

Nearly six in ten (59 percent) Americans say they would rather have a donation made on their behalf to their favorite charity than receive a gift for themselves this year, a report from Fidelity Charitable finds.

## WHY GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT?

- Instead of giving more “stuff” to a loved one, recognize your shared values of loving God and neighbor by making an SOP donation in their honor.
- Memorialize someone whose life offered well-being for all of God’s people.
- When your family asks YOU what gift you would like, use this brochure. Invite them to make a gift to Solar Oven Partners in YOUR honor.



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WHAT IF WE TOLD  
YOU, YOU CAN  
CHANGE SOMEONE’S  
WORLD RIGHT NOW?

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**You can give a gift or ask for a gift** that delivers sustainable physical, economic and environmental well-being in a practical package.



## EVERY ACT OF GENEROSITY COUNTS, AND EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO GIVE.

Giving in the name of others is both touching and practical, making a difference and impacting communities for good. Thank you for giving from your heart to Solar Oven Partners and honoring special people in the process.

### My Alternative Gift

Enclosed is my gift for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to empower impoverished families through Solar Oven Partners.

Please make check payable to **Solar Oven Partners**  
Note: **Dakotas UMC Advance #637**

**Mail to:** Solar Oven Partners  
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### Or give online at

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-589-solar-oven-partners-umc.aspx>

To download a gift card for mailing in a standard business envelope that tells someone you have given a gift to Solar Oven Partners in their honor

OR in memory of someone, go to:

<https://www.dakotasumc.org/extending-impact/across-the-dakotas/solar-oven-partners> .

To learn more about giving time at one of our fabrication workshops or to be a Volunteer in Mission on a SOP seminar.

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For 25 years, SOP has distributed more than 15,000 ovens to families who helped build and learned to use them. Demand for ovens has grown in the Dominican Republic and Sierra Leone. We celebrate a growing relationship with Four Corners Native American Ministry in New Mexico and Arizona. People are asking for the practical, economical and environmental benefits of solar cooking. You can help deliver these benefits to more families who will see examples of Christ's love in action.

### WHY SOLAR COOKING?

- Cooking over a fire exposes the cook and others to the risks of smoke inhalation. Solar ovens cook healthy food and pasteurize water.
- Burning wood or charcoal for cooking fires creates environmental problems for a community.
- Sunlight is free! Cooking fuel costs money. Families can direct their savings to pressing needs.
- Our work is rooted in the story of Jesus, whose example of caring we follow.

### WHAT DO WE GIVE?

Each solar oven costs about \$200 to manufacture and deliver to a trained solar cook. Ovens are assembled in-country by Volunteers in Mission and SOP seminar participants. Each oven contains 3 cooking pots, bread pan and cover, potholders, measuring cups and spoons, the WaPI for pasteurizing water, thermometer. Seminar participant families help build and contribute a small donation to get an oven.



**\$60**  
*Shipping and Training per Oven*



**\$140**  
*Materials for Oven Components*



**\$30**  
*Meals for SOP Seminar Participants*



**\$200**  
*Complete SOP Package*



**\$1000**  
*Impact a Village*



*Volunteers fabricate parts at 3 Dakotas workshops*