemic barriers and make the structural changes necessary to build a world where there is enough for all.**







Have you ever considered how a flock of chickens can change a family's life? Or a wool-producing sheep or alpaca? Or, indeed, a milk-producing heifer that can grow into a source of both food and income for now – and more heifers (and income) in the future? Heifer International grew out of that kind of thinking. It now works alongside local farmers and business owners in 21 countries. It supports farmers and their communities as they mobilize and envision their futures, provides training so they can improve the quantity and quality of the goods they produce, and facilitates connections to markets to increase sales and incomes.

You can support Heifer International generally in their efforts to empower families and communities, and the organization will direct your gift to the area they feel has the greatest immediate need. Or, you may specify your donation using the items and instructions on the following page.







*Note: You need not give the entire suggested amount for the more expensive items. For instance, feel free to give an amount that is comfortable to you toward a pump for a remote village. All gifts from AGF supporters who donate through Plymouth will be combined, and totals for each item will be communicated to Heifer.*

**To specify your gift, please follow these steps:**

**Step 1.** Select from items listed here and total the cost.

**Step 2.** Enter your total into the Heifer line on the online AGF Giving Form.

**Step 3.** Email the Team at [agf@plymouthucc.org](mailto:agf@plymouthucc.org) to provide a detailed breakdown of how you wish your donation to be allocated (how many shares of which animals, etc.).

If this donation will be shared as gifts and you wish to have Heifer International cards to give, contact the AGF Team at [agf@plymouthucc.org](mailto:agf@plymouthucc.org). We will get cards and other Heifer material to you during or soon after the fair.



**Goat**

Full: \$120

Share: \$10



**Water for Life  
Pumps**

\$750



**Heifer**

Full: \$500

Share: \$50



**Flock of Chickens**

\$20



**Alpaca**

Full: \$150

Share: \$20



**Gift of Trees**

Full: \$60

Share: \$10



**Biogas Stoves  
for a Village**

Full: \$1,000

Share: \$50



**Sheep**

Full: \$120

Share: \$10



**Pig**

Full: \$120

Share: \$10