

**SEE.  
GIVE.  
SHARE.  
INSPIRE.  
MAKE AN IMPACT.  
CHANGE THE WORLD.**

## **WHAT IS PAY IT FORWARD?**

Pay It Forward is an opportunity to empower FPC children and youth to make a difference in our community and the world as they experience the joy of generosity. Each participant was given \$150 to make an impact in the community and the world. Participants were encouraged to:

- Learn about the needs in Stillwater and the world
- Listen for God's call to give
- Multiply their gift by inviting others to join in giving
- Give generously
- Share the story

We are grateful for the generous bequest of longtime FPC member Leone List whose gift made this Pay It Forward Challenge possible.



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# PAY IT FORWARD RECIPIENTS

Afghan Family Support - backpacks

ASL Classes

Casa Hogar Orphanage - Mexico

Daddy O's Music

GLSEN

The Humane Society of Stillwater

Little Free Library - Lincoln Alternative School

The Mango Project - Uganda

Mission of Hope

Nature's Vein Wildlife Rescue

Oklahoma Children's Hospital

Our Daily Bread

Payne County Youth Shelter

Prison Outreach and Water Wells - Ethiopia

Red Pantry

RIP Medical Debt

ShelterBox

Skyline Elementary Custodian Appreciation

Stillwater Medical Center Appreciation

Stillwater Refugee Aid Foundation

Tiny Paws Kitten Rescue

Turning Point Ranch

Westwood Elementary Book Fair

**TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF  
THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE,  
YOU DID FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40**

## AFGHAN FAMILY SUPPORT NOAH

Noah purchased backpacks and supplies for kids of the Afghan families moving to Stillwater.



## ASL CLASSES VIVYANNE

Coordinated with local partners and instructors to offer ASL (American Sign Language) classes to the community.

## CASA HOGAR ORPHANAGE CORINNE & ELAINA

[www.casahogarcabo.com](http://www.casahogarcabo.com)  
Donation to Casa Hogar Orphanage in Mexico. The movie *Blue Miracle* is loosely based off of the Casa Hogar Orphanage and inspired this gift.

## DADDY O'S MUSIC REESE

"I doubled my Pay It Forward funds and helped provide a musical instrument to someone in need. Daddy O's applied my funds to people with instruments currently on layaway whom they knew had special need."



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY LUKE

We received permission to install a Little Free Library on the Lincoln Alternative Academy campus. Luke and his dad will use the donation money to buy the materials, cut out the pieces, and prep the tools required for assembly. Lincoln students and Luke will be involved with assembly, painting, and weather proofing the Little Library. Once it is all finished, then the site and location will be registered and made available to anyone in the local community. Plus, Lincoln students and staff can use the library anytime they feel the urge to read. Everyone will also understand the concept of trading books with the library so that it stays full and has a variety of material for all ages. Thank you to everyone who helped spark this idea for this Pay It Forward Project!



## GLSEN NATE

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)  
Donation to GLSEN, an organization that works to ensure that LGBTQ students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment.

## **THE MANGO PROJECT MAYA**

[www.themangoproject.com](http://www.themangoproject.com)  
The Mango Project in Uganda provides education scholarships to HIV positive young ladies. Their scholarships include mentorship from Ugandan leaders, support for tutoring, and community networks and gatherings. The scholarship program begins in elementary school and is a commitment to empower these ladies through university.

## **OUR DAILY BREAD SARAH**

[www.ourdailybreadstillwater.org](http://www.ourdailybreadstillwater.org)  
Our Daily Bread offers grocery assistance and resources to address the underlying issues that come with hunger, with the goal of helping Payne County residents step out of poverty. "I am donating to Our Daily Bread because we volunteered there before. I know what they do, and would like to support them. What they do is important due to the fact that they feed lots of people. When donating to Our Daily Bread, 95 cents of every dollar goes to their programs. In Payne County, every 1 in 5 people are food insecure, and Our Daily Bread helps people get the food they need."

## **MISSION OF HOPE PARKER & ASHER**

They combined their money and purchased toiletries, gloves, socks for both adults and kids. They built care packages to give to the Mission of Hope to hand out. They also selected a small toy to put in the children's bags. Any leftover items will also be handed out during Saturday Brunch or in the Little Free Pantry.



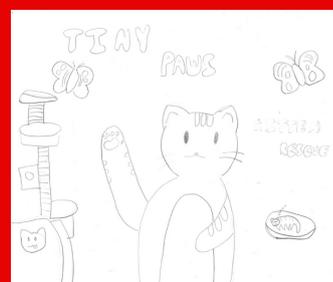
## **WESTOOD ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR NATURE'S VEIN WILDLIFE RESCUE CHARLOTTE**

Half of Charlotte's money went to the Westwood Elementary Book Fair to be given to students who couldn't purchase books. The other half went to Nature's Vein wildlife rescue in Perkins, OK.



## **TINY PAWS KITTEN RESCUE LAURA**

Providing life-saving care to orphaned neonatal kittens



## **PAYNE COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER**

### **MARGAUX**

"For Pay It Forward, I knew I would help my community any way I could. Unfortunately, there was a problem, I had too many reservations. For some reason, everyone likes to do things in October, including the many organizations I'm involved in. I had Pit-Crew, with the early mornings and late nights, NCDA with stress and preparation, and Pay It Forward on top of all of it, but I was determined.

I made a plan, narrowing down places that needed my help into three, and doing research on each one. On the one hand, there was Our Daily Bread with its goal of finding the root cause of hunger, on another, Wings of Hope with its help against domestic violence, but what to choose? However, there was a third hand, (maybe it's an alien?) Payne Youth Shelter. They improve the lifestyle of kids my age who are struggling, and teach life skills, they become a sort of parental figure for youth in their care, this is who I decided upon.

Once I had decided, with the deadline fast approaching, I reached out to my family from all across America. They were all happy to help, one of my Grandpas donated without even knowing where it was going, I believe that I saw Jesus in this. All others donated large amounts and my Grandpa on the other side of the family said that he's always donating where he can to help the community. All that's left as I'm writing this is to receive the donations and send it to the Youth Shelter, by the time I'm finished I will have more than doubled the \$150 I got from the church. This project has opened my eyes to so many things in my community I never knew existed. I am so, so, glad that Leone List sent her money from her will for this, that, in of itself, shows the Spirit of Christ in action."

## **OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

### **ELLA**

"For my Pay It Forward, I decided to donate my money to the Oklahoma Children's Hospital comfort dog and gift cart program. As some of you may know, I was hospitalized when I was 11 after getting hit by a car. Having the comfort dogs just lay their head on me while I could barely move made me feel so much better and getting to pick from the gift cart always brought my spirits up. In fact, I still have the comfort dog stuffed animal I was given. Since these things made such a difference in my experience in the hospital, I decided to pay it forward because I want other kids to have the same."



## **PRISON OUTREACH AND WATER WELLS**

**AIDAN, GWYNETH, & SHEA**

We lived in Ethiopia for 11 years while our parents were missionaries there. Ethiopia is a place near to our hearts so we wanted to use our funding to support a brand new work there. Our former teammates live in Asossa Ethiopia and they are currently providing clean water via wells for a prison there. They currently have a weekly bible program for prisoners and guards. More than 1,500 prisoners and guards live and work at the Assosa Prison. This well provides them with access to water that they've never had before. They are able to bath, drink and cook with this water. Because of this gift of clean water from donors like us, our teammates are able to provide for their spiritual and emotional well-being. Out of this water well ministry, CMF is hoping to expand to provide English as a second language classes so that upon release can find different forms of employment. The water well project at the prison is the first step to numerous other opportunities for building relationships and ministries within the prison system and the town of Asossa Ethiopia.



## **SHELTERBOX SIERRA**

[www.shelterboxusa.org](http://www.shelterboxusa.org)  
ShelterBoxes deliver life-saving shelter and supplies for families who have lost everything to the chaos of a disaster. The sturdy green ShelterBoxes are designed to hold practical tools and utensils that help to create the framework for everyday life. Each contains a family-sized tent that protects people from the elements and provides a safe space in which people can start to recover from physical and emotional trauma. The contents differ depending on the disaster and the climate, but items such as solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils help start the process of creating a home.

## **STILLWATER MEDICAL CENTER APPRECIATION PRESTON**

Preston's goal was to show appreciation to SMC employees. He plans to rent out the movie theater for a special movie night for SMC employees to enjoy.

## **STILLWATER REFUGEE AID FOUNDATION JACK**

Jack contributed to a GoFundMe that his friends set up to help the 40 Afghan families transition to life in Stillwater.

## SKYLINE ELEMENTARY CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION LUKE

Luke planned and led a school-wide fundraiser to raise money for the four school custodians. Luke spoke to every class at Westwood and raised \$500 total and bought gift cards to the custodians' favorite places. Each grade signed a thank you card for the custodians and then they surprised the custodians with the thank you cards and gift cards.

## TURNING POINT RANCH EMERSON

[www.turningpointriding.org](http://www.turningpointriding.org)  
"I love horses and I love helping people so I chose to give my money to Turning Point Ranch. Turning Point Ranch offers horseback riding lessons to people facing challenges. They are building a new indoor arena so that they can offer horseback riding lessons even when it's raining, snowing, or too hot. Several others have matched my donation and I will be a community partner with Turning Point Ranch on Giving Tuesday, inviting others to join me in giving to the indoor arena."

## MISSION OF HOPE NATHAN, NOAH, & PAUL RYAN



Purchased needed supplies and groceries for residents at the Mission of Hope.



## RIP MEDICAL DEBT NORA

<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/oklahoma/>

"My church, First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma, is challenging kids and youth to Pay It Forward and gave us some money to think about how we can love our neighbors. A lot of neighbors in Oklahoma have medical debt. RIP Medical Debt says they have found at least \$5.6 Million in medical debt just in our state. I am using my money to start this campaign and also giving my allowance money. I am asking my Oklahoma, Stillwater, and church friends, and anyone else who wants to help, to join me in Paying It Forward for our Oklahoma neighbors. Thank you!"

## **RED PANTRY MABRIE, JOSIE, AND KARSEN**

<https://gofund.me/19614f6f>

"Our only rule for Pay It Forward was to take this money and use it to make a difference where we saw a need, and where our passions aligned. Coming together, we decided to join our money and efforts in the idea that with more money and brainpower we would be able to make a bigger impact. We have seen the need of period products for menstruating people in our community. 2 in 5 people who menstruate were unable to buy period products last year due to income. There are an estimated 16.9 million people who menstruate living in poverty in the United States. In our effort to create this red pantry at our church, which is intentionally stocked with variety of period products, is to alleviate at least some of the period poverty in our community. Menstrual products are essential, and will never not be needed. Everyone should have access to menstrual products, and to not feel stigmatized on these essential items. As our combined \$450 is a wonderful start, most people know that period products are unfortunately pricey. Our goal is to double this amount in order to continually stock this pantry, as it is a continual need in our community. Please donate to support the women and people who menstruate in your community. We appreciate and thank you for reading this and any way you can support our cause!" The Red Pantry will be placed inside FPC's Little Free Pantry.



## **THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF STILLWATER PAISLEY**

Blankets and other supplies  
for the animals at the  
Humane Society.

Thank you to all the Pay It Forward participants for inspiring us with your generous hearts and your eyes that see Jesus in this world and then respond. Thank you for sharing Christ's love through these gifts. Many thanks to the participants' families and friends for supporting their efforts! May God's Spirit be at work through these gifts and the lives of the people they touch.