



Christmas Shopping Ideas for 2010



Alternative Gift Fairs in Fond du Lac:
An “alternative gift” is a donation made to a worthy organization. The donor receives a card which can be given to the recipient along with an explanation of the organization.

Holy Family Catholic Community
Dec. 4, 2010 after 4:15 Mass - 6:15 pm
Dec. 5, 2010 9:00 am - 12:15 pm
271 Fourth Street Way, Fond du Lac, WI
Just Fare items can be purchased too.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
December 5, 2010, 9:00 12:30 pm
535 Stow St.
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

First Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2010 9:00 - 12:00 pm
1225 4th St.



Just Fare Market, Fond du Lac
The Just Fare Market is open year round
Thursday - Saturday from 9:30 - 1:30, the second Sunday at noon, and now also Wednesday evening 4 - 9. It is located at the Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. It provides gifts from around the world and aids artisans in developing countries.
www.justfare.org. If you invite 10 or more friends, you can have an after-hours Shop Party. To schedule, call, Carol at 924-6034.

Empowering Women's Futures: The AIDS Orphans Sewing Project in Bukoba, Tanzania, East Africa
Contact Sister Stella Storch at ssorch@csasisters.org to make a donation, buy blouses, shirts, women's dresses and, especially, **Batik Bags** made by orphans. Items can also be purchased at the Just Fare Market, too.

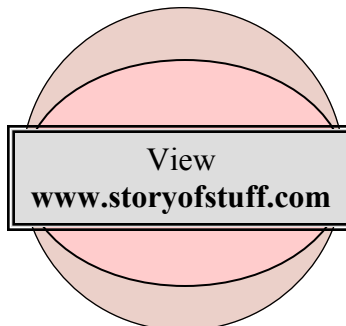


Gift of Health

- Tea – loaded with antioxidants
- Certificate to Athletic shoe store
- Dancing lessons
- Soups - organic, low sodium instant soups
- Workout DVD
- Coffee - reduces the risk of diabetes, Parkinson's disease and some cancers

When purchasing a gift, consider:

- Where it was made
- The packaging
- What will happen to it when its useful purpose is over



Ask yourself the 4 Rs. Is it

- Rechargeable
- Repairable
- Refillable or
- Reusable

Heifer Project is a nonprofit international organization that helps to alleviate hunger. You can give chickens, a pig, sheep or most any other animal to a family in need. Their web site is www.heifer.org.

Some web sites to check out

- 10,000 villages
www.tenthousandvillages.com
- Catholic Relief www.crsfair-trade.org/index_flash.cfm
- Global Exchange <http://store.gxonlinestore.org>
- Ministry of Arts
www.ministryofhearts.org
- Pax Christi <http://paxchristi.3dcartstores.com>

Other ideas when shopping:

- bring your own bag
- Wrap gifts in brown bags and decorate them; comic section of the Sunday paper make for colorful wrapping paper.

What to give

- LED lights
- Handmade gifts. No time? Support local artists
- Homemade food items
- A certificate to mow the lawn, wash car, (use your imagination)
- Horseback riding lessons
- A massage
- Items produced locally
- Energy-efficient products
- Battery recharger
- Travel mug for those who drink coffee on the run
- Certificate for a cloth diaper cleaning service

Trafficking: Made by Survivors sells items through The Emancipation Network (TEN) go to www.madebysurvivors.com

SERRV International is a nonprofit organization promoting the social and economic progress of people in developing countries of the world by purchasing and marketing their crafts, fair trade coffee and chocolates. Call (800) 685-7572 or go to www.serrv.org. Many products sold at the Just Fare Market come from SERRV.