

PROJECT HOPE GIFT CATALOG OFFERS CHANCE TO SAVE LIVES

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MILLWOOD — Project Hope, the international health and humanitarian organization, is again offering a chance for gift givers to help people in need around the world through its holiday catalog.

The catalog features a variety of life-saving medical supplies that gift givers can select and then have a card or e-card sent to the recipient letting them know a gift has been made in their name.

“All of us are looking for a more meaningful way to celebrate the holidays,” said Jann Schultz, senior director of integrated fundraising and communications for Project Hope. “Giving a gift from Hope’s holiday catalog is a good way to honor their loved ones.”

For example, a donation of \$75 buys 7,500 pills to fight diabetes and \$102.72 sends 2,500 vaccines overseas. A gift of \$88 buys 20,000 doses of antibiotics while \$428 can purchase an ultrasound unit. More than 5,000 cans of nutritional supplements to bring people back from starvation can be purchased for \$72.85.

Headquartered in the 18th-century Carter Hall mansion in Clarke County, Project Hope provides medical training and health education to fight such diseases as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. It also provides humanitarian assistance to more than 30 countries, including Indonesia and Macedonia, where it is aiding the Syrian migrant crisis.

A printed version of the catalog was mailed to regular donors and supporters, Schultz said.

But the catalog is also online at projecthope.org/giftcatalog for anyone who would like make a donation.

Antibiotics and vaccines are two of the most popular items selected.

“People know how effective these medicines are and how easy they are to come by in this country,” Schultz said.

All donations are symbolic. The money donated is pooled to support Project Hope’s work.

Anyone who donates at least \$100 by Dec. 13 will receive a stuffed St. Bernard, the large dog trained for rescue.

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