

HELPING OTHERS

Here are some thoughtful gifts that will give back

Want to give twice this year? Many holiday gifts pull double duty and keep on giving long after they've been unwrapped. Proceeds from these gifts support charities, food programs, farmers, artisans and supplies for children.

INTERNATIONAL DOLLS

Like all Hearts For Hearts Girls dolls, Tipi from Laos stands 14 inches high and has a poseable, smooth vinyl body and high-quality rooted hair. When you buy a Hearts For Hearts Girls doll (they are from Cambodia, U.S., India, Russia and more), a portion of the purchase price is donated to children's causes in those countries through World Vision, a global humanitarian organization (\$28.99) at Target.

TEES WITH A MESSAGE

Project Iris donates a portions of each sale (all year long) to the World Food Program. This honeydew green scoop neck peace sign tee is a head-turner (\$39) at projectirisclimbing.com.

RESCUE GIFTS

Select from a list of gifts to give, such as \$24 to ensure critical supplies for the safe delivery of a baby in a crisis zone or \$84 to deliver warm blankets for three families who've lost their homes. ECards can be sent right up to Dec. 24 at gifts.rescue.org.

KIDS PROGRAMS

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF, along with partners such as IKEA, Gucci and Disney, has everything shoppers need to find the perfect gift. Money raised through UNICEF's holiday "Gifts That Give Back" program, will help in its mission of reducing the number of daily, preventable deaths of children under 5. Among the options are Disney's "It's a Small World" by FEED bib (\$18) and tee (\$29) at Nordstrom or Nordstrom.com. FEED will donate \$1.50 to \$3 from each gift to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to help children with a year's worth of vitamin A supplements.

GREAT TASTE

Water.org is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization committed to providing safe drinking water and sanitation to people in developing countries. With each purchase of a limited edition CamelBak Groove bottle (\$25 to \$35) at water.org, \$10 goes to the organization. →

PAW PRINTS

The Aurora Glass Foundry

was started by the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County Oregon with the idea of diverting landfill glass to make beautiful pendants, ornaments, wind chimes and suncatchers to help feed the poor and provide housing and job training. This necklace pendant with paw print (\$9.95) is also available with a frog or turtle imprint at Home Eco, 4611 Macklind Avenue.

SHARE THE LOVE

"The Spirit of Christmas" book collection is a sweet rendering of the excitement and magical moments during the holidays. This story by Nancy Tillman shows that the most touching part of the Christmas season is spending time with those we love. Paired with the lion plush, this Kohl's Cares collection is sure to be a family favorite (\$5 for the book and \$5 for the lion plush) at Kohl's. All profits will be donated to support kid's health and education initiatives in communities nationwide.

SWEET TREATS

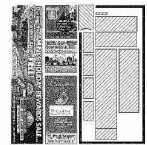
Try a dark chocolate bar with hazelnut and cranberries from Ghana. The chocolates comes from farms in Ghana, where the farmers grow the cocoa and own the processing plant located in Germany (\$3.25) at Plowsharing Crafts, 6271 Delmar Boulevard in University City and 137 West Jefferson Avenue in Kirkwood. Plowsharing Crafts (staffed by volunteers) works with artisans and farmers from more than 45 developing countries, providing them with fair wages for the products they create.

HAPPY CATS

Friendly Cats ornaments from Indonesia are made by artisans from Bali and Indonesia. They're manufactured from softwood that is easily renewable (\$8 each) at Plowsharing Crafts, 6271 Delmar in University City and 137 West Jefferson in Kirkwood.

SWEET SOUNDING

United Cerebral Palsy has



produced the Crown Candy Kitchen ornament (\$18) to benefit the programs and services for people with disabilities. You can purchase the ornament at Crown Candy, 1401 St. Louis Avenue; United Cerebral Palsy Heartland, 13975 Manchester Road; or online at ucpheartland.org.



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