Good News Department

Gifts That Give To Children Around The World

(NAPSA)—Since 1949, many have made sending UNICEF greeting cards that benefit children the world over part of their family's holiday tradition.

The greeting cards have helped to support UNICEF's lifesaving work of providing medicine, vaccination, food, education and emergency relief for millions of children around the world.

Now, thanks to the efforts of several dedicated companies, there are even more ways you can give to others this season by purchasing gift items that support UNICEF.

For example, the French crystal manufacturer Baccarat has created the 2006 UNICEF Snowflake holiday ornament. The ornament is etched with a gilded rendering of the UNICEF Snowflake, an outdoor chandelier made with 16,000 glittering Baccarat crystals that hangs high above the intersection of Fifth Avenue and 57th Street in New York City during the holiday season.

The ornament will be available at Baccarat boutiques, as well as online at www.unicefusa.org and www.baccarat.com.

Actress and UNICEF Ambassador Téa Leoni and Italian Designer Dino Modolo have collaborated to create 18K white gold and topaz pendants that will be sold this holiday season to benefit children worldwide. Two different versions of the necklace will be available for purchase at Di MODOLO boutiques, www.dimodolo.com and other fine jewelers. Di MODOLO will donate 50 percent of the purchase price to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

It's also possible to purchase great gifts for children that help children in need. IKEA is offering a number of soft toys to delight children of all ages. This



From greeting cards to crystal ornaments to plush toys and more, there are a number of gift items that support programs that aid children in need the world over.

year, IKEA will donate \$1.00 from the sale of each soft toy sold to save children's lives. Last year, this program generated over \$2.3 million.

For those of a musical mind, Pier 1 is offering a CD featuring popular artists such as India.Arie, Grammy Award winner Jill Scott, Erykah Badu, and classic hits from Cat Stevens and the Youngbloods. The retailer will donate 25 percent of the purchase price from this CD to the U.S. Fund for UNICEE.

For those who want to spark their holiday meals with new flavors, there's Chef Marcus Samuelsson's "The Soul of a New Cuisine—A Discovery of the Foods and Flavors of Africa." In this book, the celebrated New York chef returns to his native Africa and brings the continent's diverse culture and cuisine alive for home cooks. Samuelsson is donating 20 percent of all author royalties to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

To learn more, visit the Web site at www.unicefusa.org or call (800) 4UNICEF.