



Sunglasses

The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades... and plant trees. Kuma Eyewear (www.kuma-sunglasses.com) has partnered with Trees for the Future to plant in deforested and endangered ecosystems in Central America, Africa and Asia. For each pair of sunglasses sold, Kuma plants one tree. As much as possible, Kuma uses eco-friendly materials such as bamboo and up-cycled plastics and metals. At Fine Finds (page 22).



Charity Gift Card

This gift is always the perfect size and style: visit www.canadahelps.org and load up a charity gift card with any dollar amount. The recipient can donate the value to any of Canada's more than 85,000 registered charities.



Mini Cocottes

Get cooking! Le Creuset Canada partnered with celebrity chef Chuck Hughes to create a limited-edition Mini Cocotte Gift Set. Proceeds go to Community Food Centres Canada, which brings communities together to grow, cook, share and advocate good food. At The Bay (page 15) and Cookworks (page 22).



Necklace

Hope. Dream. Courage. People transitioning out of homelessness use repurposed keys to make unique jewellery carrying powerful messages such as these. When a key's wearer meets someone who needs that specific message, the wearer passes the key along, then sends the story to The Giving Keys (www.the-givingkeys.com). At Giving Gifts (page 28).



Support charities and local initiatives with presents that make both the giver and the receiver feel good **BY SHERI RADFORD**

Bag & Brolly

Go green on The Drive: tote purchases in a reusable nylon shopping bag, and keep everything dry with a bumbershoot made by local company The Umbrella Shop (page 28). Both are constructed from up-cycled neighbourhood street banners, and all revenue goes to creating a new public green space on Commercial Drive (www.thedrive.ca). At Barefoot Contessa (page 21) and Dream Designs (page 22).



Rope Toy

Consider it doggie dental floss: the Original Good Karma Rope Toy from Jax and Bones (www.jaxandbones.com) is the perfect eco-friendly, chemical-free plaything for puppies and pooches who like to chew and tug. Partial proceeds go to the Rescue Train, an organization dedicated to saving animal lives. At Barking Babies (page 24).



Water Bottle

Quench your thirst using a lightweight, reusable, recyclable glass water bottle with a sleek silicone sleeve, created by Vancouver luxury label Obakki (www.obakki.com) in partnership with bkr (www.mybkr.com). For every 500 bottles sold, a water well is drilled in South Sudan, giving clean water to a whole village.

Wrap

Ancient Haida techniques plus modern style equals Spirit Wraps, the result of a creative collaboration between Chloë Angus Design (page 19) and renowned Haida artist Clarence Mills. Partial proceeds go to the Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society.





Sweet Tooth Gift Basket

Only the finest local fare goes into a gift basket from Saul Good Gift Co. (www.itsaulgood.com), and 1% of sales go to non-profit organizations. Each gift basket is assembled by Starworks, which employs adults with developmental disabilities in Vancouver. Many of the chocolates come from East Van Roasters (page 64), a social enterprise that provides training and employment to women living on the Downtown Eastside.

Hand Lotion

Hydrate hands, strengthen nails—and help kids. Proceeds from Skoah's (page 26) Hand Love go to Hopeful Hand, a charity that benefits both BC Children's Hospital and Alberta's Janus Academy for autistic children.



Clothing

Hoodies, tanks, tees and sweatpants with heart: for every piece of Ten Tree Apparel (www.tentree.com) purchased, 10 trees are planted. This Canadian company works with environmental and humanitarian organizations in places such as Tanzania, Madagascar, Senegal and India. Whether it's sugar cane in Ethiopia, only sustainable species that grow well in a specific area are planted, to help each local environment for decades to come. At Below the Belt (page 19).



Body Butter

Who knew getting smooth skin could feel so heart-warming? Net proceeds from Kiehl's (page 13) Limited Edition Crème de Corps Soy Milk and Honey Whipped Body Butter go to the Canadian Association of Pediatric Oncology Camps (CAPOC). The whimsical label for this year's body butter was designed by a child with cancer who attended one of CAPOC's camps.



Christmas Ornament

It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season. Trim the tree with a Christmas Canadiana or 12 Days of Christmas ornament made from recycled wood, handcrafted by women with multiple barriers to employment living on the Downtown Eastside. Tradeworks (www.tradeworks.bc.ca) provides training in both life and employment skills, plus hands-on experience in trade carpentry.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT PHOTOS BY WENDY D



Paperweight

A bird in the hand is worth—about \$5. For each of the hand-blown glass bird paperweights sold at West Elm (page 22), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital gets \$5 to continue pursuing pioneering research and caring for some of the world's sickest children.



Necklace

Think pink: for each Cherub of Hope Talisman Necklace with Pink Tourmaline sold, Pyrrha (www.pyrrha.com) donates \$25 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a breast cancer charity. Every Pyrrha talisman is hand-crafted in Vancouver: designed using an original wax seal from the 1800s, then cast in reclaimed sterling silver or bronze.

Watch

Blast into orbit with OMEGA's (page 23) Constellation Star self-winding watch, which features a sun-brushed blue dial with white gold elements and a diamond-paved bezel. Partial proceeds go to ORBIS International and its Flying Eye Hospital, which fights preventable blindness by delivering high-level eye care to remote regions around the world.



Gingerbread House Kit

Build the perfect home sweet home with an Everyday Essentials Gingerbread House Kit from Real Canadian Superstore (page 19). Net proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity Canada, which helps to construct affordable housing as a way of breaking the cycle of poverty.

Bath & Body Products

If only all schools were this appealing. Each Gingerbread School House was designed and handmade by Get Paper Industries, an artisans' co-operative in Kathmandu, Nepal, then filled with pampering products from The Body Shop (page 13). The ethically minded store is donating \$300,000 from the sales of Christmas gifts to help build five schools in Ghana, Honduras, Nepal, and Northern and Southern India. **W**

