




Seventh Annual
Oberlin Alternative
Gift Fair and Market



2013 Gift Catalog



**Bent Corridor
Oberlin Science Center
Dec. 2 - 6, 2013
10 am to 2 pm**

What is an “Alternative Gift Fair?”

The holiday season is a time for giving gifts. But in our affluent society, it can be hard to find a meaningful gift for people who already have so much. Meanwhile, there are those among us who struggle to meet their basic needs. An Alternative Gift Fair gives you an alternative to buying “thneeds” for those who don’t need. Instead, give gifts that give twice – a good feeling to the recipient and vital services or fair wages to someone in need.

This catalog is a collection of worthy, local, non-profit organizations doing good work all over the world. Each organization has suggested donation levels that would tangibly improve someone else’s world. Perhaps Aunt Helen would appreciate knowing that a homeless family will have enough clean underwear, or Cousin Mary would be thrilled if you offset the carbon emitted by her plane trip home. Do all your shopping quickly and in one place! Choose your gifts, make out your check, and receive personalized gift cards in time for the holidays.

Make donations and buy handmade fair trade gifts at the Alternative Market from 10 am – 2 pm, Monday, December 2 through Friday, December 6, in the Bent Corridor of the Science Center at Oberlin College.

Organizations in this Catalog:

- Community Action to Save Strays
- Family Promise of Lorain County
- New Agrarian Center
- Oberlin Community Services
- Oberlin Heritage Center
- Oberlin Weekday Community Meal
- The POWER Fund
- Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Zion Community Development Corp.

Other Participating Organizations

In addition to the organizations described in this catalog, the following organizations will be selling gift items at the market:

- Illuminating Nations Through Offering an Opportunity (INTO World)
- OSCA Nicaragua Sister Partnership
- Oberlin Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
- Shining Hope for Communities

Gift Items for Sale at the Market:

- Fair trade coffee, cocoa, local sweets, chocolate covered coffee beans
- Catnip cat toys
- Hand-crafted jewelry
- Handmade crafts from India and Oberlin
- Handmade soaps
- Handmade textiles from Guatemala & Morocco



Community Action to Save Strays, Inc.

Community Action to Save Strays, Inc. or CATSS, is a non-profit, Trap-Neuter-Return organization dedicated to preventing births of stray cats and improving the lives of those cats who have no home.

Why spay and neuter?

Cats reproduce very quickly. A single unspayed female can have offspring of between 100 and 5,000 in seven years.

CATSS volunteers foster, care for, and find homes for many abandoned cats. But Oberlin has lots of feral (wild) cats as well. CATSS controls feral cat populations by a program called Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). Feral cats are trapped, neutered, given vaccines and medical treatment, then returned where they were found. Colony managers visit once a day to insure that the cats have food and water, and to check for any sick or injured cats that need medical attention.

Care for 1 feral cat for one year	\$100
Neuter and vaccinate 1 cat	\$50
Vaccines and parasite treatment for 1 cat	\$25
Vaccinate 1 cat	\$10

Make checks payable to: CATSS, Inc.



Family Promise of Lorain County operates *The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)* with the mission of helping families without homes achieve and sustain independence. This is accomplished by providing emergency shelter along with comprehensive support services while homeless families seek permanent housing.

Hand soap —a day center staple	\$1.00
Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Cleaning Supplies — day center staples	\$5.00
“Someplace Like Home” —a story of a young girl and her mother who find themselves without a home and who find help and hope in an IHN. A great tool to help children adjust to IHN.	\$8.00
Underwear —many of our families arrive at IHN without enough undergarments.	\$10.00
Backpack —Too many children carry all their belongings in a garbage bag, we want them to feel as if they and their belongings are important.	\$15.00
Fuel —the cost of transportation for one day	\$15.00
Diapers —a case of diapers for a baby.	\$17.00
A special outing with Mom or Dad —Allows a parent and child to enjoy some special time such as seeing a movie together or eating out.	\$25.00



Healing Companions, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to assisting individuals who are severely limited in their ability to function due to mental illness, helping them to lead their lives with dignity, productivity, freedom and self-reliance through the benefits of psychiatric service dogs.

Healing Companions, Inc., provides funding to meet the growing demand for psychiatric service dogs (PSDs) by training shelter dogs as PSDs and placing them with people with mental illness, thus helping both dogs and humans lead more productive, independent lives.

Donations are needed to pay for expenses associated with acquiring, training, and veterinary care for psychiatric service, as well as educating the public and professionals about psychiatric service dogs. Donations will also be used to implement scientific research to demonstrate how PSDs impact the lives of those who are severely limited in their abilities to function due to mental illness.

*Please make checks payable to: Healing Companions, Inc.
Or donate online directly through the website:
healing-companions.com*



New Agrarian Center

Working to connect Land, Community, and Economy in Northeast Ohio

The New Agrarian Center is committed to building a stronger and more sustainable regional food system in Northeast Ohio—a food system that promotes health in the broadest sense of the word: healthy land, healthy communities, healthy individuals, and a healthy economy. The NAC is located at George Jones farm, an organic working farm, nature preserve, and education center.

SEEDS: Purchase seeds for the George Jones Farm	\$10
TOOLS: Purchase tools for Jones Farm	\$25
FOOD: City Fresh food share for low-income family for a month	\$40
FOREST GARDEN: Help to plant fruit and nut trees in our forest garden	\$75
SCHOOLS: Host public school classroom at the Jones Farm	\$100
TUITION: for a low income camper to attend the Jones Farm Garden Camp	\$145
OUTDOOR KITCHEN: Help us finish our food prep for the farm and community.	\$200

Make checks payable to: New Agrarian Center

Oberlin Community Services



Oberlin Community Services is a responsive community organization that provides direct assistance, referrals and other services to Oberlin area residents and groups who need help meeting their basic needs.

One night stay at Sunset Motel for a family	\$100
One month utility bill assistance	\$100
Prescription assistance for an individual (one month supply)	\$50
Store gift card for family to buy diapers/baby food	\$25
Gasoline gift card to assist transportation to doctor's office	\$10

Make checks payable to: Oberlin Community Services



The **Oberlin Heritage Center**, a local non-profit history education and historic preservation organization, seeks to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make the community a better place to live, learn, work and visit. On-site guided tours, sneak peek tours, community history walks, collaborative educational and civic programming, hands-on technical workshops, and a history Resource Center are just a sampling of what is offered by the Heritage Center located south of Tappan Square at 73½ South Professor Street. For more information:

Website: www.oberlinheritagecenter.org,

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/oberlinheritagecenter>

Phone: (440) 774-1700

- Memberships are vital to the ongoing strength and progress of this award-winning organization. Memberships allow OHC to provide free year-round programming and give members the opportunity to tour historic homes, learn of Oberlin's early and dynamic history, and participate in outdoor history walks free of charge.
- Children and Teen camps are offered during spring break and summer to students ages 8-13 and 13-18. Five camps are offered per year with fun themes such as architecture, ancient culture, pioneer living, civil war era, behind the scenes of a museum, and more. The Oberlin Heritage Center provides scholarships to any student in need who wishes to attend.

Family Membership	\$50
Individual Membership	\$30
Student membership	\$20
2-Day Spring Break Camp Scholarship (1 child)	\$20
5-Day Summer Camp Scholarship (1 child)	\$45

Make checks payable to: Oberlin Heritage Center



Oberlin Weekday Community Meal

Oberlin Weekday Community Meal at Christ Episcopal Church serves a free hot meal to anyone in need Monday through Friday from 5:00 - 5:30 pm. The Community Meal feeds an average 25 – 30 people each evening, with numbers higher towards the end of the month when other supports, such as food stamps, run out. In many cases the meal a diner receives at the Community Meal is the only healthy and nutritious meal they will receive all day. Your gift to the Oberlin Weekday Community Meal will help us continue to feed those in our community who would be at risk of not getting their daily food needs met.

Hot Meal for one night for 25 diners	\$80
Hot Meal for a family of three for a week	\$60
To feed an individual for one week	\$15

Make checks payable to: Oberlin Weekday Community Meal

Sponsored by the Bonner Center for Service and Learning
and the Office of the President of Oberlin College

The POWER Fund

[Providing Oberlin With Efficiency Responsibly]

Local Community-Based Energy Efficiency Program

Make a difference with POWER: Improve the energy efficiency of homes in Oberlin, help your neighbors and friends save money on their utility bills, and fight climate change locally. POWER administers a grant program to fund insulation and air sealing in low-income Oberlin homes and assists Oberlin residents in applying for additional resources to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. In the past two years, POWER has:

- Insulated 16 homes of low-income Oberlin families *free of charge*
- Saved five homeowners a combined \$992 on their utility bills (reduced natural gas bills by up to 27%!) and prevented the emission of at least 7,263 lbs of CO₂ in winter 2009-10 (based on data from five homes insulated in winter 2008-9)
- Infused over \$35,000 into the local economy, through contractor supplies and labor, at a time when the construction industry has been suffering financially
- Received a Sustainability Initiatives Award from American Municipal Power (AMP) for innovative collaboration with Oberlin Municipal Light & Power System (OMLPS)

Add 6" cellulose insulation in an attic	\$100
Pay for a home energy audit	\$50
Weather-strip a door	\$20
Caulk a window	\$5

Make checks payable to: Zion CDC Power Fund

Catalog and order form available online at
furlizards.net/AGF_Catalog.pdf

Santa Elena Project of Accompaniment

SEPA supports human rights work in Guatemala and helps fund improvements to Mayan villages and education for Mayan children.



Oberlinians and Guatemalans gathering rich soil for the Chico Mendes reforestation project

Year's high school tuition for one child	\$500
Month's salary for elementary school teacher	\$340
Month's high school tuition for one child	\$50
Month's middle school tuition for one child	\$30

Make checks payable to: Peace Community Church, with "SEPA" written in the lower left of the check.



Western Reserve
Land Conservancy
OUR LAND. OUR LEGACY.

www.wrlandconservancy.org

Western Reserve Land Conservancy

is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the natural resources of northern Ohio. We work with landowners, communities, government agencies, park systems and other nonprofit

organizations to permanently protect natural areas and farmland. How? Our primary tool is the conservation easement, which allows property owners to permanently preserve their land without surrendering ownership. This protection remains with the land, even if it is sold. Once a property is permanently preserved with a conservation easement, it is our job to ensure it remains protected.

The Land Conservancy is proud to have been founded by, funded by, and inspired by your neighbors—the dedicated people of northern Ohio.

Steward	\$1500
Sustainer	\$500
Contributing	\$250
Donor	\$100
Supporting	\$50
Introductory	\$25

Make checks payable to: Western Reserve Land Conservancy



Zion Community Development Corporation

Empowering Community, Transforming Lives

Zion Community Development Corporation seeks to revitalize the Southeast Quadrant of Oberlin through public improvement, community development and resident empowerment.

Screen repair	\$10
Weather-stripping	\$10
Hot water heater blanket	\$15
Financial health and wellness materials	\$20
Paint for a family's home	\$25
Road to Home Ownership Manual	\$50
Tool kit	\$100

Make checks payable to: Zion CDC



**Thank you
for supporting
local non-profit
organizations
through the
Alternative
Gift Fair!**



Oberlin Alternative Gift Fair – Order Form [2013]

Donor Name: _____ email _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Organization	Description	Amount	Gift in honor of...(optional)
Community Action to Save Strays (CATSS, Inc.)			
Family Promise of Lorain County			
Healing Companions, Inc.			
New Agrarian Center			
Oberlin Community Services			
Oberlin Community Meal Program			
Oberlin Heritage Center			
POWER Fund (Zion CDC Power Fund)			
SEPA (Peace Community Church, memo “SEPA”)			
Western Reserve Land Conservancy			
Zion Community Development Corporation (Zion CDC)			