

# St. Albert the Great

## Giving Tree Beneficiaries

### **Birthright International – Philadelphia Location**

Birthright believes that "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." The organization provides support to women navigating unplanned pregnancies by offering them love, friendship, and support. It works with women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, reminding them that there is hope and ensuring them that they are not alone. Its services are free, non-judgmental and confidential. In addition to its 24/7 toll free helpline, Birthright also provides information on pregnancy and childbirth, parents skills, career development and/or continuing education, referrals for medical, financial and employment resources, counseling and legal services, maternity and baby clothes, and many other valuable resources to help women help themselves. Gifts are used to help women being served through Birthright.

Website: <http://birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-philadelphia>

### **Cradles to Crayons**

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth to age 12, living in low- income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.

Website: <https://cradlestocrayons.org/>

### **Guiding Star Ministries**

Guiding Star Ministries is a home, located in Philadelphia, for single pregnant women and their children. The organization provides shelter to these women and their children, and through counseling, group meetings, and a nurturing faith-based environment, assists residents in becoming totally independent. Their aim is for every resident to build a solid foundation of faith and responsibility that will help them become successful. The group houses six to seven mothers and their children for up 18 months at a time. During their stay, mother must pursue employment or education. Gifts benefit the children of the single mothers living in the home.

Website: <http://guidingstar.org/>

### **Holy Family Home**

Operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, Holy Family Home provides independent living apartments for low-income seniors, as well as personal and skilled nursing care. The Little Sisters of the Poor, following the example of their saintly foundress, Jeanne Jugan, offer the needy elderly a family-like home where they will experience love and respect as they journey towards eternal life. Gifts benefit many of the residents of Holy Family Home.

Website: <http://littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org/>

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## **The Medical Mission South of the Rio Bravo**

The Medical Mission operates a clinic that ministers to the poor of Piedras Negras in Coshuila, Mexico. It provides for the healthcare needs to many families and children that find themselves the victims of drug cartels and dire poverty. Gifts will be used to help the mission in its ministry to these families and children.

## **Pajama Program**

The program provides new pajamas and new books to children in need, many of whom are waiting to be adopted. These children live in group homes, shelters and temporary housing facilities and are shuffled often from one place to another. Many of them have been abandoned, abused or neglected. Most of these children have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a parent tuck them in at bedtime with warm, clean pajamas and a bedtime story. Some of the children are living with their families below the poverty level, in desperate need of food, clothing and shelter. These two simple gifts of pajamas and books let the children know that someone cares - sometimes these are the only new things they have ever received. Gifts will be used to help children ages toddlers through 18.

Website: <http://www.pajamaprogram.org/>

## **St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families**

St. Mary's provides a temporary home for homeless families, helping them to get back on their feet and regain safety and security. Some families are homeless because a parent lost a job, some were evicted from their homes, some have medical problems and have been homeless for very long time. The shelter works to help children get to school and their parents to find jobs while providing a nice, warm home and plenty of good food. Gifts will benefit five families currently being cared for by the shelter.

Website: <http://stmarysfs.org/>