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Advance Community Holiday Catalog







Give the Gift of Hope

Every gift provides someone the opportunity to live a healthier, more hopeful life.







From Esperança to Advance Community

Our story began with a boat on the Amazon and a belief that still guides us today: everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthier, more hopeful life.

Founded in 1970, Esperança took its name from the Portuguese word for "hope." A floating hospital brought that hope to remote communities along Brazil's Amazon River, connecting people with medical care that had been beyond their reach.

With compassionate supporters beside us, that commitment grew across borders and generations.

Today, it lives through life-changing surgeries, dental care, nutritious meals, health education, and community partnerships in Arizona and internationally. We are improving health, offering hope, and creating opportunities to thrive.

In 2023, Esperança became Advance Community-a name that reflects our work alongside communities to build healthier futures. Our founders' compassion remains at the heart of everything we do.

Every gift in this catalog carries that legacy forward. Every gift provides someone the opportunity to live a healthier, more hopeful life.

Because everyone deserves a chance to thrive-and you can help make that chance possible.

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Dear Friends,

Because everyone deserves a chance to thrive. That belief connects every gift in this catalog, and it comes to life through the generosity of people like you.

Thank you for being part of Advance Community's story. Your compassion helps turn hope into opportunity: the chance for a child to move with less pain, a senior to enjoy a nourishing meal, or a mother to receive care that has been beyond her reach.

From our beginnings as Esperança to our work today in Arizona and internationally, supporters like you have carried our founders' commitment forward. I am deeply grateful for the trust you place in us and the care you show for the people and communities we serve.

As you explore these pages, I invite you to choose a gift that speaks to your heart. Each choice offers a meaningful way to help someone live a healthier, more hopeful life. Together, we can continue creating opportunities that reach beyond a single moment-supporting greater comfort, confidence, and possibility.

I also hope you'll share this catalog with your family, friends, and colleagues. Tell them why this work matters to you. Invite them to give alongside you or consider choosing a gift together. Your invitation can introduce someone new to our mission and help our shared impact grow.

Thank you for making room in your heart for others. The next chapter of health and hope begins with the generosity we share.

With gratitude,

Jeri Royce
President & CEO
Advance Community



Meet Lucia

For years, Lucia lived without vision in her left eye, waiting for the chance to see again. When Advance Community brought a specialized ophthalmology surgical team to El Salvador, Lucia finally had hope. She dreamed of seeing her grandchildren clearly and enjoying everyday moments that many people take for granted. After being selected for surgery with Dr. Pajka and his team, Lucia was one step closer to that reality.

The following day, Lucia returned for her follow-up appointment with a patch covering her operated eye. When it was removed, she could see again, she exclaimed, *"I feel good! I can see so clearly! Thank you so much for what you have done!"*

For Lucia, this was more than a successful surgery. After years of living without sight in one eye, she could look forward to seeing the faces of her loved ones and experiencing life in a new way. Lucia is one of nearly 100 people who received specialized eye care through this mission, each with their own story, because everyone deserves the opportunity to see the world more clearly.

Give the Gift of Sight in El Salvador

$150 Cataract Surgery

Give a senior the chance to see clearly again—and rediscover treasured moments, like seeing a new grandbaby's face for the first time.

$210 Retinal Surgery

Help preserve someone's precious sight with surgery to treat a vision-threatening retinal condition—supporting independence and connection to the people they love.

$210 Oculoplastic Surgery

Help bring comfort and improved eye function to someone who needs surgery on the eyelids, tear ducts, or surrounding structures.

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Meet Norma

A weekly Stove to Table meal means having something nutritious and home-cooked to look forward to. Living alone on a limited income, Norma has difficulty affording groceries and does not know how to cook for herself. Most days, she relies on inexpensive fast food for her meals. Every Wednesday, when the Stove to Table meals arrive at Casa Bill, Norma happily makes her way to the front office to pick her meal up.

She looks forward to it each week, knowing that she will have a fresh, home-cooked meal to enjoy at home. *"I depend on these meals,"* she says. What may seem like a simple weekly delivery provides something important: a reliable source of nourishment she can count on.

Through Stove to Table, Advance Community helps make fresh, nutritious meals accessible to seniors who face barriers to food and resources. For Norma, the program means one less worry about where her next meal will come from and the comfort of knowing that a home-cooked meal is waiting for her each week, because everyone deserves access to nutritious food.

Give the Gift of Nourishment

$6 per meal — **Stove to Table: A Weekly Hot Meal**

Bring nourishment and a caring connection to a senior experiencing financial hardship, homelessness, or difficulty leaving home. Your gift provides one hot meal. You may also consider providing a month or year of hot meals. See order form for more details.

$65 per box — **Healthy Food Box**

Help a family put nutritious food on the table while making room for rent and other essentials. Your gift provides a healthy food box with ingredients to prepare up to 25 meals.

$50 — **Food and Connection for Seniors in Guatemala**

Help seniors and widows facing extreme poverty and isolation receive food, medical care, and emotional support. Your gift brings essential care and a meaningful reminder that someone cares.

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Meet Natanael

For seven-year-old Natanael and his mother, Luz María, finding the specialized care he needed had been a long journey. Natanael was born with clubfoot, a condition that affected his mobility. Living about an hour from Cusco, the family faced the challenge of long-distance travel and costs they could not easily afford. His mother dedicated much of her time to caring for him and taking him to medical appointments.



After years of searching for treatment, Luz María learned about Advance Community's pediatric orthopedic surgical campaign in Peru. Natanael was evaluated by a medical team and selected to receive corrective surgery. Through the campaign, he was able to access specialized care that his family had struggled to find and afford.

Following surgery, Natanael gained greater independence and can now walk, attend school, play ball, and participate in activities that were once difficult for him. His progress has also given Luz María more time to focus on other responsibilities, including contributing to her family's income. After years of searching for help, the opportunity for treatment has opened new possibilities for Natanael and his future, because everyone deserves the chance to play, learn and grow without limitations.



Give the Gift of Hope and Healing

$120 Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery

Help a child with clubfoot, hip dysplasia, or mobility challenges related to cerebral palsy receive needed surgery. Your gift can ease pain and improve movement—opening possibilities for play, school, and greater independence.

$220 Adult Orthopedic Surgery

Help a parent living with chronic pain and limited mobility receive needed surgery. Your gift can make everyday activities easier and help them return to work and provide for their family.

$25 Medical Clinics in Peru

Bring essential medical care closer to someone who faces barriers to seeing a doctor. Your gift supports clinics in remote areas of Peru, helping people receive care and guidance for better health.

$50 Dental Missions in Mexico

Give someone a reason to smile with greater comfort. Your gift supports access to dental care that can ease pain and improve oral health.

$220 Women's Health: Gynecologic and Urologic Surgery

Help a woman receive needed surgery for a condition affecting her pelvic or urinary health. Your gift can relieve discomfort and improve her quality of life.

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Meet Jenny

When Jenny, a third grader at Larry C. Kennedy Elementary, first heard about I Choose Wellness, she wasn't quite sure what to expect. Curious to try something new, she decided to attend. After her first class, she was hooked. Through the program, Jenny began learning how to make nutritious food choices, prepare healthy snacks, and understand how different ingredients help her body stay healthy.

Cooking days quickly became Jenny's favorite part of the class. As she learned new recipes and hands-on skills, she grew more comfortable participating and sharing in the activities. What began as a new experience became an opportunity for Jenny to build confidence, explore her interests, and take an active role in her own wellness.

The lessons didn't stop when Jenny left the classroom. She began recreating the recipes at home with her mother, talking about the healthy ingredients they used and why they were good for her body. As a first-generation student, Jenny comes from a family that places a strong value on education and hopes she will pursue higher education in the future. I Choose Wellness has given Jenny an early foundation for that future, helping her build healthy habits, grow in confidence, and recognize that taking care of herself can be something she shares with the people she loves.



Give the Gift of Lifelong Wellness

$55 I Choose Wellness (ICW)

Help a child build healthy habits that can last a lifetime. Your gift supports engaging wellness education that empowers children to make choices that support their health. $55 covers the cost of one class for one student. See order form for more details.

$80 Cooking and Nutrition Classes for Moms (SSL)

Help a mom nourish her family with confidence. Your gift supports practical cooking and nutrition classes for mothers with limited incomes, helping them prepare healthy meals on a budget. $80 covers the cost of one class for one mother. See order form for more details.

$50 Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP)

Help someone living with diabetes gain knowledge and confidence to manage their health. Your gift supports education that turns everyday choices into meaningful steps toward better well-being. $50 covers the cost of one class for one participant. See order form for more details.



Give the Gift of Another Day in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico

$25 Materna Kits

Provide a mom with a newborn baby the opportunity to nourish her baby in the most natural and healthy way possible through breast feeding, empowering her to build healthy habits and give her baby a strong foundation for life. Each kit contains a manual breast pump, nipple shields, and an infant hygiene kit.

$50 Emergency Fund

Support women and children when medical or housing crises arise including urgent aid for treatments, medications, and transportation to hospitals. It's more than financial help. It's a lifeline for mothers and a promise that every child deserves a chance to thrive.

Meet Mari

Mari is a single mother of three young children living in Ahuachapán, El Salvador. During her third pregnancy, the father of her children left, and Mari began cleaning houses to provide for her family. Through Advance Community and a local partner, Mari was supported with prenatal vitamins, medications, and food for her and her children.

After her baby girl was born, Advance continued providing food and infant formula. However, the baby began experiencing repeated illnesses, and the family's living conditions presented additional challenges. Their home, located along a riverbank, frequently flooded during heavy rains. Without a sturdy roof or proper foundation, Mari and her children were left vulnerable to the weather conditions.

Recognizing the family needed additional support, Advance Community used Emergency Funds to help repair the home. Today, Mari and her children have a safer, more comfortable home, and her baby's health has improved, because everyone deserves the opportunity for a more hopeful life.



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Give the Gift of a Stronger Future

$50 Show Up!

Help a high school student discover their voice and their power to make a difference. Your gift supports opportunities to explore community needs, build leadership skills, and take action for healthier futures—starting with their own. A gift of $50 covers the cost of one week-long session for one student. See order form for more details.

$150 Support Indigenous Quechua Families in Peru

Help Indigenous Quechua families in Peru's remote highlands build healthier futures. Your gift supports safer housing, health education, and sustainable farming practices—helping families grow protein-rich crops, diversify their diets, and strengthen food security for generations to come.



Meet Angel

When Angel Garcia first joined Show Up!, he was more reserved and lacked confidence in stepping outside his comfort zone. Coming from a low-income family, he also worried about the financial challenges of attending college. Despite these concerns, Angel had a goal of becoming a teacher and wanted to build a future for himself.

Through Show Up!, Angel developed leadership skills, gained confidence, and found new ways to get involved in his community. After graduating from the program, he earned his certifications and completed more than 100 hours of community service with Advance Community. Over time, he grew into a natural leader and became more comfortable speaking in public and taking on new opportunities.

Angel is now a student at Arizona State University, He credits Show Up! with helping him grow both socially and academically while preparing him for his future as an educator. "Show Up! changed my life because it helped me grow as a person, both socially and educationally. It taught me how to become a proper leader and prepared me for my future as an educator," Angel shared, because everyone deserves the right to be part of a safe community.

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Meet Victor

Víctor Quispe is the leader of Choquecancha, a remote Indigenous community in Cusco, Peru, home to approximately 100 people. For years, residents lacked an organized water distribution system, relying on rivers or traveling long distances to collect water for drinking and daily needs.

Without reliable access to water nearby, families faced challenges maintaining proper hygiene. Advance Community partnered with a local organization to install eight water access points throughout the community, bringing this essential resource closer to families.

The arrival of water was a moment of celebration for the community, with residents gathering to mark the occasion. Víctor expressed his gratitude, sharing that no one had helped his community in this way before. Through this project, Advance Community has helped Choquecancha take an important step toward better health, well-being, and a more hopeful future, because everyone deserves the security of safe drinking water.

Give the Gift of Clean Water

$250 Water Projects in Peru

Help families access clean water for drinking, cooking, and everyday care. Your gift supports better health and gives families more opportunity to thrive—because a healthier, more hopeful life begins with essentials everyone deserves.

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At Advance Community, we're building healthier, more equitable communities every day, right here in Arizona.

When you give through the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit, your support directly fuels that mission, and you receive every dollar back on your state taxes.

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit provides a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your Arizona state income tax liability when you make cash donations to state-certified Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCOs).

2026: Receive a credit of up to $506 for single filers and $1009 for married filing jointly

Deadline: Donations for the 2026 tax year can be made through **April 15, 2027**. You can also choose to apply eligible early-year donations to the prior tax year.

How to Claim: You claim QCO donations using **Arizona Form 321**. Visit www.advancecommunity.org/get-involved/tax-credit/ for more info.

Federal Tax Deduction – Important Updates

Starting with the 2026 tax year, a new federal tax deduction allows individuals who take the standard deduction to receive an additional tax benefit for their charitable giving. **Taxpayers may deduct up to $1,000 in qualifying cash contributions, or up to $2,000 for married couples filing jointly**, when donating directly to eligible public charities like Advance!

As you plan your year-end giving, we invite you to remember the many lives your generosity touches through Advance Community. Every gift helps us bring health, nourishment, and hope to communities in need. We encourage you to speak with your tax professional about how the AZ Tax Credit or federal tax deduction may apply to your circumstances. Be sure to keep a bank record of your gift. Gifts to donor-advised funds do not qualify for this deduction.

For more information about these updates, email us at development@advanceommunity.org











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