Heifer International

Help Hungry Families Feed Themselves

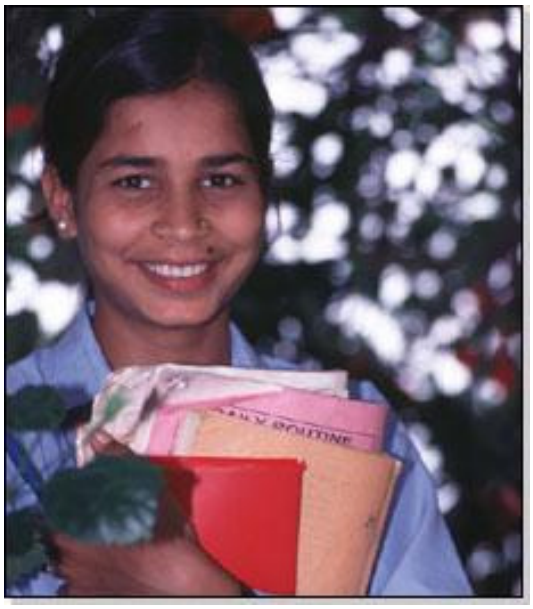
Heifer projects around the world help families achieve self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training. Gifts are passed from recipient to recipient until entire communities are transformed.



Gift Ark: Changing the World Two By Two

The Heifer Gift Ark offers hope worldwide to families who are poor and hungry to secure food and a source of dependable income.

Two cows bring milk and income to a Russian village. Two sheep help families in Arizona produce wool. Two camels help families in Tanzania earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials. Two oxen pull plows and carts in Uganda. Two water buffalo help Cambodian families increase rice production through animal draft power. And that's just the first five sets of animals ... the ark provides 15 pairs of animals to change lives.



Millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables. Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses.

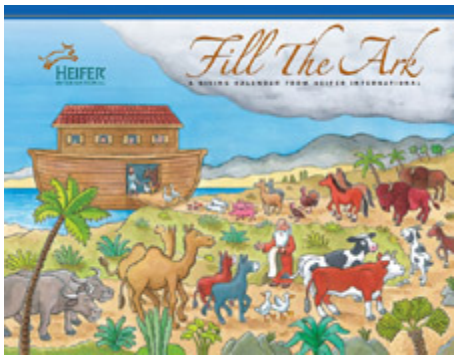
Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read.

And people who never thought they'd be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving.

How is this possible?

With Heifer's proven approach – almost 60 years in the making – to helping people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.

Heifer International works with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come.



Fill the Ark

An Exciting 28-Day Program!

Fill an ark-shaped bank with coins. The Heifer's Ark: alpaca, bee, camel, chicken, cow, donkey, duck, fish, goose, guinea pig, horse, llama, pig, rabbit, sheep, water buffalo and the wonderful yak. Learn how these animals help families through wool, honey and milk and in dozens of other ways. Also learn more about the environmental benefits of using animals wisely on a small farm.

Fundraising Ideas for the Heifer Arc and Other Projects

Ideas for Youth Groups

- Prepare a pancake breakfast or soup-and-sandwiches lunch. Sell tickets in advance.
- Collect copper pennies in large, clear containers. Offer a small prize to the person guessing the number in the jar, then contribute the pennies to Heifer -- counted and wrapped, please!
- Hold a car wash.
- Using Read to Feed materials from Heifer, children can collect pledges from friends and relatives, who agree to pay a quarter or a dollar (or more) for each book the child reads during the four weeks of the program.
- Do at least one activity that involves children explaining hunger issues to friends and family and asking them to support Heifer. This is an excellent way to teach children facts and values -- and raise money from adults at the same time.
- Paint a Heifer mural in a hallway or on a classroom wall. A talented person (or team) draws the outlines, then children or adults can fill in the colors. You'll have a constant reminder while your campaign is going on and a keepsake after it's over.

Ideas for All Ages

- Ask friends and family to remember your birthday, anniversary or other special event by contributing an animal to Heifer in your name.
- Hold a walk-a-thon, bike race or dance marathon. Collect pledges for each mile or hour. See how one man vowed to bike-ride cross country for Heifer.
- Organize a team of volunteers to do house and yard projects, such as painting a room or cleaning gutters. The person receiving the service contributes the amount it would have cost to Heifer.
- Make small, handmade gifts or holiday cards and sell them. Or hold a raffle for larger, more expensive hand-made items, such as a quilt or dollhouse.
- Have an International Potluck Dinner and charge admission. Make each group responsible for food and decorations appropriate to the Heifer country or region assigned to them.
- Put on an international, intergenerational talent show.
- Arrange a hunger-facts quiz in a popular game-show format. Raise money by having people pay to enter the contest or pledge in support of their favorite contestant.





Heifer:		@ $500.00 = $
Water Buffalo:		@ $250.00 = $
Llama:		@ $150.00 = $
Goat:		@ $120.00 = $
Sheep:		@ $120.00 = $
Pig:		@ $120.00 = $
Trees:		@ $60.00 = $
Trio of Rabbits:		@ $60.00 = $
Honeybees:		@ $30.00 = $
Flock of Chicks:		@ $20.00 = $
Flock of Ducks:		@ $20.00 = $
Flock of Geese:		@ $20.00 = $
The Ark:		@ $5,000.00 = $
Milk Menagerie:		@ $1,000.00 = $
Joy to the World Collection:		@ $1,500.00 = $
Women in Livestock Development:		@ $10,000.00 =