

## FRESH PICKINGS

# Gifts That Give Back

Imagine the impact just one thoughtful present can make.

During this season of kindness and generosity, consider a gift that says “merry Christmas to all.” From stocking stuffers to big-ticket items, the presents on these pages benefit not only their recipients, but also the charitable initiatives the vendors support.

## 1 Hand Embroidered Ornament [heifer.org](http://heifer.org) \$15

With the aim of ending poverty and hunger, Heifer International provides livestock and related training to small-scale farmers worldwide. To support this lofty goal, you can purchase an animal through Heifer for a family or community in need, or simply add one of these lovely ornaments to your tree.

## 2 Fig and Date Sisterhood Soap Set [preemptivelove.org](http://preemptivelove.org) \$35

Each item in this handsome soap set is made by a different refugee, meaning your purchase—which includes soap, a wooden dish and a knit washcloth—helps carve out a future for not one but three families who have been displaced by violence. Think of it as pampering with a purpose.

## 3 Annie Forever Blanket [swellforever.com](http://swellforever.com) \$65

This super soft throw helps fund portable cribs for less fortunate families, provides grants for those looking to foster or adopt, and supports a variety of causes that keep children's needs in the forefront...and it's crafted not far from the company's headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

## 4 Navy Pom Beanie [loveyourmelon.com](http://loveyourmelon.com) \$45

Love Your Melon makes wonderfully comfy hats. Even better, it gives 50 percent of its profits to support pediatric cancer research and programs that help families dealing with cancer. So far the company has given over \$4.7 million to the cause (and more than 149,000 hats to children being treated for the disease).





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**5 Polka-Dot Socks [mitscoots.com](http://mitscoots.com) \$12**

You can't go wrong with polka dots. And for every bag, blanket or piece of apparel purchased, Mitscoots gives a product of equal value to someone in need. The company also hires individuals who are transitioning from homelessness into housing, providing steady employment for folks seeking work.

**6 Gratitude Box [littlelovinghands.com](http://littlelovinghands.com) \$28**

What a clever way to engage with children and teach the value of giving! Select a box to show your support for service members (or another population close to your heart), and a craft kit will arrive at your doorstep. When the craft is completed, send it back, and Little Loving Hands will ensure it reaches its destination.

**7 Bridger Flannel Button Down Shirt [unitedbyblue.com](http://unitedbyblue.com) \$78**

For every item sold from its extensive line of outdoor clothing and other gear, United By Blue removes 1 pound of trash from our oceans and waterways. It locates cleanup sites, collaborates with environmental organizations and volunteers, and provides crews the necessary supplies to get the job done. To date, the company has removed more than a million pounds of trash—with help, of course, from its customers.

**8 Camping Tin and Coffee [groundsandhoundscoffee.com](http://groundsandhoundscoffee.com) \$15 each**

Twenty percent of Grounds and Hounds' proceeds are donated to no-kill shelters and safe havens for dogs. And with names like Paper & Slippers and Alpha Blend, this delish coffee makes a charming centerpiece for any gift basket. Don't forget the mug!

**9 Waxed Canvas Work Apron [redantspants.com](http://redantspants.com) \$49**

Made in Montana, this strong, stylish apron has plenty of pockets to hold all the tools of your trade. Plus, the company's foundation provides grants to groups whose work aligns with its mission: to develop and expand leadership roles for women, and to enrich and support rural communities and working family farms and ranches.

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