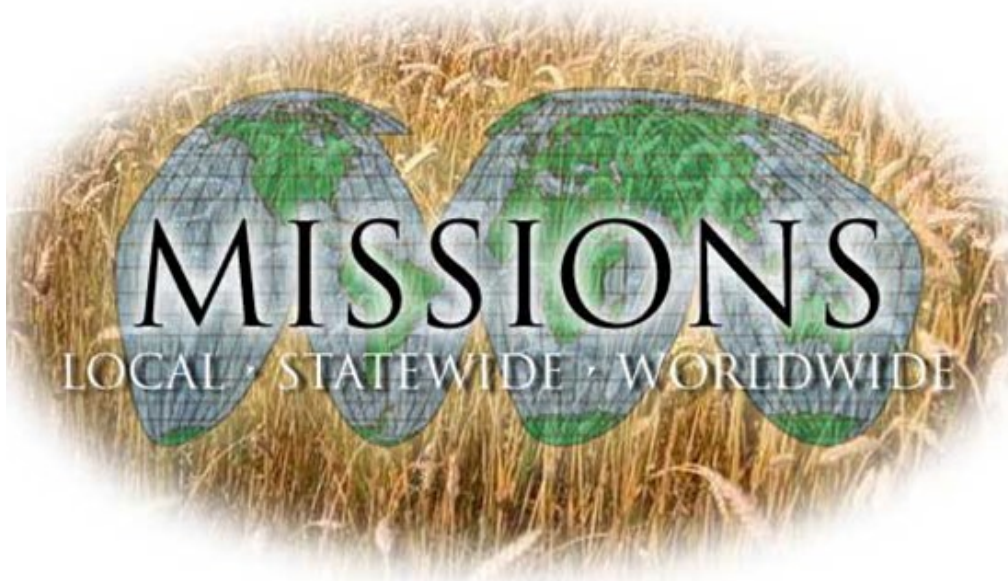




# Mission Outreach 2026



*(35) "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, (36) I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (40) "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*-Jesus (Matthew 25: 35, 36, 40 NIV)*

## VPC Mission Directory

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*To make Christ known through reconciliation  
while communicating respect and love to all  
people.*

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The Mission Outreach Committee researches, reviews and evaluates those ministries and organizations which receive, or are applying for, our financial support. The committee then allocates funds budgeted by the Session or designated by gift to these ministries.

Each committee member maintains an ongoing relationship with the missions we support. This directory is a brief digest of those programs.

### Valley Presbyterian Church Contact & Support Guide

This directory describes missionaries and ministries with whom Valley Presbyterian Church partners. You are encouraged to pray, correspond, volunteer your time and skills, and give financially in support of these mission partners. In doing so, you take part in the exciting work Christ has set before us throughout the world.

For more information,  
call VPC at 520-625-5023 or visit  
[www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net)

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# Mission Commitment

Every church of every denomination “does mission” differently. There are churches who in reference to Missions, refer to their having a Mission Statement. There are churches who give financially to Benevolences and Charities. At one point in American History, families and individuals in churches were required to “rent” their pews, which paid for the Operating Budget and Mission giving was on top of that with a required tithing of 10%. Some churches separate their finances, with a Church Operations Budget and a Missions Budget.

Valley Presbyterian Church throughout recent years has consistently supported Mission giving from the Operating Budget and from Pass-Through Giving. Different from most “committees” of the church, which meet to discuss and make decisions, our Missions Committee is composed of members of the church who are each committed to a specific mission cause, and meet monthly to share information of what is going on in each.

This year, some exciting things took place. Member Linda Piotrowski brought to the Missions Committee interest and concern for the indigenous people in this area, beginning the process of Native American Advancement Foundation (NAAF) becoming one of our Church’s Missions: In addition, ordinarily the Operating Budget provides operational funding to each of our Mission causes. Late in 2023, we received an undesignated Memorial Gift, which through the Gifts & Memorials Committee, the Session determined would be used to Make a Difference for the Greater Glory of God. The Gifts & Memorials Committee contacted all of the Committees of the Church with a request for proposals and many of the missions each filed a grant application. At this point, the Session recognized and affirmed “We are the Church”, therefore this gift needed to be distributed similarly to all of the priorities of our church including missions. Therefore, in 2024 an additional \$175,000 was given as one-time grants for non-operating costs from our church to many of our missions. This program was so well received, that our Gifts and Memorials committee amended their Charter, that for any undesignated Memorials of over \$50,000 the first 20% will be made available to our Missions. In addition, our congregation has continually had parishioners who are so committed to individual causes that they provide additional “pass-through” gifts designated for particular causes.

Thank you for your incredible generosity, supporting mission causes assisting those living on the edge, as well as attempting to make a major difference in some facet of these organizations. As named in the Bible by Jesus, “The poor will always be with you,” we are not able to change poverty or force individuals to accept help... but we can be of service.

Pastor Craig

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## **Who Benefits from VPC's Missions?**

Valley Presbyterian Church supports missions that reach out to people of all ages, and to causes that exist locally, nationally, and internationally.

### **Young Children**

Posada Life Community Services  
Operation Christmas Child  
St. Andrew's Children's Clinic  
(NAAF) Native American Advancement Foundation

### **Junior and High School**

Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C.  
Youth on Their Own  
(NAAF) Native American Advancement Foundation

### **College and Trade-Studies Students**

Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C.  
Presbyterian Campus Ministry  
YAV (Young Adult Volunteers)

### **Families**

Amado-GV Community Food Banks  
Compañeros en Misión  
Café Justo  
Crossroads Nogales Mission  
Hands of a Friend  
Valley Assistance Services  
(NAAF) Native American Advancement Foundation  
Valley Galley

### **Women**

Hands of a Friend  
Valley Assistance Services

### **Seniors**

Posada Life Community Services  
Mission Quilts (Women's Ministries of VPC)  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Valley Assistance Services  
Valley Galley

### **Missionaries**

Operation Mobilization (Pam and Dave Lovett - South Asia)  
Frontera De Cristo—Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar

# Mission Committee Giving and Pass Through Giving– 2025

Vendor	2024 Budget		12/31/2024
	Original Budget	Pass Thru Giving	Total Paid Year to Date
Amado Food Bank	6,476.30	5,882.11	12,355.07
AVM Special Project		70.00	70.00
Borderlands YAV (Young Adult Volunteers)	4,777.84	6,300.00	14,381.55
Casa Community Services (Posada Life)	7,404.00	1,525.00	8,925.16
Casa Vida Nueva	9,586.16	2,459.50	42,998.70
Green Valley Community Food Bank	6,476.32	5,882.11	12,355.07
Companeros en Mission	6,312.00	1,000.00	17,315.76
Crossroads Mission	10,129.84	6,918.30	51,042.90
General Mission Support:			
Synod	10%	729.24	182.21
PCUSA	10%	729.24	100.00
Presbytery de Cristo	80%	5,831.08	2,325.00
GV Community Food Bank		6,476.32	5,882.11
Hands of a Friend		8,495.08	1,320.00
Presbyterian Campus Ministry		6,312.00	1,000.00
Frontera De Cristo—Rev. Mark			
Samaritan's Purse—Christmas Shoe Box			
St Andrew's Children's Clinic		7,404.00	5,345.00
Tohono O'odham			24,118.00
PCUSA-Disaster Assistance:			
Mission Committee Contingency Funds		1,887.66	
Missionary Support-Rices (South Sudan)		8,495.08	11,000.00
Missionary Support-Lovetts (Operation Mobilization)		7,406.76	4,508.66
Operation Mobilization			25,000.00
Valley Assistance Services		12,313.84	4,744.35
VAS-Empty Bowls-Valley Galley Cost			123.56
Valley Presbyterian Women-Mission Quilts		738.48	75.00
Youth on Their Own		8,495.08	12,520.00
Shenango Presbytery			25,000.00
		\$ 120,000.00	\$ 182,125.00
			\$ 380,240.53

## Pass Through Giving for Missions

Christ has given us the model of self-sacrificing love through the cross. Pass Through Giving for missions are funds which are given outside of the church's mission budget. The needs of our 19 agencies are great and for some, critical. Pass Through Giving for missions is an extra source of income for a specific mission which would be delivered through our church. These pass-through funds outside of our mission budget are available for special giving and come from many sources.

- Special Offering Envelope giving such as Food Bank, YOTO, PCUSA Special Giving (for example monies for Disaster Assistance), can be directed to each of our mission agencies.
- Direct checks given to VPC for specific Mission Agencies as noted in memo area on the check (for example monies for Casa Vida Nueva, Crossroads Nogales Mission, Valley Assistance Services , YOTO and any other mission listed on page 5). The advantage of giving to agencies through the church includes easy bookkeeping as these contributions are listed in your annual Giving Summary. Also, the pass-through monies are given to the agency as a check from VPC which reflects our church's involvement in the community. By request, you can be identified by name.
- Projects which generate income such as Mission Breakfasts, Noisy Offering, etc. Monies identified by check or in Special Offering Envelope will be noted in your Annual Giving Summary.
- Undesignated gifts to the Mission Committee are placed in the Contingency Fund and are used for emergencies as identified.

Pass Through Giving is a way to help meet VPC's mission needs. Agape love is self-sacrificing Love and is reflected in mission giving. Approximately 50% of the total Mission Committee budget is from the Patio Sale, 13.61 of the total church budget is given to Missions.

Pass Through Giving is way to help VPC need and is tax deductible to limits of the law.



# Café Justo (Just Coffee)

620 E. 10th St. Douglas, AZ. 85607 520-364-3532  
sales@justcoffee.org *Adrian Gonzalez, Director of Customer Service*

## **GOAL:**

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico – a ministry of the PCUSA Border Ministry Frontera de Cristo. They market a pure, organic coffee, which is grown, harvested, and marketed in the spirit of justice and providing incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Their goal is to employ members of the community in the agriculture, production, management and administrative roles to create a sustainable, local business.

## **MISSION:**

Café Justo's mission is to deliver the highest quality, organic, environmentally conscious, fresh roasted coffee to customers at a price that is fair and just. They work to create a bond between the members of the coffee growing community in Salvador Urbina and their customers throughout the world.

## **STORY:**

Café Justo began with a discussion between the PCUSA Border Ministry, Frontera de Cristo, and the small coffee growers of Salvador Urbina, to determine how best to provide a living wage to the coffee growers. This resulted in the organization of those growers into cooperatives who would grow, harvest, roast, and market their own coffee thus shifting the profits from large, international companies to the members of the cooperative. This effort started with just one cooperative. Currently there are five co-ops supporting 115 families. Two are in Chiapas, one in Veracruz and one in Nayarit.

The financial benefits of Café Justo are significant when compared to Fair Trade coffee or local purchases. It is also easy to see the impact this business has on migration. The people involved in producing the coffee are now building concrete homes with access to electricity and water. They are no longer trying to immigrate into the U.S. to find jobs. The value of this business to other residents of Salvador Urbina is also clear as the profits earned by the farmers are used to purchase goods and services provided by others in the community. Your coffee purchase is having a direct and dramatic effect on this community and others. The cooperative members and community are putting aside their differences to provide an excellent, chemical free, environmentally friendly product and business.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1. Purchase your coffee after church during fellowship on the second and fourth Sundays each month. You can purchase caffeinated or decaffeinated coffee in a medium or bold roast as beans or ground coffee. 100% of the money from our sales goes to the coffee cooperatives.
2. Contact Tommy and Lee Ann Calhoun to volunteer to sell the coffee after the church service (520-203-8497, leampsky06@gmail.com or Thomas7487@cox.net).  
Mission Committee Contact: Judy Aguayo 760-401-4545 jaguayovpc@yahoo.com

# Casa Vida Nueva para Niños A.C.

RFC: CVN070430HHA

(New Life Home for Children - Orphanage)

Carr. Inter. Km18, Campestre El Porvenir, Rancho Hebron, Nogales, Sonora

Casa Vida Nueva; 631 112 46 63

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico 631 166 19 74

Directors: *Elias and Myrna Herrera*

Email: [eliasjrd@hotmail.com](mailto:eliasjrd@hotmail.com)

**OVERVIEW:** Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. (CVN) is a “Home for Children” located in a very rural, rustic area about 20 miles southwest of the border in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. It was envisioned in 2007 and opened in August 2012 with major financial support from New Life Church of God in Tucson, AZ.

**CVN’s PURPOSE:** To provide a safe place to call home for boys and girls (ages 1 – 18) many of whom have been abused and then abandoned by their parents. Left alone, they would have added to the sad statistics of abandoned youth in Sonora, Mexico. Currently they have over 35 children with 4 adults.

**CVN’s GOAL:** To become a home for up to 100 children which is a national model; decrease abandonment and abuse of children; support abandoned children in a comprehensive recovery process of physical, emotional, and spiritual growth; instill in them a character of high integrity which will help them develop into adults that are free of abuse and violence; and provide them with tools to integrate into society as healthy adults. When you visit the Home for Children, you will witness the happiest, most polite group of children you will ever meet. All are grateful for the place they now call home.

**THEIR NEED IS GREAT:** CVN is located far away from any city-supplied electrical, water or utility services.

**GOOD NEWS:** Most of their electricity is now provided by a solar system donated by members of VPC. In November, 2016, donations helped erect an antenna that enables CVN to establish a house phone and web services so important to school age children. In June 2017, a Green Valley resident donated the cost for a 250-foot water well, and water is now flowing into the home. Food, medical, living expenses, and school supplies are mostly supplied thru donations. In 2020 they finished the upstairs “common area” so the children now have a place to go and relax, watch TV and study, think college dorm room/common area.

**RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc.** RISE is a Green Valley, AZ based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to provide a sustainable source of revenue support for the educational needs of students at Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. who have been accepted for upper secondary education including high school, colleges, universities, trade schools, professional/technical studies and/or work/study programs. The financial support includes, but is not limited to, funds towards tuition, books, supplies and living stipends, and starts upon confirmed acceptance by the upper educational organization or program and continues through completion. Each participating student's progress is monitored regularly to ensure that they are moving toward graduation or completion of the enrolled program. RISE board members do not draw a salary, and their time and travel expenses are not compensated. 99.7% of all donations go directly to supporting the children’s educational goals. Three students have graduated from collage!

**RISE web site:** To learn more about RISE and the support provided to the children, you can go to the RISE web site: [www.risesa.org](http://www.risesa.org) or scan this QR code:



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** You may write a check to: RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc. and mail it to: RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc., P.O. Box 1044, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Since RISE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, you might be able to deduct your donations from your taxes. You may also contact Reed Olson, ([reedolson5623@gmail.com](mailto:reedolson5623@gmail.com) or 520-576-8597) to learn how you can become involved, set up a visit, and donate to this mission.

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## **Community Food Bank in Amado & Green Valley**

250 East Continental Road, #101  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

520-625-5252  
[www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org)

**Statement of Purpose:** The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona (CFBSA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides nutritious food to those suffering from hunger throughout Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee Counties in Southern Arizona. Our mission is “to change lives in the communities we serve by feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.” Administrative expenses are only 4% of our budget; 96% pays for direct food and services to those in need. The Community Food Bank in Amado & Green Valley (CFB-AGV) are branches of the CFBSA.

Emergency Food Boxes - These boxes provide a 2- to 3- day supply of nutritious food once per month to anyone experiencing a food crisis.

Included are federal U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities, donations from area grocery stores and food we purchase with donated funds for bread, milk and eggs to ensure that the selection is nutritionally balanced.

The federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) - A joint venture involving the USDA, Arizona Department of Health Services, and Pima County Health Department. It provides boxes of high-protein food such as cheese to seniors ages 60 and over.

In addition to the working poor who constitute the expected clientele of a food bank, we have served many families who have temporarily fallen on hard times due to job loss. Although the economy is slowly recovering, many people are still experiencing food insecurity in our region.

In most of our clients’ households, at least one person is working one or more jobs, but they are unable to meet their families’ basic needs due to low wages. At the minimum wage, even with two parents working fulltime, families can barely begin to meet their needs for food, shelter, utilities, transportation, clothing, and school supplies. Therefore, our services are so necessary.

Volunteers are always needed to help in all the programs. If you would like to know more about how you can participate, or would just like to read more about all that is going on at the CFB, go to: [www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org). You can also visit CFB on Facebook.

The phone number for the Green Valley Food Bank is: (520) 625-5252. Also, remember the first Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. The cart to bring your donations to is in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Committee Contact: Kylene Joplin 520-648-1523

# Compañeros en Misión

246 N. Rodriquez Street, Nogales, AZ 85621  
and Iglesia Presbiteriana Sol de Justcia

Nevado de Colima 257, Héroes, 84030 Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
C/O Stephanie Mitchell  
9252 E 22nd St. Tucson AZ. 85710

Compañeros en Misión is a Presbyterian Borderlands Ministry that seeks to build faith, understanding and relations among Presbyterians on both sides of the U.S. and Mexican border. As a joint mission project of The Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbyterian National Church of Mexico, Compañeros helps the Mexican Presbytery enable the churches to become self-sufficient, self-governing, and self-propagating.

Leadership is provided by Tito Boroquez, Jenny Pazos, Isabelle Pazos, Issac Pazos in Nogales, Sonora and part time Coordinator, James Martin of Aqua Prieta who also serve on the Compañeros Board. Compañeros continues to provide after school tutoring for youth in math, reading and writing, and to provide basic health check-ups and related services to families in the community.

Compañeros has funding to rebuild a community room with a kitchen and bathrooms adjacent to the church to serve as a classroom and resource room for their ministry activities. Construction should begin early in 2026 as soon as all permits have been approved.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ◆ **Pray:** Pray for the organizations in support of this mission for guidance forward. Pray for the Pazos family and friends, and all those who have been and need to be served by this mission.
- ◆ You may send your donations to Valley Presbyterian Church or online at the website [donorbox.org/mission-partners-in-the-borderlands](http://donorbox.org/mission-partners-in-the-borderlands).
- ◆ in the memo line, or put a cash donation in a envelope with Compañeros en Misión on the envelope.

Mission Committee Contact: Jan Farrington ([janfarrington9@gmail.com](mailto:janfarrington9@gmail.com))

<https://www.facebook/CompanerosEnMision/>

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## Crossroads Mission, Nogales, Arizona

338 N. Morley Avenue  
P.O. Box 2246  
Nogales, AZ 85628

520-287-5828  
[www.crossroadsmissionaz@gmail.com](mailto:www.crossroadsmissionaz@gmail.com)  
Alejandra Martinez , Director

### Hope, Help, Healing for the Homeless and Hurting.

Crossroads Nogales Mission is a Christ-centered, non-profit shelter community providing help, hope, compassionate care and recovery to disadvantaged men, women and families who are homeless, addicted and/or involved in domestic violence. The shelter provides housing, food, resources and recovery programs to those in need.

Crossroads Missions, located in the heart of the City of Nogales, is the only homeless shelter in South Central Arizona. Crossroads Nogales Mission strives to offer transformative quality of life through their full range of opportunities and programs, including:

- Food for over 40,000 men/women/families annually
- Daily Church services and meal
- Celebrate Recovery Program
- A domestic violence shelter for women/children
- Free lunches six days a week for the needy
- Free dinners for families of the community on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day
- Bible clubs for children

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Pray for Crossroads Mission as they continue to serve those in need in their community

Have influence by giving a tax-deductible gift of any amount

Help supply food such as canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta, powdered milk, sugar, rice, beans, peanut butter, jam, tomato sauce and spices.

Donate clean, gently used clothing, as well as twin bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters)

Place your donations in the Crossroad Mission box located on the table in the Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of each month.

Website address: [www.crossroadsmissionnogales.org](http://www.crossroadsmissionnogales.org)

Mission Committee Contact: Steve Hart and Linda Kucera

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**Frontera De Cristo**

**Rev. Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado**

826 11th Street Douglas, AZ 85607 (520)-364-9257 (In Mexico 00-1-520-364-9257)

*is a mission partner of [Presbytery de Cristo](#), one of four presbyteries comprising the [Synod of the Southwest](#) (Arizona and New Mexico) in the Presbyterian Church (USA).*

Frontera de Cristo is a presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. As one of the four binational ministry sites of Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries ([presbyterianborder.org](http://presbyterianborder.org)), we work with churches, presbyteries, and secular organizations on both sides of the border to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

# Hands of a Friend (Genesis House)



221 E. Duval Rd. Suite D Green Valley, AZ 85614 520.648.3589 website: handsofafriend.org	Patricia O'Berry, Founder Gina Dalsing, CEO Alexa Delgado, Executive Director
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Hands of a Friend's mission is to provide shelter for victims in need of escaping domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking, all while promoting help, healing, honor, and happiness!**

The local Genesis House shelter is run by Hands of a Friend a 501c3 Qualifying Charitable Organization, and is funded with proceeds from DaZee's Resale Boutique, grant funding, as well as private and corporate donations. DaZee's is run entirely with dedicated volunteers. As a faith-based agency, Hands of a Friend accepts no County, State or Federal funding. In 2024 the Gifts and Memorial provided a gift of \$13,710. for completion of building in 2025.

Genesis House serves as a "safe haven" for female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. Genesis House has provided over 87,000 bed units since its opening in January 2007. The shelter currently has 25 beds, with an overhead cost of approximately \$45 each day per person. Victims range in age from newborns to 87 years old. Each resident has a different journey and has individual needs for resources and instruction. They are allowed to stay in the shelter for up to 24 months. This allows them to get their best start toward a new secure life.

Genesis House aids residents so they can acquire food stamps and medical insurance, assistance with legal aid services, and aid with obtaining grants. In addition, internet access is on-site so residents can seek resources such as counseling, finishing school, and/or job search. Genesis House also offers transportation to the grocery store once a week, a pantry stocked with non-perishable foods, and emergency hotel stays for up to 2 nights.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First, DeZee's Resale Boutique accepts donations of woman's and men's clothing, shoes, handbags, and jewelry from 10:00 to 2:00 Monday-Saturday. The store address is 231 Duval Road, just off La Cañada near W. Duval Mine Road. Applications for volunteers at the store are gladly accepted.

Second, contribute financially through our church. If your contribution is made directly to Hands of a Friend, through pass through giving up to \$400/person or \$800/couple may be used annually as a tax credit.

Mission Committee: Jan Farrington [janfarrington9@gmail.com](mailto:janfarrington9@gmail.com)

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# Mission Quilts – Women’s Ministries

*Mission Quilts Chair: Patti Bright*

VPC Mission Quilts started many years ago as ABC Quilts, which was a nationwide effort to make and give baby quilts to mothers who had little or nothing in the way of clothes for babies. Now our mission’s aim is to gift any child, baby, or person in need of the warmth of Jesus’ love wrapped around them. Some of the places we deliver quilts to are Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales, AZ, St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic in Nogales, AZ, More Than A Bed, Aviva and Springboard Home for Youth in Crisis.

Much love goes into the making of each quilt as it is passed from one set of hands to another. Many hands have handled the quilt by the time it reaches completion. The monies received from the Mission Committee are used to supply needed items, such as, fabric, thread, sewing machine repairs, cutting blades, and batting.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

VPC Mission Quilters meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday, from October through April, starting at 9:30 am with the last person leaving by 12:00 pm. Coffee and snacks are furnished by participants. During January, we stop work and share in a pot-luck salad lunch.

We welcome anyone, who wants to experience the joy of creating and giving to those in hurting or in need, to be a part of our quilting family. Our faithful quilters consist of full-time resident members, snowbird members, nonmember attendees, and friends of our church. Our goal, besides making quilts, is to always enjoy each other.

If you want to see some of the many quilts that aren’t hung in fellowship hall, go to our personal website that Eileen Owen created and has maintained. <https://vpcmq.weebly.com/quilts.html>

Mission Committee Contact: Patti Bright [patti.bright1@gmail.com](mailto:patti.bright1@gmail.com)

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## **Operation Christmas Child**

Samaritan’s Purse (SP)                      828-262-1980  
PO Box 3000                                      [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)  
Boone, NC 28607

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization.

Shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies – packed by Christians in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand – are provided to churches around the world as a way to reach children in their communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Gifts are shipped outside the U.S. to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered shoeboxes to more than 232 million children globally. Alongside the shoeboxes, *The Greatest Gift* gospel booklet is handed out, inviting children to follow Christ. *The Greatest Journey*, a Bible course offered by local churches after shoeboxes have been distributed, is available in 89 languages in 115 countries. Some 50 million boys and girls have participated in this discipleship program.

Valley Presbyterian Church has contributed by packing shoeboxes (and, since 2023, also “packing” online shoeboxes) with gifts and prayers for these precious children, as well as giving donations for shipping costs and Bible study materials.

2025 marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of Valley Presbyterian Church’s participation in Operation Christmas Child. Our congregation filled 86 shoeboxes (63 traditional, 23 online) and donated \$630.00 to offset delivery expenses and supply study resources. Those who built online shoeboxes also funded distribution costs and devotional content.

We pray that our shoebox recipients and their families will be receptive to the Gospel and that God will work mightily in their lives.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Keep praying all year for the child that received your box and for the Operation Children’s Shoebox mission...to hear and spread the word of God throughout their lands.

The Valley Presbyterian Mission Committee also needs volunteers for this project to assist with assembling of boxes, the work on Sunday mornings of distribution and receipt of the boxes, publicizing the project, and delivery of the boxes to the Processing Centers.

Mission Committee Contact: Monica Pataki, (520) 437-2261

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**Native American Advancement Foundation**

**6262 North Swan Road, Suite 132**

Tucson, AZ 85718

[nativeamericanadvancement@gmail.com](mailto:nativeamericanadvancement@gmail.com)

**Mission Statement**

The Native American Advancement Foundation was formed in 2011 by members of the Tohono O’odham Nation. Through the combined efforts of Tribal Members and by partnering with outside organizations, NAAF helps strengthen their Native American communities in the areas of education, health and wellness, housing, food sustainability, environment, animal welfare, and opening economic opportunities on tribal lands.

As members of the Nation, NAAF has a vested interest and long-term commitment to the betterment of the native community. NAAF is uniquely qualified to assist as they have a personal understanding of the needs and desires of the people of the Guvo District and the Nation at large.

The Tohono O’odham Nation is a federally-recognized tribe that includes approximately 28,000 members occupying tribal lands in Southwestern Arizona. The Nation is the second-largest reservation in Arizona in both population and geographical size, with a land base of 2.8 million acres and 4,460 square miles, approximately the size of the State of Connecticut. Its four non-contiguous segments total more than 2.8

million acres at an elevation of 2,674 feet. The Guvo district is on the western side of the reservation. It is an approximately 2 hour drive from Green Valley.

NAAF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization founded by members of the Tohono O’odham Nation, GuVo District.

### Goals

NAAF is committed to providing more opportunities for growth and development in the Tohono O’odham community. The goal is to help every member of the community get better access to education, healthcare, and sustainable food. Project areas include Education, Improved Health, Native Language & Culture, Food Sovereignty, Housing, The Environment, Animals Welfare, and others.

Living in the desert involves many challenges. Among them are access to water, lack of heating & air conditioning, grocery stores, nutritious foods, schools, gas stations, books, and many other things we take for granted. NAAF is working to improve life in all of these areas and others.

### How Can You Help ?

1. Pray for the members of the nation and the success of the activities of NAAF.
2. Learn about NAAF and the Tohono O’odham by visiting their website.  
<https://www.naafnow.org/about-us>
3. Donate funds to assist in NAAF’s work. You can make a donation through VPC by earmarking your donation check for NAAF.
4. Donate books for the adults and children of the tribe.
5. Take part in educational offerings at VPC that teach about NAAF and the Tohono O’dham nation.

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## Shawl Ministry/ Prayer Bear

The mission to Knit, crochet and pray over each shawl as they are hand crafted .

All of the prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday service when they are completed.

Prayer Bears are a symbol of God’s Love given to needy persons.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Stayed tuned for an update on prayer shawls and how you can help.

Mission Committee Contact: Deacon Bernie Nicholson



# Operation Mobilization

Operation Mobilization  
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Tyrone, GA 30290

Pam and Dave are executive regional directors for Bangladesh, Iran, Pakistan and other areas serving with Operation Mobilization (OM) for 45 years. They travel regularly to dangerous lands to direct and serve unreached souls in need of Jesus Christ. In Addition, Pam and Dave have a major leadership role in planning programs, writing, speaking at international meetings, and hands on evangelism. We have been blessed and inspired by their multiple visits to Valley Presbyterian Church the last being in January 2025. OM currently has more than 6,100 people working in more than 110 countries around the world, seeking to “demonstrate and proclaim the love of God”. In all situations OM teams attempt to adapt to the local culture and situation, endeavoring to find the best ways to share the gospel using literature, creative arts, friendship, bible studies, video and cassette tapes, correspondence courses, relief, and development work. Suppling food, personal supplies, and clothing have been especially important with the Covid-19 crisis, Ukrainian War, and the natural disaster of floodings in Pakistan. The ship, LOGOS HOPE, has for 50 years serves as a floating library for service, Christian study, and evangelism. OM is a faith mission, dependent on God to raise support for their ministries from individual and churches. For specific information of Pam and Dave Lovett and their newsletter, contact Douglas Clark.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prayer requests

1. For protection, safety, and open doors for Pam and Dave Lovett and their teams in these countries in southern Asia.

For more people to join them in helping to reach those who have never heard the Gospel among these

2. unreached Muslim peoples.
3. For wisdom for the right decisions and plans for the future of their ministry.
4. For blessing and direction for Pam and Dave L. and their family.

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# Posada Life Community Services

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Green Valley, AZ 85614

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*Claudia Ortega Director, Community Programs*

Posada Life Community Services, (formerly Casa Community Services) offers programs open to the public with a mission to connect people to a better life through social interaction, education, and caring support. With roots in community support, including Valley Presbyterian Church and other generous community organizations and individuals, Posada Life Community Services is able to maintain a breadth of programs on behalf of the greater Green Valley community.

Posada Life Community Services an independent 501(c)(3), separate from La Posada retirement Center reaches across the community by helping:

On behalf of the greater Green Valley community, Los Niños del Valle ( a preschool service) offers a program that in its entirety is unduplicated.

- Four-star rating in the Arizona First Things First - Quality First program that provides intensive coaching, program assessment and resources.
- Intergenerational programs offering rich, regular programming between children and older adults attending programs at the Community Center, Casa's Adult Day Services, and La Posada's various senior living settings. Quality time spent between a child and an older adult enhances natural development, builds self-esteem, and improves the quality of life.
- Fee assistance to help low-income working families cover the cost of child care or for families who need short-term help while waiting for paychecks from newly found employment to catch up with expenses.
- Qualified teachers with early childhood education focused on developmentally appropriate materials and learning environments.
- Department of Economic Security certification allowing families who have qualified for, and received approval for, these extremely limited state child care funds to enroll their child.
- Endorsed by Eco-Healthy Child Care, meeting national standards for providing a "green" and healthy environment for children.

Older adults also enjoy a range of programs. Social opportunities and Senior Lunch are available at the Community Center. This is Green Valley's setting for life-long learning, meetings, events and a nutritious lunch five-days-a-week.

Older adults and their caregivers are served by Adult Day Services. This person-centered program serves individuals with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's and other health concerns, offering activities, nursing care and social opportunities. The many advantages of intergenerational activities benefit the older adults and children from Los Niños del Valle. Caregiver respite and support are integral to this program.

Individuals and families can benefit from Behavioral Health Services. BHS offers counseling both in our offices and in the clients' homes. Depression, grief, anxiety and many other mental health concerns are addressed with the help of licensed, experienced therapists. Medicare coverage is accepted; fee assistance is available for those unable to pay.

# Presbyterian Campus Ministry

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Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) is a mission of the Presbytery de Cristo. We collaborate with the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Bible study and dinner are Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. at our Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Tucson. It seeks to be a community of students searching together for what it means to be embraced by God, follow the Way of Jesus Christ, and trust the power of the Holy Spirit. Its mission is to be a rich community that enables its members to grow in (towards, around) our faith, to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ, and to learn to be leaders in their communities and the world.

College is a critical time in the lives of young adults, as they grow into themselves and work out their true values, beliefs, and sources of strength. We invite your prayers for PCM as it strives to support college students, minister to them, and develop them as future leaders for the Church.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Pray for PCM, especially its students!
- Participate in fundraisers and events.
- Donate to PCM directly by sending a Check to PCM or Make checks payable to Valley Presbyterian Church and in put in the note PCM or online <https://pcmarizona.org>

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# St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

P.O. Box 67 office 520-281-6674 or 520-648-3242  
Green Valley, Arizona 85622 [www.standrewsclinic.org](http://www.standrewsclinic.org)

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For over 50 years, St. Andrew's Children's Clinic has been providing free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get or afford the care they need in their home country. Located at 2021 N Grand Ave in Nogales, Arizona, The Clinic is now housed in a building at 2021 N. Grand in Nogales, Arizona, the Clinic is believed to be the only one of its kind along the U.S./Mexico border. It is a non-denominational, non-profit 201©(3) tax-exempt organization, staffed by dedicated team of volunteer healthcare professionals.

Each month, except for July, the Clinic serves approximately 80-90 patients on the first Thursday, offering critical medical care to children who otherwise go without.

THEIR NEED: the children who visit the Clinic suffer from a wide range of serious medical issues and debilitating conditions. Their parents bring them in search of hope-a miracle. Children from 1 month to 18 years old are treated, and all patients have legal border-crossing documentation. The Clinic has established a partnership with U.S. Immigration Services to ensure that all patients and their families have the proper paperwork,. The love and dedication of the volunteers is evident, as they return faithfully each month to provide essential care and support to these children.

Additionally, every October, in cooperation with Children's Surgery International of Minneapolis and CIMA Hospital, approximately 50-60 children have cleft palate/clift lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers n both sides of the US/Mexico Border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a better life.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Support: Your prayer for the volunteers, staff, children and their families are needed.
- Donations: 98% of contributions go directly to patient care. Cash and in-kind donations are welcomed.
- Volunteering: The clinic offers medical and non-medical opportunities for those who wish to contribute.
- Contact: Call 520-648-3242 or visit [www.standrewsclinic.org](http://www.standrewsclinic.org) for more information.

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# Valley Assistance Services

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Green Valley, Arizona 85614 [www.valleyassistanceservices.org](http://www.valleyassistanceservices.org)

Chris Erickson, RN, Executive Director c.erickson@valleyassistanceservices.org

**Who We Are:** Combining social services and community health, Valley Assistance Services (VAS) guides seniors, individuals and families to live healthy, resilient and vibrant lives, while remaining safe and independent. For over 50 years, our professional staff and cutting-edge programs have addressed life's challenges by embracing prevention and education, and by enriching the lives of over 7,000 individuals, youth, and seniors throughout our 2,700 square-mile service area, along the I-19 corridor. Our programs and services are now expanding from Sahuarita into Rio Rico.

- **Community Need:** Valley Assistance Services identifies, advocates, and supports the changing needs of older people, individuals, families and youth. The VAS staff our community with these essential programs:
- **Going Home with Care:** Care transitions from hospital to home, a post-hospital discharge program with specific diagnoses to help ensure recovery and discharge follow through.
- **A Touch That Cares:** RN Medical Advocacy for seniors facing chronic illness including in-home health education and medical support; health advocacy between patients and physicians, pharmacists, and medical advocacy and medication management on a sliding fee basis.
- **SHiM: (Safety and Health in Motion),** a partnership with the Santa Rita Fire District is an evidenced-based fall prevention program designed to identify medical fall risks, reduce fear of falling through an in-home assessment of fall risks.
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Green Valley/Sahuarita and Santa Cruz County Transportation Program:** Volunteer transportation carried out by trained volunteers to provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other essential trips, as well as performing errands for home-bound, isolated seniors.
- **MAP (Map-a-Plan Program):** Emergency monetary assistance for rent, utilities, to prevent evictions and homelessness, including required attendance in financial education classes. Savings and benefits information and resources including on-line SNAP (food stamps) application assistance and Arizona Self Help program are available to all clients.

baskets each December to those in the area who are alone, or who need assistance with basic needs. These programs are meeting the needs expressed by those in this community.

- Space prevents a more detailed list of many more programs guided into the community by VAS. please go to their website for more information contact [www.valleyassistanceservices.org](http://www.valleyassistanceservices.org)

PRAYERS ALWAYS NEED !!!! Thank you.

Questions ? Volunteer to help? Contribute and learn about our being a Qualifying Charitable Organization for the State of Arizona dollar- for -dollar tax credit on your Arizona State income taxes? just call VAS office at 520 625 5966

If you would like to donate or volunteer or tour our facility, please call 520-625-5966.

Thank you for your support.

Mission Committee Contact: Laurel Erickson, (520) 204-0467

- **Youth and Family Program:** Assists those families with basic needs including nutrition and resources. The **Backpack Program** distributes backpacks, school supplies and breakfast foods to those in Santa Cruz County.
- **Workforce Training/Career Path Building and Computer Lab:** Includes resume writing, mock interviewing, and job search with a workforce coach and one-to-one support. VAS now has a workforce computer lab.
- **Neighbors AIM (Awareness in Memory Loss):** Ongoing support classes and peer-support groups assist loved ones, family, friends, and neighbors of dementia sufferers, and those with early-stage dementia through creative events, simulation experiences, and education
- **Socialization Programs:**
- **connectwithU:** a volunteer team provides over 1,400 friendly phone calls to older persons per month. One-on-one visits can be scheduled for those desiring a personal interaction.
- **SASS (Socialization and Support for Seniors):** A facilitated, peer-led support groups that meet at the VAS office once a month for socialization.
- **VAS is at Joyner Library in Green Valley** from 9am to Noon on Tuesdays and at Sahuarita Library Thursday mornings ( same hours)
- **Virtual Dementia Tour is shown once a month at VAS office.**
- **EPIC Education and Prevention In Community classes** (funded by Freeport McMoRan Foundation ) offers classes on various topics like nutrition, diabetes, safety and prevention. Please call the VAS office for the current schedule and location. Classes are offered in English and Spanish.
- Valley Presbyterian Food Truck called Valley Galley, provides needy clients with lunch meals once a month at the VAS office.
- Currently under development, a new ESSENTIAL PANTRY for small items like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion and other personal hygiene items . Also shelf stable food items are welcomed. Many toiletries are not covered by government programs and are needed by clients.
- Valley Assistance Services is an affiliate of the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, and now serves more than 125 families and adults with these products. SNAP (formerly known as food stamp applications) has grown to four times what it was in the past. The Holiday program distributes over 150 gifts and food

## Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)

Valley Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbytery De Christo, one of two presbyteries in Arizona. Our Presbytery is a participant in a nation-wide program called *Young Adult Volunteers* (YAV). YAVs have an opportunity to explore what God has for them to do with their lives. Currently, there are five YAV led by Rev. James Martin. We have been providing some assistance with their stipends for living expenses.

YAVs are working from Tucson south into northern Mexico, although they have helped as far as Montlure Church Camp this past spring. Their task has been to minister to those in need, while learning how God is at work in our region. In the past year, for example, a YAV was working with CHRPA (Community Home Repair Projects in Arizona) The organization helps older folks of limited means with needed repairs that enable them to stay living in their house.

Other projects include feeding and counseling those in a tough spot. Time is taken for a retreat including lessons from the Bible. Since the stipend is not sufficient to support an auto, Valley Presbyterian church provided funds to purchase some sturdy bicycles to help them get around. (see photo)

The year of service for a YAV runs September to August. Our plan is to have them as presenters at a Mission Breakfast next fall and we will support their fund-raising tamale sale, January 2026.

**For more information on ways you can help you can contact Ed Story,  
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## The Valley Galley

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Maureen Brealey, 760-898-4448

You may have noticed the big red trailer in the front parking lot. That is the Valley Presbyterian's own mobile food kitchen. We use it to provide Outreach meals for the community. Once a month in collaboration with Valley Assistance Services a meal is offered to anyone in need. The meal is served at VAS or may be home delivered on the second Friday of each month. This past year we averaged 80 to 90 meals per month. This week we have requests for 118 meals!

Volunteers are needed to prepare food on the second Thursday of the month, with volunteers needed to cook and serve on the second Friday. In addition, a second shift of volunteers are needed to transport food and serve on location at VAS and Green Valley Food Bank. We try to keep volunteer shifts to a maximum of two or three hours. If you are interested in any of the volunteer shifts, please contact me.

The Valley Galley is also slated to provide a meal at Sopori Elementary school reading program night, YOTO, Quail Creek BFD night, and several other locations this year.

Anyone Interested in joining us for this rewarding and fun experience please contact Maureen Brealey (760) 898-4448.





**2026 marks YOTO's 40th year of service to Youth Facing Homelessness!**

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Tucson, AZ 85716 [www.yoto.org](http://www.yoto.org)  
*Elizabeth Slater, Chief Executive Officer*



**Valley Pres Table of 10 celebrates at YOTO's Spring Luncheon, March 2025!**  
**We all wore sunglasses to show the BRIGHT FUTURE of YOTO GRADS—93% Graduation Rate**

Youth On Their Own (YOTO), a Tucson based non-profit agency is dedicated to support the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing:

**Financial Assistance**—up to (\$350 per month) based on good attendance

**Basic human needs**—including food, toiletries, and school supplies

**Guidance**—encouragement, college and career assistance, workforce readiness preparation, and connections to other services in the community These motivated young people cannot depend on their parents due to parental substance abuse, death, incarceration, abuse, or extreme poverty. Today, high school graduation is a vital step toward self-sufficiency and creates the well-being and opportunities in adulthood that break the cycle of poverty and reliance on social services.

**YOTO Statistics for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025**

1,459—Youth Served, \$1,539,086—Direct Financial Assistance  
179,643—Basic Needs Items Distributed

**89% Graduation Rate**

## How Can You Help?

**JOIN US** on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Classroom 5 at the church to make cards of inspiration. YOTO shares our notes each month with students to offer community encouragement!



**CONTRIBUTE TO YOTO'S Mini—Mall** The 3rd Sunday of each month is the official COLLECTION SUNDAY for Youth On Their Own Mini-Mall Needs. Below is a current list of need. A tub marked YOTO is in the Charter Hall just outside the Spiritual Life Center to receive all donations. The collected supplies are taken to YOTO once each month.

<https://www.youtube.com/@YotoOrg>

To learn more about Youth On Their Own students, go to the above web address.

Mission Committee Liaison: Mary Horn

Food	Hygiene	Linens/Household
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individually packaged snacks (cereal bars, trail mix, fruit snacks, jerky, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toilet paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full size bath towels (new only please)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mac &amp; cheese cups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body Wash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blankets (new only please)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramen cups &amp; pouches.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shampoo (full-sized)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pillows (new only please)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry pasta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conditioner (full-sized)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper towels</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pasta sauce (no glass please)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face wash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multipurpose cleaner</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canned fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shaving Cream</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toilet cleaner</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shelf stable milk (dairy &amp; non-dairy)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapstick</li> </ul>	

More information about Youth On Their Own is available at [yoto.org](http://yoto.org).

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