

Alternative Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season

As you think about the perfect gift for that special someone on your shopping list, you are invited to consider these alternatives ...



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The fair choice is the right choice. The daily decisions you make as a consumer can make a real, positive difference in the world. When you choose to buy fair trade products you are making a strong connection with hardworking, but impoverished workers around the world. Our CRS Fair Trade network guarantees fair wages to disadvantaged artisans, farmers and workers. It also provides the technical and financial assistance that poor people so desperately need but so rarely get in the conventional trading system. Team up with us. Buy fair trade products and you return human dignity to people just like you.

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www.crsfairtrade.org/crafts OR www.serrv.org/crs_handcraft?c=crs
1.800.685.7572

Learn more about alternative giving ideas ...

www.buynothingchristmas.org

www.adventconspiracy.org

www.newdream.org

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OxfamGifts.com

1-800-850-7608

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Give the life-changing gift of a **Heifer International** animal in honor of a friend or loved one. It's a gift that brings promise to hungry families and the opportunity for a better life to the less fortunate. Giving a Heifer gift takes the stress out of holiday shopping while putting the meaning back into giving. Instead of material gifts, choose gifts that help struggling families lift themselves out of poverty – gifts such as sheep, goats, flock of chickens. When you make this symbolic gift in honor of someone on your holiday list, you enable your friends or loved ones to be a part of something bigger than themselves – to be a part of making the world a happier place. You'll bring smiles to the faces of those desperately in need of hope and nourishment as well as to those you honor. And the recipient of your generous spirit will one day know the same feeling of unselfish giving when they share their gift with another struggling family. That's because each **Heifer International** recipient promises to pass on offspring of their gift animal to another in the community. Since 1944, Heifer has reached out in friendship and assistance to 125 countries, including the United States, helping millions of people overcome their dire situations and start a path to a brighter future.

To learn more or view gift items, visit www.heifer.org

To place an order, visit the website, or call 1.800.698.2511

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Presented by St. Francis of Assisi Church
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What if ... St Francis of Assisi Church earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can! **GoodSearch.com** is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and we'll watch the donations add up! Also, **GoodShop.com** is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores, including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting St. Francis of Assisi Church. Just follow these steps --

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) publishes a Buyer's Guide (online and in-print) which identifies corporate social responsibility, on issues ranging from inclusiveness to environmental protection. Visit the website at <http://www.hrc.org/apps/buyersguide/index.php>

1. Go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter St. Francis of Assisi Church as the charity you want to support. (A drop-down box may appear, with several "St Francis" choices; be sure to select "St Francis of Assisi Church (Columbus, OH)")
2. You can also **install a GoodSearch.com toolbar**, by following the instructions right below the search box.

Please note that the site asks "Please use this site honestly. Fraudulent searches will result in your charity being delisted."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office at 614.299.5781, or office@sfacolumbus.org. Thank you!

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