Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time. When God decided to flood the Earth, Noah found favor in the Lord’s eyes. So God commanded Noah to build an ark to shelter his family and two of all living creatures. Safe in the Ark, Noah, his family and the animals weathered 40 days and nights of rain. After the flood, a rainbow symbolizing God’s promise to never flood the Earth again stretched across the sky.

Just as God kept Noah and his family safe from the depths of the floods, Heifer’s Ark will help keep communities safe from the depths of poverty. In partnership with thousands of congregations, Heifer’s Ark carries healing and the joy of Passing on the Gift® to families around the world. Every family who receives livestock agrees to pass on one or more of its animal’s offspring to another neighbor in need. The family also passes on new skills in growing crops and caring for the environment.

Your gift symbolizes a rainbow of hope around the world. By helping Heifer, you’re helping families lift themselves out of poverty, while answering God’s call to help others. Welcome aboard!

HEIFER HISTORY

Heifer International’s mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For more than 70 years, we have provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve the lives of those who struggle daily for reliable sources of food and income.

We currently work in more than 25 countries, including the United States, to help families and communities become self-reliant by providing a range of livestock, trees, seeds and training in environmentally sound agriculture.

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help him.”

Hebrews 6:10
PASSING ON THE GIFT® is the heart of our sustainable community development philosophy. Every family who receives an animal must pass on one or more of the animal’s offspring, along with other inputs, training and skills, to other families in need. This unique approach creates a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities. Recipients build new levels of self-confidence and fulfillment as they become donors themselves. 

Luke 3:11

EMPOWERING WOMEN is top priority for Heifer and faith communities. We support the formation of community groups and work to ensure women develop skills to take on leadership roles at group and community levels. With this, girls receive equal educational opportunities, women become leaders and entire communities thrive. 

1 Timothy 3:11a

CARING FOR THE EARTH remains at the root of each of our projects, as we believe it is vital to ending hunger and poverty. Because we are called to be good stewards of the environment, we emphasize sustainability throughout our projects. Planting trees and practicing farming methods that enrich, rather than deplete, the soil is integral to our project activities around the world. 

Psalm 24:1

Paired with these fundamentals, the gifts of livestock are able to transform entire communities, making the Heifer Ark a true rainbow of hope to the communities we reach.