



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 (aspc.org) – provides food and shelter for abandoned cats and dogs.
- Music Will (<https://musicwill.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 western North Carolina.
- Charity Choice (<https://www.charitygiftcertificates.org/>) – allows the recipient to decide where your donation on their behalf should go.

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.





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local RI organizations

- The Tomorrow Fund (of Hasbro Hospital) (tomorrowfund.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.
- The Izzy Foundation (theizzyfoundation.org) - designs spaces, provides services and support to children with cancer and their families by implementing inpatient and outpatient services for pediatric patients at Hasbro Children's Hospital, in Providence, Rhode Island and nationwide.

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!)
- 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!

