

To Whom Should We Give our End-of-Year Donations 2020?

Each year, your Social Justice Coordinating Team has suggested that your donations in the holiday and end-of-year giving season be given to meet local, national, and global needs with a focus on advocacy for change locally, nationally, and internationally for global justice and peace.

This year, because of the tremendous needs as a result of the pandemic, we would like to encourage you to consider giving to local organizations which are working to meet those needs here. If you have driven past the lengthy lines of cars at the Soup Kitchen or the Strickler Center, you can clearly see how great these needs are!

Here is a list of local organizations that could use our support to support our fellow Isabella County residents:

Soup Kitchen (food) - <http://isabellacommunitysoupkitchen.org/>
ICRH (homeless shelter) - <https://www.icrhouse.org/wordpress/>
Food Pantry (food) - <https://ccnfeeds.org/>
Care Store (health products) - <https://www.thecarestore.org/>
Clothing, INC (clothing) - <https://www.clothinginc.org/>
R.I.S.E. (domestic violence) - <https://www.riseadvocacy.org/>
Listening Ear - <https://www.listeningear.com/>
Foster Closet - <https://fosterclosetofmichigan.org/isabella-county/>

If you are interested in going beyond the local needs by donating to other agencies/organizations that seek justice and peace nationally and internationally by changing the structures of life that are shaped by governments, although not exhaustive, here is a list from your Social Justice Coordinating Team of organizations that support justice:

Friends Committee for National Legislation – www.fcnl.org (issues: military spending, environment and energy, immigrants and refugees, criminal justice, economic justice, voting and elections, peace building)
Oxfam America Advocacy Fund – www.oaaf.org (works to change the laws that keep people in poverty)
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) – www.aclu.org (works to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of the United States)
Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) – www.splcenter.org (works to fight hate and bigotry and seek justice for the most vulnerable members of our society)
Heifer Project – www.heifer.org (works to end world hunger and poverty through the “teach a man to fish” philosophy)
NAACP – www.naACP.org (works to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination)

Doctors Without Borders – www.doctorswithoutborders.org (helps people worldwide where the need is greatest, delivering emergency medical aid to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from health care)

Polaris Project – www.polarisproject.org (works on all forms of human trafficking and serves victims of human trafficking slavery)

Amnesty International – www.amnestyusa.org (monitors and lobbies for human rights worldwide)

Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA) – www.finca.org (works to alleviate poverty through lasting solutions that help people build assets, create jobs and raise their standard of living)

Lambda Legal – www.lambdalegal.org (works to achieve full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work)

Planned Parenthood – www.plannedparenthood.org (provides reproductive health services both in the United States and globally)

National Resources Defense Council – www.nrdc.org (works to safeguard the earth—its people, its plants and animals, and the natural systems on which all life depends)

Environmental Defense Fund – www.edf.org (guided by science and economics, works to tackle environmental threats with practical solutions)

Oil and Water Don't Mix – www.oilandwaterdontmix.org (works with other organizations to keep oil out of the Great Lakes)

International Rescue Committee – www.rescue.org (helps to restore health, safety, education, economic well-being, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster)