

gifts that give back

THE BEST GIFTS OF THE SEASON? THOSE THAT BRING JOY AND HELP TO OTHERS IN NEED ACROSS THE WORLD. WRAP UP THESE GREAT IDEAS WITH CARE AND MEANING

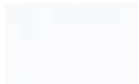
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Stylish Support

Raising money and awareness with style is easy with these sterling silver dog-tag-shaped **PEACETAGS** (\$100, at peacetags.com), imprinted with quotes such as Walt Whitman's "Peace is always beautiful." The net profit from each purchase benefits nonprofit organizations, such as the Seattle-based Voices in Wartime Education Project (voicesinwartime.org), that help promote peace. Packaging the PeaceTags is as easy as tying a yellow ribbon around your favorite box.



House Proud

If you have loved ones concerned with issues of poverty and homelessness, a donation of any amount to **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** (habitat.org) in their name will help buy materials for the construction of homes for low-income residents. Habitat for Humanity has built more than 225,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. Present this gift by attaching a note to a bank shaped like a house (\$10, at *Tottini, South Lake Union, 259 Yale Ave. N; 206.254.0400; tottini.com*).



Chicken Run

Providing a consistent and reliable source of protein for families that live mostly on starches is an invaluable gift. A flock of 20 chicks (\$20) from **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** (heifer.org) helps support families in Zimbabwe by providing important food as well as income—each chicken lays up to 200 eggs a year that can be consumed by the family or sold for cash. To present your gift, place a whimsical egg timer (\$8, at *Stuhlbergs, Queen Anne, 1805 Queen Anne Ave. N; 206.352.2351; stuhlbergs.com*) in a small nest (*angel vine nest, \$3.50, at Display and Costume, multiple locations including Roosevelt, 11201 Roosevelt Way NE; 206.362.4810; displaycostume.com*), and place the nest in a small kraft paper box with a card letting the recipient know that you have made a donation in his or her name.

The Gift of Education

Avid readers or a favorite teacher are the perfect recipients for a gift from **ABC HOME & PLANET FOUNDATION** (abchomeandplanet.org) that offers an Afghan girl nine months of private math and literacy classes. By the end of these classes, younger girls are well positioned to continue their education and older girls are prepared to hold a decent job. To present this gift, purchase one of your favorite books (*To Kill a Mockingbird, \$6.99, at Queen Anne Avenue Books, Queen Anne, 1811 Queen Anne Ave. N; 206.283.5624*) and create a bookmark with information about the donation that was made in the receiver's name.





Capital Benefit

Is someone in your life an entrepreneur? Make a monetary donation in his or her name to the New York-based **ABC HOME & PLANET FOUNDATION** (abchomeandplanet.org), which provides seed money to Ugandan AIDS orphans, ages 18 to 27, so they can start their own businesses, allowing them to care for their younger siblings while earning money with dignity. To package this gift, purchase a puzzle of the world (*Esphera 360 9-inch globe*, \$29.99, at *Toys R Us*, multiple locations including *Northgate*, 414 Northgate Mall; 206.361.1101; toysrus.com), assemble it and attach a note on the puzzle piece that represents Uganda describing the donation made in your friend's name.

Wine for the World

A gift of wine is always appreciated, but when you give **WILDERNESS WINE** (\$25) from Sparkman Cellars (*Woodinville, 19501 144th Ave. NE, Suite D-700; 425.398.1045; sparkmancellars.com*) you help the environment as well. Chris Sparkman created this premium blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Syrah in order to donate a portion of the revenues from each bottle to environmental conservation.



KELLEY HOLDS A BOTTLE OF WILDERNESS WINE. PURCHASING A BOTTLE OF THIS WINE IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

A Pig That Provides

Purchase a pig (\$50) from Seattle-based **WORLD CONCERN** (worldconcern.org) and you'll be providing a source of income for a family, as well as beneficial protein. One sow can produce 20 piglets a year that can be sold; in six months each piglet can grow up to 200 pounds. Give the gift of your donation with a note attached to a piggy bank (*ceramic polka-dot piggy bank*, \$25, at *Urban Kids Play*, Queen Anne, 1805 Queen Anne Ave. N; 206.285.7529; urbankidsplay.com) letting the receivers know that you have made a contribution in their name.



