

## Fair Trade / Gifting Resources

Fair trade is socially responsible, environmentally conscious importing. Fair trade means NO sweat shop. Fair trade means good working conditions, opportunity, fair wages, and dignity. No child exploitation is used to make these products.

Coffee is the largest category. Coffee is the most heavily traded commodity in the world after petroleum. Yet most coffee growers -small, family farmers- have been left behind by this boom and can barely afford their basic needs. As an alternative Fair Trade Certified pays farmers a decent, living wage for their harvest, provides access to affordable credit, helping farmers stay out of debt to local loan sharks, and promotes sustainable practices, such as organic farming, that help protect the environment.

### Gifting Resources

A Greater Gift [www.agreatergift.org](http://www.agreatergift.org) A program of SERRV

Promotes living wages, women's rights and eco-friendly production through partnerships with small-scale artisan and farmer groups.

Aid Through Trade [www.aidthroughtrade.com](http://www.aidthroughtrade.com)

Colorful fair trade fashion accessories

Alpsnack bars and Bronner soaps [www.drbronner.com](http://www.drbronner.com)

Alternative Development Center for Indigenous Groups [www.cedain.com](http://www.cedain.com)

Nonprofit organization promoting self-development of Chihuahua's indigenous groups canalizing their handicrafts such as: basketry, wooden objects, weaving, ceramics

Ama Serwaa Women's Project [benkeh1@msn.com](mailto:benkeh1@msn.com);

Shea butter from West Africa. Proceeds are sent to the women in Ghana to buy tools so they can become self-sufficient in their production of the Shea Butter.

Ananse Village [www.anansevillage.com](http://www.anansevillage.com)

handcrafted items from Africa. Baskets, textiles, beads, masks, instruments, and more. A portion of our profits provides medical and educational opportunities to the communities we work with.

Marilyn Anderson [www.marilynfanderson.com](http://www.marilynfanderson.com)

Prints, note cards, and coloring books honoring Guatemalan Maya arts traditions. Helps support Pro Arte Maya Education Project for children in Guatemala.

ASHRO [www.ashro.com](http://www.ashro.com)

Women's clothing catalog.

Bridge of Hope [www.fairtradeperu.com](http://www.fairtradeperu.com)

Joining Hands Against Poverty ecumenical network promoting Fair Trade Peruvian handicrafts.

Caffe Ibis Coffee Roasting [www.caffeibis.com](http://www.caffeibis.com)

Circle of the Sun [www.circleofthesun.org](http://www.circleofthesun.org)

working with indigenous weaving communities throughout the world

Coffee & Tea, Ltd [www.coffeeandtealtd.com](http://www.coffeeandtealtd.com)

Colores del Pueblo [www.coloresdelpueblo.org](http://www.coloresdelpueblo.org)

dedicated to assisting Latin American artisans and farmers - directly

Dagoba Organic Chocolate [www.dagobachocolate.com](http://www.dagobachocolate.com)

The cacao growers cultivate in natural rainforest conditions.

El Quetzal [www.elquetzal.org](http://www.elquetzal.org)

Provides a fair market for textiles produced by self-directed, community-based groups in Guatemala.

Equal Exchange <http://www.equalexchange.com/>

Offers products from 28 democratically run farmer co-ops in 14 countries

Fair Trade Resource Network [www.fairtraderesource.org](http://www.fairtraderesource.org)

The Fair Trade Resource Network raises consumer awareness about improving people's lives through Fair Trade alternatives.

Global Crafts [www.globalcrafts.org](http://www.globalcrafts.org)

specialize in African Art and Crafts offering income-generating opportunities to craftspeople in these and other developing countries

Global Exchange [www.globalexchange.org](http://www.globalexchange.org)

Global Exchange is a membership-based international human rights organization dedicated to promoting social, economic and environmental justice around the world. Site includes large on-line store.

Higher Ground Roasters [www.highergroundroasters.com](http://www.highergroundroasters.com)

Mad Imports [www.madimports.org](http://www.madimports.org)

Eclectic handmade accessories and stationary inspired by the beautiful island of Madagascar.

Mayan Hands [www.mayanhands.org](http://www.mayanhands.org)

impoverished Guatemalan Mayan backstrap loom weavers. High quality crafts: table linens, tablerunners, hand embroidered T-shirts, accessories, bags, bibs, clerical stoles

Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance [www.quixote.org](http://www.quixote.org)

Nonprofit agency promoting works of Nicaraguan artists. Profits go to Nicaraguan development projects. Greeting cards, calendars, business cards, T-shirts, designer plates, carvings, and paintings.

Oxfam [www.oxfam.org.uk](http://www.oxfam.org.uk)

a development, relief, and campaigning organization that works with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering around the world.

Peace Coffee [www.peacecoffee.com](http://www.peacecoffee.com)

Coffee should reward your taste buds while respecting coffee farmers and the environment.

Rainforest Action Network [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

campaigns for the forests, their inhabitants and the natural systems that sustain life by transforming the global marketplace through education, grassroots organizing and non-violent direct action.

SOS Children's Villages [www.sos-childrensvillages.org](http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org)

gives children who have lost their parents or who are no longer able to live with them a permanent home and a stable environment.

The S.P.I.R.A.L. Foundation [www.spiralfoundation.org](http://www.spiralfoundation.org)

Hand-crafted gift items from Vietnam made in part from recycled materials. Supports university students, Hmong girls, village workers.

Ten Thousand Villages [www.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.tenthousandvillages.com)

Established by Mennonites in 1946 – fairly traded world-wide handcrafts. Shop on line or find a store near you.

Terroir Select Coffees [www.terroircoffee.com](http://www.terroircoffee.com)

Tibet Collection [www.tibetcollection.com](http://www.tibetcollection.com)

Products made by Tibetan refugees and other groups in Nepal and India

Worldwide Child, Inc [www.bridgi.com](http://www.bridgi.com)

What if children's toys had no plastics, no tv characters and no toy weapons?