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A gift for someone in need somewhere in the world

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There are many ways you can help others through your shopping. You can buy presents that are eco-friendly, support paying artisans a fair wage, help impoverished people make a living or give a portion of the sales to charity.

Here are a few suggestions.

Fusion oval bowl

This colorful bowl, below, is handmade in South Africa and signed by the artist. As with all Jacaranda products, a portion of the sale support the Ethembeni School for blind and disabled children (www.ethembenischool.org).

Jacaranda: www.jacarandastyle.com or 1-800-985-5509.

List price: \$175.



Kiva loan

A loan from Kiva gives a hand to businesspeople in developing countries. You can choose your borrower — a weaver in Cambodia, a salon owner in Tanzania, a general store owner in Peru. When your loan is repaid, you can withdraw your money or lend to a new business.

Available at: www.kiva.org.

List price: Loans can be as little as \$25.

Plates With a Purpose

Set a pretty table and a good example with Plates With a Purpose, created by Riverside Design Group for VivaTerra. A portion of the proceeds go to ecoAmerica, a nonprofit dedicated to helping parents teach their children to connect with nature.

Available at: www.vivaterra.com or 1-800-233-6011.

List price: \$35.

KitchenAid Cook for the Cure Artisan stand mixer

Here's something that makes a substantial contribution to breast cancer research: KitchenAid donates \$50 from the sale of every Cook for the Cure Artisan stand mixer to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. There's also a full line of other Cook for the Cure products that support Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Available at: www.shopkitchenaid.com or 1-800-334-6889.

List price: \$299.99.



Ostrich egg tea light

Natural beauty meets modern style meets doing good with this tea light, made from a real ostrich shell. Because the shell is thick, the pinhole design is created with a dentist's drill. It's mounted on an ebony base and comes with a candle and ceramic holder for the candle. A portion of sales from all Jacaranda products supports the Ethembeni School for blind and disabled children (www.ethembenischool.org).

Available at: Jacaranda, www.jacarandastyle.com or 1-800-985-5509.

List price: \$115.

3631, www.clevelandhabitat.org/restore. Used and scrap products are kept out of landfills, you get a bargain and you're supporting Habitat for Humanity.

Available at: Habitat for Humanity, www.habitatstoreonline.com, 1-800-422-5914.

List price: \$42.

Telephone wire basket

Support the families in one of the most impoverished regions of South Africa by buying the Out of Africa Experience telephone wire basket, below. Women in the KwaZulu-Natal region use telephone wire to weave baskets. Some may even have a faint smell of smoke from the fires around which the women gather to weave.

Available at: Fave, Eton Chagrin Boulevard in Woodmere, 216-831-9070.

List price: \$169.