

GIFT IDEAS



Gifts-For-A-Cause This Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—'Tis the season...for giving and goodwill, as more shoppers than ever are searching for eye-catching and adorable presents that people will love to receive but that are also gifts that keep on giving.

Donations to charitable causes in the United States reached an impressive \$307 billion in 2008, according to Charitynavigator.org. Not surprisingly, approximately one-quarter of these contributions are received in December alone. Here are some suggestions on how to shop for a change:

"Won't You Be My Teddy Bear?"

Teddy bears have long been the classic stuffed animal for kids. They are cute, cuddly and always bring a smile. Now these toys for tots won't just bring a smile to their owners, but other children as well.

All proceeds from the purchase of Sammy Bear teddies go to Jewelers For Charity, which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude Hospital, the Elizabeth Glaser Foundation and CASA, an advocacy group for children.

Shopping For A Change:

- Give a child a classic toy to cuddle with like the Sammy Teddy Bear. These teddies help benefit organizations like Make-A- Wish Foundation and St. Jude Hospital.
- Rachael Ray Nutrish is not just good for your dog; it's good for other dogs, too. One hundred percent of Rachael Ray's proceeds from the product line are donated to pets in need. To learn more about the product and the dogs that have been helped, visit Nutrishfor Pets com
- When purchasing gifts for your chic friends and family, you don't need to purchase designer duds! DesignLaundry.com offers clothes from top designers and up to 20 percent of the proceeds of each product benefits organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund.

Good For Your Dogs And Other Dogs, Too!

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Man's best friend is always there to give a little bit more love

during the holidays. Dogs don't require fancy presents—just a good meal can put a smile on that snout!

A good option is the Rachael Ray Nutrish dog food line. It's made with real meat and all Rachael Ray's proceeds from sales of Nutrish help dogs in need. Visit NutrishforPets.com for more information about organizations such as the North Shore Animal League that have been helped by Rachael's Rescue.

Stylishly Charitable

When purchasing clothes for your stylish friends and family this year, be sure to check out DesignLaundry.com. It features a variety of clothing, accessories and handbags from popular designers, which enables gift recipients to be "charity chic." The best part is that up to 20 percent of the proceeds of each item purchased goes to multiple charities like the World Wildlife Fund, the Alzheimer's Association and Musicians On Call.