



**The United Parish in Brookline**

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## **2017 Missions Giving Christmas Market** **December 10<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>**



Girls in the *Afghan Mini Mobile Circus for Children*. United Parish is a proud supporter.

Join us after worship to purchase cards that let your friends and family know that a gift has been made in their honor to a chosen mission.

- Perfect gifts or stocking stuffers
- Descriptions of the missions included on all cards
- Amounts of \$5 to \$50
- Purchase your cards after worship on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Or bring the order form and payment to the United Parish Office and pick up your cards

*Spread the joy that is United Parish!*



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### **Afghan Mobile Mini Circus for Children**

The country-wide educational program focuses on teaching children to lead. The basic philosophy is that children know best how to communicate with other children. The goal is to give children the tools they need, so they themselves develop creative and novel ways of spreading fun education throughout Afghanistan.

As the international community moves away from direct control of Afghanistan's institutions, the need has never been greater for Afghans to take control of their own destinies. Over the past decade, the children and youngsters at AMCC have developed the capacity to lead young people across Afghanistan. Their voices are the voices of Afghanistan's future.

**Gift #1 - \$5 to help provide juggling materials**

**Gift #2 - \$10 to help children participate in performances about peace, hygiene, and education**

**Gift #3 - \$20 to help run performances about safety near land-mines**





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### American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

The American Civil Liberties Union was founded in 1920 and is our nation's guardian of liberty. The ACLU works in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Now, more than ever, support the beauty and dignity of our Constitution.

**Gift #4 - \$10 to help the ACLU preserve the rights and liberties in the Constitution**



**Over 1.6 million people support the ACLU.**





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## **Brookline Food Pantry**

Ensure that none of our Brookline neighbors go to bed hungry. The Brookline Food Pantry works out of two locations: St. Paul's Episcopal Church and 55a Egmont, and every month provides about 800 Brookline residents with fresh produce, canned goods, toiletries, and healthy snacks.

**Gift #5 - \$5 to help provide toiletries at Brookline Food Pantry**

**Gift #6 - \$10 to help provide canned goods at Brookline Food Pantry**

**Gift #7 - \$20 to help provide fresh fruit at Brookline Food Pantry**





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### Doctors Without Borders

Delivering emergency medical aid to people worldwide where the need is greatest. Doctors Without Borders provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters, and to victims of armed conflict, irrespective of race, religion, creed, or political convictions.

Doctors Without Borders observes neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance and claims full and unhindered freedom in the exercise of its functions.

**Gift #8 - \$10 to help provide meals to refugees**





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### EPOCA/Jobs Not Jails

Statewide coalition to redirect costly prison spending towards jobs, training and support for Massachusetts' lowest income communities

- Reform Criminal Justice in Massachusetts
- Stop All New Prison Construction
- Re-Direct \$2 Billion to Create Job Opportunities

**Gift #9 - \$10 to support the work of EPOCA/Jobs Not Jails**







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### Everytown for Gun Safety

A movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities. Gun violence touches every town in America. For too long, change has been thwarted by the Washington gun lobby and by leaders who refuse to take common-sense steps that will save lives.

Every day, 93 Americans are killed with guns. Your donation helps work to prevent gun violence and save lives by:

- Pressuring lawmakers to improve our gun laws
- Raising awareness about gun violence
- Educating the public about common-sense gun laws and responsible gun ownership
- Mobilizing grassroots supporters
- Connecting and amplifying the voices of survivors of gun violence

### **Gift #10 - \$10 to help end gun violence**





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### **Heifer International**

We empower families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity – but our approach is more than just giving them a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Our animals provide partners with both food and reliable income, as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market.

**Gift #11 - \$10 to buy a share of a goat for a family**

**Gift #12 - \$20 to give a flock of chicks to a family**

**Gift #13 - \$50 to help families purchase roofing materials, bricks, concrete... the gift of a healthy home**







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### Homes for Our Troops

Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) builds and donates specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives. Most of these Veterans have sustained injuries including multiple limb amputations, partial or full paralysis, and/or severe traumatic brain injury.

Homes restore some of the freedom and independence our Veterans sacrificed while defending our country, and enable them to focus on their family, recovery, and rebuilding their lives. HFOT builds homes where the Veteran chooses to live, and continues its relationship with the Veterans after home delivery to assist them with rebuilding their lives.

**Gift #14 - \$10 to help purchase materials to build a new home**





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## **Horizons for Homeless Children**

Combating the effects of homelessness becomes an even more pressing and critical mission when children are involved. Horizons for Homeless Children is leading the fight in Massachusetts to help alleviate the trauma and stress of homelessness on both children and their families by providing world-class early education, vital opportunities for play, support for parents, and crucial advocacy on behalf of some of our most marginalized citizens.

**Gift #15- \$5 towards Play-Doh and other crafts that enhance children's sense of touch and inspire creativity**

**Gift #16 - \$10 towards a set of puzzles that will build children's problem-solving skills**

**Gift #17 – \$20 to help provide music lessons in a Horizons for Homeless Children early education center**







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### International Justice Mission

A global organization that protects the poor from violence in the developing world. A global team includes more than 750 lawyers, investigators, social workers, community activists and other professionals at work through 17 field offices.

- Rescuing Victims
- Bringing criminals (slave-owners, traffickers, etc.) to justice
- Restoring survivors with the support and tools they need to heal and thrive
- Strengthening justice systems

**Gift #18 - \$10 to help rescue a family from slavery**



International Justice  
Mission

Maria de Vilaz

Sophistic Carrol





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### Massachusetts United for Puerto Rico

The Massachusetts United for Puerto Rico Fund is dedicated to grassroots relief and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, and to support grassroots organizations helping Puerto Ricans displaced to Boston and the Commonwealth as a result of the destruction.

Established as a partnership between The Boston Foundation and the Latino Legacy Fund (which is housed at TBF), the fund is advised by an Advisory Board of local Latino leaders, public officials and experts from the Massachusetts Puerto Rican diaspora community.

#### **Gift #19 - \$10 to help rebuild Puerto Rico after the hurricane**





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### **Mothers for Equality and Justice**

Together, we can create neighborhoods where playgrounds and parks are safe and sidewalks are no longer threatening. Empowered and engaged mothers are the key to ending violence. Mother to mother, family to family, block to block, we can change the story of our streets.

We share a common purpose to end violence and restore a sense of pride and hope to our communities. We stand in solidarity with those who have lost loved ones to violence, and those who share a vision of a world in which this violence is no longer normal or acceptable.

**Gift #20 - \$10 to help provide financial literacy training to mothers, youth and incarcerated young adults**





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### United Parish in Brookline Missions Giving

United Parish Missions Giving shares gifts with organizations doing good work locally, nationally and internationally. Funds come from three sources:

- Interest from the United Parish church endowment
- Church members who direct a portion of their annual pledges to support Missions Giving
- Specific offerings in church services

Missions Giving also supplements, matches, doubles or triples the amounts raised by congregants involved in church-sponsored initiatives, such as *Walk for Hunger*.







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Description	Price	Quantity	Total
Gift #1	Afghan Mobile Mini Circus - <b>juggling materials</b>	\$5	
Gift #2	Afghan Mobile Mini Circus - <b>peace &amp; hygiene materials</b>	\$10	
Gift #3	Afghan Mobile Mini Circus - <b>land-mine safety</b>	\$20	
Gift #4	American Civil Liberties Union - <b>support rights &amp; liberty</b>	\$10	
Gift #5	Brookline Food Pantry - <b>toiletries</b>	\$5	
Gift #6	Brookline Food Pantry - <b>canned goods</b>	\$10	
Gift #7	Brookline Food Pantry - <b>fresh fruit</b>	\$20	
Gift #8	Doctors Without Borders - <b>meals to refugees</b>	\$10	
Gift #9	EPOCA/Jobs Not Jails - <b>support the work</b>	\$10	
Gift #10	Everytown for Gun Safety - <b>help end gun violence</b>	\$10	
Gift #11	Heifer International - <b>a share of a goat</b>	\$10	
Gift #12	Heifer International - <b>a flock of chicks</b>	\$20	
Gift #13	Heifer International - <b>materials to build a healthy home</b>	\$50	
Gift #14	Homes for Our Troops - <b>materials to build a new home</b>	\$10	
Gift #15	Horizons for Homeless Children - <b>Play-doh &amp; crafts</b>	\$5	
Gift #16	Horizons for Homeless Children - <b>puzzles</b>	\$10	
Gift #17	Horizons for Homeless Children - <b>music lessons</b>	\$20	
Gift #18	International Justice Mission - <b>help rescue a family</b>	\$10	
Gift #19	Massachusetts United for Puerto Rico - <b>help rebuild</b>	\$10	
Gift #20	Mothers for Equality and Justice - <b>financial training</b>	\$10	
		<b>Subtotal</b>	
		Donations	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash    \_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to United Parish in Brookline. Note: Mission Giving Christmas Market)

Place your order during Coffee Hour on December 10th or 17th,  
or stop by the Church Office, Tuesday-Friday 9am-5pm.

