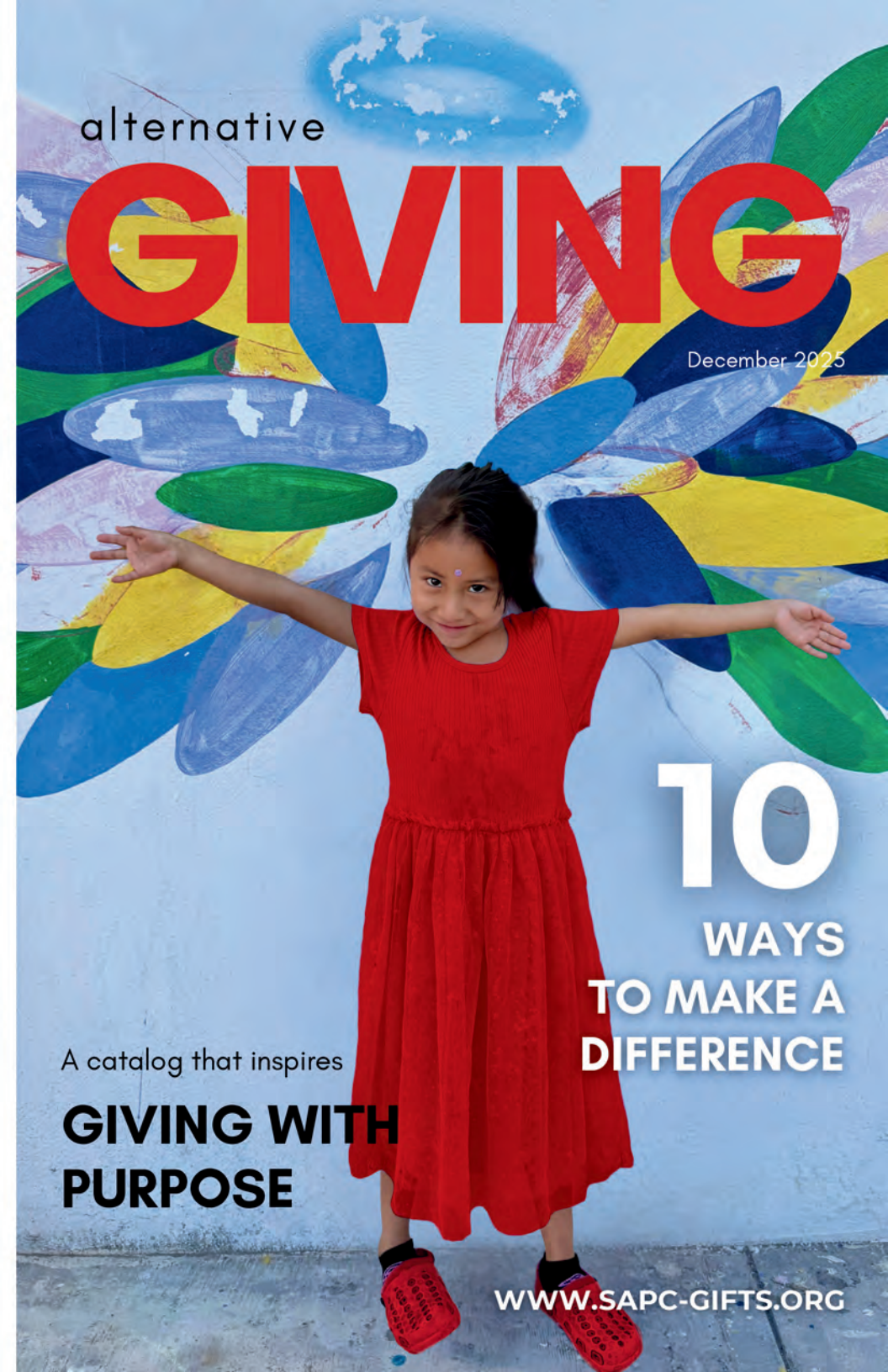


A young girl with dark hair, wearing a bright red dress and red sneakers, stands with her arms outstretched in front of a light blue wall. The wall is covered in a large, colorful abstract mural featuring broad strokes of blue, green, yellow, and purple, resembling a stylized flower or sunburst. The girl has a small purple dot on her forehead. The overall mood is joyful and creative.

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Ms. Claus (Linda Leake) and her reindeer (Ellie Drum) were sleighing it at last year's Carols, Cookies & Claus!

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Each year, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church creates an Alternative Giving Catalog, highlighting the ten ministries and mission partners we support. This catalog offers a meaningful way to share the spirit of Christmas—by giving to causes that bring hope, healing, and help to others. Instead of traditional gifts, you may choose to donate in someone's honor or simply give from the heart as an expression of Christmas generosity. In doing so, we celebrate the true meaning of the season by extending love and compassion with others.



Smiles as sweet as the cookies—Rick Peck, Bonnie Pearson, and Nuha Hababo at Carols, Cookies & Claus!

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SAPC Youth In Service



A pay-what-you-can cafe

Where kindness is always on the menu and everyone has a seat at A Place at the Table.

A Place At The Table

Questions?
Contact Sherry Hay
table@sapc.com

The cafe's mission is to provide community and healthy food for all regardless of means. When dining with A Place at the Table you can pay the suggested price, pay more for your meal (paying-it-forward for others who cannot afford to pay), or volunteer for your meal. Go to www.tableraleigh.org to learn about the cafe and volunteering.

The restaurant is located at 300 W. Hargett Street in downtown Raleigh and is open 8am-2pm Tuesday-Sunday.

In addition to the Cafe on Hargett street, APATT has recently added a food truck called the Travelin Table as well as catering services.

Coffee for two	\$5
One Meal	\$10
Meal for a Family of Six	\$50
Community Table Tab	\$100
ServSafe Certification	\$130
Helps Pay Rent	\$500

Faith Ministry



Joy in every bag! Boys grinning from ear to ear with Mexico gift bags from SAPC's caring congregation.

Faith Ministry focuses on creating a community of faith along the Texas-Mexico border.

Initiatives include housing, evangelism, medical care, and education. Saint Andrews supports Faith Ministry through monetary support from the Missions budget, the annual Feliz Navidad Mexico Christmas gift bags, and helping to build a house during the annual adult mission trip.

"Faith Ministry is special to me because of the chance to work with and alongside the community we are serving." -Mike Schley

Concrete Block for a Home	\$5
Bucket	\$10
Infant Formula	\$25
Child's Breakfast for a Month	\$35
Antibiotics for the Clinic	\$100
Door for a Home	\$150

Questions?

Contact Mike Schley at
mexico@sapc.com or visit
www.faithministry.org

Haiti Reforestation

*Partnering with God
and the people of
Haiti to bring back a
healthy, sustainable
land to feed and
nourish her people.*

For 35 years, a rural Haitian community has been reclaiming their land and their future. As of 2025, they have planted more than 17.5 million trees.

The Mentorship Program continues to train and launch the next generation of Haitians into CODEP leadership roles as agroforestry specialists.



Volunteers dig in for a greener future in Haiti—planting trees to restore the roots of the land after years of deforestation and erosion.

"I have hiked the CODEP mountains and witnessed strength through faith and community. I have seen the short survivalist view change to the long investment view that tree planting requires. The trees have protected the land from the erosive power of hurricanes, fed and housed the faithful, and shaded family gatherings." -Elizabeth Lusk

Hoes, Shovels & Machetes	\$20
Student Sponsor for a Month	\$25
Transportation for a Month	\$25
100 Forest, Fruit & Coffee Trees	\$25
Water Treatment Tablets	\$30
Month Salary for Leadership	\$75
One Ton of Fertilizer	\$200

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Lusk at haiti@sapc.com or visit www.haitireforest.org



Empowering Under Resourced K-12 Youth for Life Opportunities.

Loaves

and

Fishes

"Homework...recreation...and learning how to be a good person — from the teachers and the volunteers of all ages who enjoy getting to know their students"

-Bob Inskeep

To become involved email Bob Inskeep at laf@sapc.com or visit www.lafchildren.org.

For 44 years, Loaves and Fishes has provided holistic academic, social, emotional, and spiritual support for under-resourced youth in Raleigh. Your alternative Christmas gift helps ensure our students continue to receive meals, mentoring, transportation, and enrichment at no cost to their families.



SAPC members dishing out more than dinner—serving up community and kindness at Loaves and Fishes Family Night.

Covers snacks for 10 students for one week	\$50
Provides a full week of transportation for students who would otherwise miss program	\$75
Purchases school supplies for a child in need	\$100
Funds an experiential learning field trip for 10 students	\$150
Covers summer camp for 2 students	\$500
Supports a part-time facilitator for one month	\$1000



Meals on Wheels: where kindness is always on the menu and delivery comes with a smile.

Meals on Wheels

*TO NOURISH, ENRICH, AND STRENGTHEN THE
LIVES OF OLDER ADULTS THROUGH DAILY
MEAL DELIVERY AND HUMAN CONNECTIONS.*

Services include hot meal delivery five days a week to residents of Wake County who are 60 years old or older, are homebound and vulnerable. Disabled residents under 60 can also qualify for the program. Additional services include nine Friendship Cafes

where seniors can meet for a hot meal with their peers five days a week. Meals on Wheels currently serves 1,800 lunchtime meals using 12 volunteer locations, including Saint Andrews Church. Volunteers to deliver meals are always needed.

"I enjoy delivering MOW meals and talking with the clients. It is a reminder to me that there are lots of vulnerable, homebound people in our community, many of whom we don't see and are unaware of. It is a good way to help... and takes less than 2 hours for me." -Tom Robinson

For more information contact
Richard Casey at mow@sapc.com
or visit www.wakemow.org

Meal for One Person Per Week	\$20
Food Warmers	\$35
Gas Gift Cards for Drivers	\$50
One Month of Meals	\$80

North Raleigh Ministries



Bob Inskeep, Elizabeth Lusk, Karen Weber, and Edward Bruce proving that kindness is best served canned—organizing food at NRM after SAPC's successful food drive!

Helps those in financial crisis build a vibrant, purposeful, and healthy life through food assistance, transformative programs, and supportive community partnerships.

North Raleigh Ministries (NRM) walks alongside families in hardship, helping them move from crisis to stability. NRM is seeing record demand for their programs, beginning with the need for healthy, high-quality food. To meet this need, NRM is purchasing a new walk-in freezer, allowing them to store more nutritious food and serve more families.

SAPC has churchwide food drives and volunteer workdays several times a year. Look in the bulletin and newsletter for opportunities to join us in the food pantry or thrift shoppe.

Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, the first \$35,000 in contributions will be matched dollar for dollar—doubling your impact to help buy the freezer and keep it filled for our neighbors. Any donations beyond

\$35,000 will help NRM empower lasting change through crisis relief, client engagement, comprehensive support, and coaching programs.

"Volunteering at NRM for nine years, in the thrift store and in the Crisis and Development Center, and I have found my work there to be so rewarding. It's been a unique experience to see the shoppers enjoy their purchases in the thrift store and then to witness the changes in our neighbors in crisis who receive services delivered by the Crisis and Development Center."
—Karen Weber

Nourish a Family for a Week	\$50
Feed a Child for a Month	\$100
Family Transition Program	\$250
Family Journey Program	\$500

Contact Karen Weber at
nrm@sapc.com or visit
www.northraleighministries.com



Refugees in our community gearing up for success with school supplies donated by SAPC members.

Refugee Hope Partners

Just two miles down the road from Saint Andrews is a thriving refugee community.

Refugee Hope Partners (RHP) strives to engage, equip, and encourage our refugee neighbors with love and faith so they can grow and flourish in their new environment. Serving over 3,100 hundred refugees from over 74 countries, RHP collaborates with local churches to provide support to adults and families. These families come to the US under a refugee status, and

many have spent years displaced from their country of origin. Support services are based on four holistic program pillars: education and enrichment, health and wellness, faith and community, and equipping and advocacy. These services help families successfully become independent and active members of our community.

"I have learned so much from volunteering at Cedar Point over the last few years. I have seen the RHP staff and volunteers working with the refugee families who are from many different countries and doing so with respect, love, and faith. I

have witnessed the transformation of these families turning from loss and isolation to a sense of belonging and hope for a brighter future!" -Beth Mielcarek

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Support
Resettlement

Intern Programs
Adult ESL Classes
...and Much More

To learn more, contact Linda Adkins at refugeesupport@sapc.com or visit www.refugeehopepartners.org

Rise Against Hunger

What is RAH?



Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Recognizing that ending hunger is more than just feeding people, RAH is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Stats



In 2024, 9.4 million+ lives were impacted by Rise Against Hunger meals and other assistance, 54.3 million meals were packaged worldwide.

Clockwise from top left: The Whiteside family bagging up hope, JD Ice and Carol Lewis pouring rice, boys fighting back the giggles while tuning in for packing instructions and flashing smiles between scoops at the Rise Against Hunger food-packing event.

Quote



"Since our first packaging event in 2015 when we packed 10,000 meals, we have packaged more than 185,000 meals. This intergenerational event has been well-attended. God is truly working among us, inspiring and energizing the church through our families, youth, and individual church members."

-Elizabeth Lusk

Info



Cost per meal \$.42
Amount needed for next
SAPC packing event \$8400

Contact Elizabeth at
RAH@sapc.com or visit
www.riseagainsthunger.org



Saint Andrews Preschool

*Preparing children to
become lifelong learners*

Children who take part in a preschool program have improved social skills and do better in school. They learn essential life skills that stay with them forever. Most importantly, preschool is a place where children have fun in a safe and loving environment.

Through the scholarship fund, Saint Andrews makes preschool a reality for children who might otherwise not be able to attend. Over the years we have been able to offer full and partial scholarships to more than 25 families. In every case, the scholarship fund provided the needed assistance to help a family that was struggling provide their child with a way to become better prepared for kindergarten and beyond. Your generosity can have an incredible impact!

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The Preschool will use
your donation to
provide scholarships
for at-risk children

Questions? Contact Marj Jenkins at
mjenkins@sapc.com or visit
www.sapc.com/preschool.

From top: Shepherds and a wise man take center stage at the preschool Christmas play; little learners mixing fun and focus; and three sweet angels stealing the show.

SAPC Youth In Service

Answering God's call to love and serve all people



SAPC Youth know there are needs in North Carolina, in our country, and across the globe! Our youth have primary responsibility for maintaining and stocking our congregation's Little Free Pantry each week to help local neighbors in need.



In the Summer of 2026 our high school youth will travel to New Orleans, Louisiana to serve with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) which is based at Saint Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. Working with nonprofits and ministries across the city, our youth will come alongside others and share God's love.



"Youth trips provide essential time for building relationships and seeing God work in the world! As our youth learn more about each other and bond through shared experiences, they are also challenged to respond to God's call to love and serve others." -Anne Stark

From top: Whether they're spreading smiles and service in Jamaica, slapping peanut butter on 400 sandwiches for the Brown Bag Ministry, or rolling up their sleeves to stock the Little Free Pantry—our youth are proving that service can be fun, messy, and full of heart!

Travel First Aid & Safety Gear	\$10
Groceries for Little Free Pantry	\$20
Partial HS RHINO Scholarship	\$50



For more information
contact Anne Stark at
astark@sapc.com.

Thank You

The Mission and Outreach Committee of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church thanks you for considering supporting our annual Alternative Giving Program. As a Matthew 25 congregation, SAPC has pledged to eradicate poverty, help to end food insecurities, and fight systemic racism. As we seek to follow Christ's call to serve others, we focus on a number of both international and local ministries. Allow me to focus on 3 of our local mission partners:

North Raleigh Ministries: Helps families in crisis transform their lives through tailored programs and food assistance. North Raleigh Ministries operates a thrift store, a food pantry, and a crisis center. Their Journey Program assists families in financial crisis and works to lift them out of the cycle of poverty.

Refugee Hope Partners: Provides support and care to immigrant families who come to Raleigh from around the world. These families are fleeing violence and oppression in their home countries and have often spent lengthy periods in refugee camps. Refugee Hope Partners offers language classes, homework help, job training, and assistance with medical care and other services for both adults and children.

Loaves and Fishes: Provides school-age children from lower-income families in Raleigh with educational support and enrichment programs. Loaves and Fishes seeks to provide opportunities that help lift these children out of poverty.

These are just three of the partners SAPC is currently serving. No matter your skills, spiritual gifts, or available time, there is an opportunity to serve that is just right for you! If you haven't already taken that step to experience hands-on outreach ministry at SAPC, we encourage you to get involved. All of our partners need people to assist them in achieving their goals. You can be the hands and feet of Christ in our local community and the world! I also encourage you to join one of our monthly Missions and Outreach Committee meetings. Attending a meeting does not mean that you are obligated to join, but it may give you insight into how SAPC works with our partners.

In this Alternative Giving Catalog, you will find SAPC contact information for each of these ministries. If you are interested in one of our ministries and would like to learn more about supporting or serving, please reach out to us. Consider yourself invited!

"What good is it, my brothers, if one claims to have faith but has no deeds?" James 2:14

Richard Casey
rcasey59@gmail.com
Elder for Mission and Outreach



JD and Judy Ice channel their inner elves, spreading holiday cheer alongside Santa



Thank you for helping share Christ's love through the mission partners of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church. With this year-round giving catalog, you can celebrate special occasions or honor loved ones with a gift that makes a lasting difference.



Donate online at www.sapc-gifts.org or complete the enclosed form.

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Thank you

Your support of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church's mission partners helps share Christ's love in powerful ways. This year-round catalog offers meaningful ways to give in celebration of special occasions or in honor or memory of loved ones.

And this year, if more than 50 people participate, an anonymous donor will contribute \$1,000 to be shared equally among the 10 mission partners featured in this catalog.

www.sapc-gifts.org

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Please complete the form above, place it in the enclosed pre-addressed return envelope, and mail it with your check payable to Saint Andrews with "Alternative Giving" in the memo line.

To receive 2025 tax credit, all checks must be received in the church office by Monday, December 22.

Gift donation cards will be available in the church narthex through December 24. If you would like cards mailed to you, please contact the church office at 919-847-1913.

Questions? Contact Mike Schley at michael@schley.us.