



ALTERNATIVE Christmas 2019



1. SFV REFUGEE CHILDREN CENTER, INC.

noestassolonorthhills.org

SVC Refugee Children Center offers a healing embrace to the hundreds of unaccompanied children who have made the perilous journey from Central America to seek refuge in the San Fernando Valley. Our overarching goal is to offer our Center as a place of welcome and healing through partnerships with community organizations to provide for basic needs, services and resources.

2. WESLEY FOUNDATION SERVING UCLA

wfsucla.org

WFSUCLA provides a spiritual home base and resource center for UCLA students, staff, and faculty through weekly worship, community service, and fellowship. Students can relax, study (with free Wi-Fi), eat (free food!), share faith, and meet friends at 580 Café, a gathering place near the UCLA campus.

3. HARVEST HOME

theharvesthome.net

Harvest Home transforms the lives of homeless pregnant women and their children by providing housing, support, and programs that equip women to become great mothers.

4. INNERCHANGE

innerchange.org

At InnerCHANGE, we journey with the poor, working long-term with people who face enduring poverty. For us, mission is about living and working alongside people - so we minister from the inside out. As we listen and interact with individuals, and reflect on the Bible together, we build relationships for the long term. In our journey, we see God at work: in the poor, and in ourselves.

5. OPERATION GRATITUDE

operationgratitude.com

Operation Gratitude provides civilians anywhere in the USA a way to say "thank you" through sending individually addressed Care Packages to servicemembers deployed overseas, to veterans, to Wounded Heroes, and to their caregivers.

6. THE PEOPLE CONCERN

thepeopleconcern.org

The non-profit organization provides highly effective, fully integrated services to the most traumatized, vulnerable and needy members of our community—homeless individuals, victims of domestic violence, at-risk youth, indigent Veterans, and people dealing with severe physical or mental illness or substance abuse.

7. CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY COLLABORATIVE

cyfcla.org

CYFC serves foster youth in Los Angeles, Compton, Pomona, Hacienda La Puente, Lynwood, the Antelope Valley, Long Beach and Montebello Unified School Districts through intense academic assistance and careful Pre-Emancipation Planning and Post-Emancipation support.

8. UPWARD BOUND HOUSE

upwardboundhouse.org

UBH provides homeless families with short and medium-term housing with a variety of supportive services such as job training, professional and emotional development, and life and parenting skills enrichment, designed to empower parents and their children to obtain housing stability, build healthy relationships, and enjoy emotional and financial well-being.

9. ACTIONS OF THE HEART

A Christian non-profit organization which supports restorative efforts in poor areas around the globe. We specifically target projects which train nationals to serve their local community in a way that demonstrates the heart of Jesus.

Sponsored by the Missions Council of First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, the Alternative Christmas Fair is a way to support mission projects and programs in the community and around the world, by giving a financial gift in the name of a loved one.

Share the spirit of Christmas!

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