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**Gifts That Change a Child's Life  
ChildFund International Offers Unusual Holiday Gift Ideas**

**Richmond, Va.** – Nov. 9, 2009 – Nieman Marcus may have the most expensive gift items in its catalog, but ChildFund's Gifts of Love and Hope catalog offers unique items that will change the lives of children in the 31 developing countries where it works.

Why not buy a **water buffalo** for a family in Indonesia? The cost is \$397 and will help the family with the hard work of farming.

An **eco-friendly oven and chimney** for a family in Honduras costs \$143. It uses less firewood than traditional ovens, which means that girls, who traditionally collect the family's firewood, will have more time to study.

Would you like to ensure that young children develop good nutritional habits? If so, for \$57 you can provide a **scholarship for the "Little Chef" nutrition program** in the United States.

A **solar lantern** enables children in India to study after the sun sets. The cost is \$117 and will brighten their future.

If you want to help children keep their dreams alive, you can provide furniture for a **dream corner** in Sri Lanka. A bookshelf is \$114, a small table is \$50 and a child's chair is \$21.

Are you feeling especially generous? For \$1,714 you can purchase a **well and hand pump** for a community in Afghanistan. The well provides needed drinking water that is free of disease. And it cuts down on children and youth having to carry water long distances, which makes them too tired to attend school.

Each gift you choose will be used exactly as described in the catalog. The gifts come in all shapes and sizes — and price ranges — and are a great way to become more familiar with the work ChildFund does.

Visit [www.ChildFund.org/gifts](http://www.ChildFund.org/gifts) for more ideas and to purchase your unusual gifts this season.

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