The Good Shepherd United Church of Christ Annual Alternative Gift Mission Fair – December 5, 2021

The Annual Mission Fair is our opportunity for our church to support organizations in our region that share our mission and values and who serve the people of our community. This year we have eight (8) well-deserving charities from which to choose. On December 5th representatives from each charity will be at The Good Shepherd in the classroom area to explain and answer questions about the work of their organization. Don’t Miss It!

Friends of the Santa Cruz River  https://friendsofsantacruzriver.org
the mission of Friends of the Santa Cruz River (FOSCR) is “to ensure a continued flow of the river’s surface waters, promote the highest river water quality achievable, and to protect and restore the riparian ecosystem and diversity of life supported by the river’s waters.

Border Community Alliance  https://bordercommunityalliance.org
Border Community Alliance is bridging the border and fostering community through education, collaboration and cultural exchange. They focus on accomplishing this pursuit in the borderlands region of Southern Arizona/Sonora, Mexico. They are inspired to share with the public the good news of civil society in the international borderlands region.

Amado Youth Center  https://facebook.com/amadoyouthcenter
The Amado Youth Center began as a place to help give kids in our rural community something to do with their time. It has quickly, through the generous support of volunteers and community partners, become a busy hub of activity. From gardening to earning a red belt in martial arts, the youth center offers opportunities at every age group and is continually growing in its understanding of area youth and how to best meet their needs.

Pima Council On Aging  https://pcoa.org
Services that help older adults in Pima County to receive quality care at home and in care settings rely heavily on the caregiving work force and the success of training programs that produce high-quality workers. Caregiver Training Institute has been providing excellent training programs in Tucson for nearly twenty years.

Arivaca Human Resources  https://arivacahr.com
At Arivaca Human Resource they work to serve our community by helping make food and other basic necessities accessible to all. They have a food pantry, deliver hot meals to people's homes daily, and work to provide other forms of care such as utility relief and clothing.

Casa De La Misericordia y de Todas las Naciones  https://facebook.com/Casa-De-La-Misericordia-y-de-Todas-las-Naciones-1045724705512316/
The House of Mercy for All Nations is a place of refuge for migrants from anywhere waiting to make the passage through to the United States. It is a place of learning for migrant children. It is a place of hope for people who ought to be hopeless but aren’t. Randy Mayer and many Good Shepherd folks have volunteered here often throughout the years. The mission is what keeps the migrants alive and in good spirits as they wait.

No Mas Muertes – No More Deaths - Bond Fund
The pandemic has amplified many of the injustices faced by thousands throughout the world: systemic poverty, lack of access to healthcare, and housing —issues that force people to embark on journeys away from their homes as an act of survival and where danger awaits if they are imprisoned in detention centers. Getting out of detention is a matter of life and death. To do that migrants must pay for bond (money used to get out of detention) in order to be released to families or sponsors. But, bonds are not cheap. A single bond can be $10,000+ and most people and their families do not have that kind of access to wealth. This fund helps with that cost, literally buying their freedom.

The Probigua Scholarship Fund  http://www.probigua.com/about.htm
Their vision is a world lit by learning. Their mission is to develop our students’ communicative competency in Spanish, doing so in the most effective, personalized, flexible and affordable ways that modern teaching theories and technology make possible - then leveraging this to provide work for our maestras and learning opportunities for our children in rural areas of Guatemala. Good Shepherd has contributed to Probigua for many years under the leadership of the late Dee and Pres Johnson.