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GIFTS THAT GIVE MORE



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It's not hard to find gifts that go further at this time of year, contributing to worthy causes at home and around the world; the hard part is choosing among them.

Consider this list a small sampling of very local non-profit gift ideas. We've chosen them because they offer something specific, such as a book or a sponsorship, which helps to demonstrate how the organization is using your money in a tangible way.

The causes may be homegrown, from animal welfare to childhood education, but the effects ripple out, across



continents and lifetimes.

Please add your suggestions to this story online at calgaryherald.com/life, to create a much longer list. And of course, if you're looking to support 12 local charitable organizations with a single donation, our own Calgary Herald Christmas Fund is always an option (calgaryherald.com/christmasfund).

Hop onto two wheels

Calgary-based Two Wheel View provides leadership, environmental and cultural programs to young people, through bicycle education and expedition programs. You can support this social enterprise through adult fundraising bicycle trips: a March 2013 two-week trip to Argentina, for example, costs \$1,500 with a pledge to fundraise at least \$3,000 — or you pay \$4,500 and receive a tax receipt for \$3,000. (twowheel-view.org)