



GRATITUDE = SERVITUDE

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"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:17


The Thanksgiving season is often a time to reflect on everything we have been given but it is also the perfect time to consider what we can give.

I have been through many difficult seasons in my life as a single mom while running my own business. But through it all, I have found that serving others as an expression of gratitude to God keeps me thankful and joyful. Specifically, it has been my involvement in our outreach to the local homeless community through Hot Meals and HOPE Week that has helped me maintain a grateful perspective even in the face of difficulties.

This month, we have an opportunity to give to families living in poverty in Fairfax County through our Christmas Gift Drive for FACETS. All the new gifts we donate will be set up in a "store" where the children and adults served by FACETS will be able to "shop" for gifts to give to each of their family members. So, your gift will help someone else give too!

Below are some gift ideas for this year's Gift Drive. Let's all express our gratitude through servitude this holiday season.

- games
- puzzles
- sports equipment/balls
- movie tickets
- jewelry
- sketch books
- water color paints
- Legos
- Hot wheels
- dolls (ethnically diverse)
- remote control cars, helicopters
- action figures
- craft kits
- perfume/cologne

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- body lotion/spa items
 - scarves
 - hats
 - belts
 - wallets
 - watches
 - ear buds/headphones
 - handbags
 - sunglasses
 - jewelry
 - sports gear from professional teams

Please also consider donating gift cards (of \$15–\$25) to stores such as Target, Walmart, Kmart, Old Navy, Payless Shoe Source, Kohl's, The Children's Place, American Eagle, Hollister, PacSun, Macy's, and Best Buy.

Please do not wrap gifts.

**Donation deadline to Capital Church:
Sunday, December 9, 2018**