

Gifts that Give Back...
Episcopal Church of the Cross; Advent 2020

Below is a list of groups that create items that may work for a Christmas gift. When purchasing from a group from this list, or groups like them, we are passing on a grace not only to those who receive the gift, but those who create them. A blessed Advent season to you!

Fashion and Jewelry

Chunky Junk is a fair trade jewelry company with products produced in India. Chunky Junk was founded in 2007 out of a heart to support orphan causes in India. One of the primary projects Chunky Junk supports now is Shiloh Children's Home through No Longer Orphans. Shiloh currently houses more than fifty boys and three staff families. www.chunkyjunk.com.

Noonday Collection is an Austin-based company that designs and sells an inspired collection of jewelry and accessories made by Artisans across the globe. Each artisan receives a good wage for her work, and savings groups and mentoring provide essential job and life skills training. www.noondaycollection.com.

Raven + Lily is a lifestyle brand offering trend-forward fair trade fashion, accessories, and home furnishings with its core underlying mission to empower women on a global scale. Today, the brand employs more than 1,500 at-risk women in 10 countries around the world and counting, providing them with a fair trade wage and access to a safe job, sustainable income, healthcare, and other tools they need to thrive. www.ravenandlily.com.

Krochet Kids' products, partners, and community work in unison to help people break the cycle of poverty, forever. They provide life-changing job opportunities to women in need. With each purchase you make, you are introduced to the woman who made your product and are invited to visit her online profile to learn more about her. www.krochetkids.com

Fazl Socks. Fazl Socks supports children's homes in India that care for and education orphaned and destitute children. These homes are entirely run by local people committed to loving, serving, teaching and raising the girls and boys in their care. These Himalayan socks are hand-made in India, and provide employment and work with dignity for those who create them. www.shopfazl.com

Stationery and Office Products

Lovoso currently sells handcrafted high-quality pens, carved from local wood by the boys living at Shiloh Children's Home in India. This provides job training and business skills to help the boys transition successfully into adulthood. www.lovoso.com

Food and Beverage

HopeBridges offers Thai coffee grown and produced by Thai hill tribes. The coffee is then roasted by a roaster that has a ministry to the homeless in downtown Kansas City. The result is a great cup of coffee. The hill tribes earn a fair market wage, and this keeps them out of the opium fields. The homeless are aided and the proceeds go back to Thailand to support over one-hundred children with food, clothing, education, and basic health care. www.hopebridges.org

Marketplace (multiple product lines)

Sole Hope provides preventive methods to combat diseases that enter through the feet and creates a positive physical and psychological difference in the lives of individuals in impoverished communities. Sole Hope's marketplace features apparel, accessories, and more. Go to www.solehope.com, and click the "shop" button.

Pharaoh's Daughters provides hope and resources to families longing to adopt, and to orphans hoping for a home. A number of members have online stores featured, with items ranging from books to textiles and jewelry. Go to www.pharaohsdaughters.com.

Thistle Farms' mission is to HEAL, EMPOWER, AND EMPLOY women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. They do this by providing safe and supportive housing, the opportunity for economic independence, and a strong community of advocates and partners. The online store sells products for body and home – including a very special welcome mat made from the life jackets of Syrian refugees. www.thistlefarms.org.

Here you'll find one-of-a-kind gifts and products designed with one thing in mind – to help **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** continue leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Thanks to generous support families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing and food – because all a family should worry about is helping their child live. St. Jude's gift shop includes home goods, apparel, toys, and more. www.giftshop.stjude.org.

Sustainable Solutions (sponsorship and in-kind donation)

You can give the gift of health, education, faith, and more through **Food for the Hungry**. Their unique ministry model focuses on lifting communities out of poverty through sustainable, Gospel-centered programs. www.fh.org.

Orphans and vulnerable children are at the heart of **Orphan Outreach**. Your support of a child through sponsorship provides them with physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational support. Sponsorship allows you to become part of a child's extended family – sponsors and their children regularly write to each other, and sponsors have the opportunity to visit their children via short-term mission trips. Go to www.orphanoutreach.org for more information on sponsoring a child.

Any you would add?

Let us know at office@ecclt.org. We'll add them to the list!