



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

GIFTS THAT LEAVE AN IMPRINT ON THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS, NOT IN THEIR SPACE

DONATE

- Heifer International (heifer.org) – give a family a cow, or chickens, and you give them not only food to eat, but a way to earn a living.
- Doctors Without Borders (doctorswithoutborders.org) – these medical professionals give their time and talents to help those in underserved and sometimes dangerous places.
- Operation Smile (operationsmile.org) – provides surgery and specialized equipment for children born with cleft palates.
- ASPCA (aspca.org) – provides food and shelter for abandoned cats and dogs.
- Little Kids Rock (littlekidsrock.org) – provides instruments for students in low-income public schools.
- Meals on Wheels (mealsonwheelsamerica.org) – provides meals to housebound senior citizens.
- Cell Phones for Soldiers (cellphonesforsoldiers.com) – provides phone minutes to American troops.
- Create Now (createnow.org) – provides field trips to museums, concerts and plays for high-risk youths.
- Homes for Our Troops (hfotusa.org) – adapts homes for disabled veterans so they can have full accessibility.
- Cradles to Crayons (cradlestocrayons.org) – provides school supplies for homeless and low-income urban children.
- Global Giving (globalgiving.org) – charity projects around the world – including hurricane-hit sites like Puerto Rico
- Charity Choice (charitygiftcertificates.org) – allows the recipient to decide where your donation on their behalf should go

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

- The Tomorrow Fund (of Hasbro Hospital) (tommorrowfund.org) – provides research, care and support for children with cancer.
- Crossroads Rhode Island (crossroadsri.org) – providing shelter for the homeless in RI
- Dorcas International of RI (diiri.org) – promotes literacy, employment and community involvement for low-income adults in RI.

EXPERIENCE

- A membership to your local YMCA, health club, museum, aquarium, or zoo (great for someone with young children).
- Gift certificate to a favorite restaurant.
- A movie ticket package - tickets & refreshments (try [AAA](#) for discount packages).
- Voucher for babysitting.
- Voucher for home-cooked meal
- "Date Night Special": movie ticket package and babysitting voucher - great for a couple who have just had a baby!
- Coupons for car washes or car detailing (or a voucher from *you* for personalized service!)

(over for more!)

- Gift certificates for spa services: manicure, pedicure, massage, facial.
- Gift certificates for personal services such as a professional organizer, computer training, personal trainer, house cleaner, life coach (think New Year's resolutions!)
- Tickets for a sporting event or performance - a play, show, concert.
- Lessons for a skill your gift recipient would love to learn or improve upon: musical instrument, cooking, a sport like golf or tennis, computer skills.
- For movie buffs - streaming service – Amazon Prime or Netflix
- For avid readers – bookstore gift card or Amazon Kindle gift card
- A day with mom/dad/auntie/uncle/grandma/grandpa – your time and attention is the most valuable gift you can give!

CONSUME – leaves little to no “clutter footprint”

- A personal correspondence basket, with stamps, note cards and nice pen.
- A basket of ingredients for a special meal or treat: clam bake, Italian, romantic picnic (loaf of bread, bottle of wine), barbecue, ice cream sundaes.

GIFT IDEAS FOR KIDS

<http://knoxville.citymomsblog.com/40-non-toy-gifts-the-ultimate-gift-non-toy-gift-guide-for-all-ages/>

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