LIVING GIFT MARKET

Choose a meaningful gift to give a loved one, and help children and families around the world achieve self-reliance.

Goat
A goat is one tough animal. Goats can survive in almost any climate, due in part to their open-minded approach to eating: almost anything goes. Legend has it that a goat herder in Ethiopia discovered coffee after noticing his goats’ high-energy frolicking after eating berries from certain plants.

GOAT: $120; SHARE: $10

Llama
Few animals can thrive in the harsh conditions of the Andean highlands, but llamas and their alpaca cousins are uniquely suited to the task. Their dense, soft wool keeps them warm, and they like to eat scrub vegetation that other grazers wouldn’t touch.

LLAMA: $150; SHARE: $20

Tree Seedlings
Trees are some of the largest and oldest organisms in existence. The tallest tree, a redwood that has been named Hyperion, is 379-feet tall. The oldest tree, a bristlecone pine called Methuselah, is nearly 5,000-years-old.

TREES: $60; SHARE: $10

Honey Bees
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Water Buffalo
Water buffaloes are sturdy draft animals that help farmers plow fields and carry heavy loads to market. Unlike mechanical tractors, they don’t need fuel to run or mechanics to fix broken parts.

WATER BUFFALO: $250; SHARE: $25

Cow
Sure, cows are big animals, but they’re giants in other ways, too. They are key animals in the history of farming, and the first animals that we gave were three cows named Faith, Hope and Charity.

HEIFER: $500; SHARE: $50

Fish
What do you think fish have in common with trees? You can count their age by the number of growth rings they have on their scales. The act of farming fish and other aquatic creatures is known as aquaculture.

FISH FINGERLINGS: $300; SHARE: $30

Chicks and Ducks
Chicks and ducks boost family income and nutrition, providing a steady supply of protein-rich eggs and meat.

CHICKS: $20; DUCKS: $20

Rabbit
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Pig
Pigs are useful for more than just making bacon. Because of their foraging abilities and excellent sense of smell, they are used to find truffles in many European countries. Sometimes their bristly hair is used to make brushes.

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Sheep
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