

# Gift Catalog

FIRST EDITION

**PREEMPTIVE  
LOVE** **COALITION**



Jessica Courtney with some of the displaced children you're serving in northern Iraq

## Dear Friend,

As I've been getting ready for the holidays here in Iraq, I've found myself asking: what does "peace on earth" really look like, especially for my refugee friends whose lives were so violently disrupted? What possibilities await them—and us—in the year ahead?

This catalog represents what is possible when we stand with refugees in places like Syria and Iraq. It's more than a collection of products. It's a collection of hope, reborn from the ashes of war. It's what can happen when, in the midst of violence and fear, we choose to see beyond what others see...

### *Possibility.*

This catalog represents what is possible when you believe in something better for the people of Iraq and Syria, for those who lost everything to war. It's what can happen when you believe they are meant for more than survival—that they are meant to flourish.

Each gift inside empowers a refugee, putting them in control of their future, instead of making them wait until everything is stable again to start building a new life for their family.

When you buy refugee-made soap and candles, equip an entrepreneur, or provide livestock for a displaced family, you empower them to write a new story. Your gift helps them participate in their new communities, add value, and feel a sense of belonging again.

My hope is also that by choosing one or more of these gifts, your family will be transformed, as you

connect with your refugee sisters and brothers on the other side of the world.

The people who benefit from these gifts—they aren't just numbers or faces. They're people we've wept with, celebrated with. We've paced hospital corridors while refugee moms gave birth. We've shared meals and laughter together.

They're our friends. Our neighbors. And we'd like them to be yours, too, because real empowerment can't be mass-produced. Real empowerment is about relationship—one that changes everyone involved.

This holiday season, let's do more than sing about "peace on earth." Let's help bring it about for families who were uprooted by war.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for walking alongside our refugee friends—for sharing your tangible acts of love and showing them that they are not forgotten.

With you,

**JESSICA COURTNEY**  
Founder & Program Director

## HOW IT WORKS

# Every Gift Empowers a Refugee

This catalog features several refugee-made products that you can order for a minimum donation, including:

Sisterhood Soap (pages 6-7)

Sisterhood Candles (pages 10-11)

Kinsman Soap (pages 14-15)

You'll also find opportunities to invest in new entrepreneurs, providing the livestock (pages 18-22), tools (page 23), and sewing machines (page 25) they need to create a better future for their families.

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### HERE'S HOW TO USE OUR CATALOG TO EMPOWER REFUGEES IN PLACES LIKE SYRIA AND IRAQ:

**1 Choose the items you'd like to donate.**

There's a handy "shopping list" in the back of this catalog. Use it to keep track of your selections.

**2 When you're ready to order your gift,**

go to [preemptivelove.org/gift](http://preemptivelove.org/gift)

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US shipping only. Items will begin shipping on December 1st.

## Our Promise

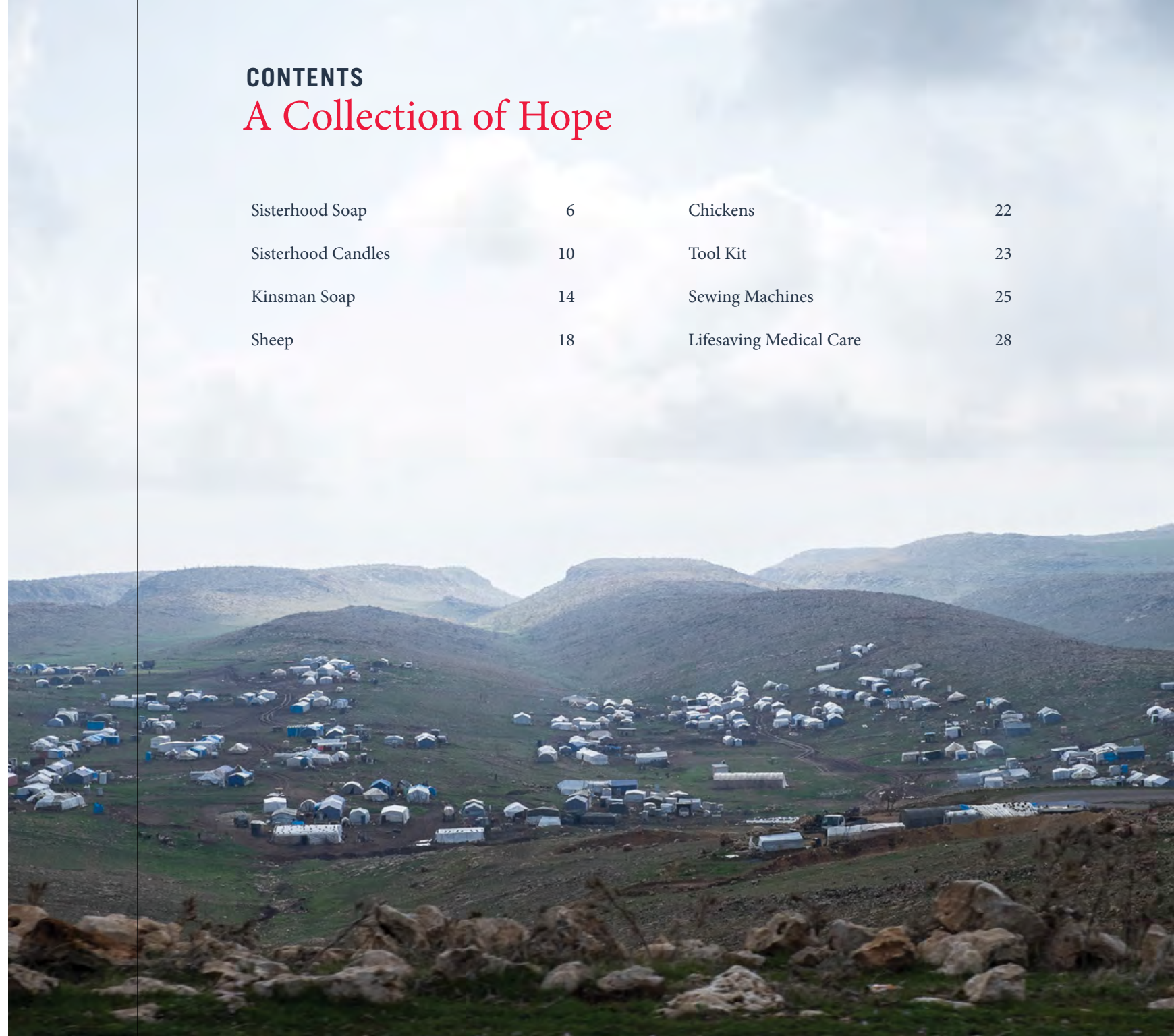
*Empowerment begins with listening. Displaced families know better than we do what they need to rebuild their lives. We seek to empower them in ways that honor their vision for the future and complement the skills they already possess.*

*We also believe in honoring your generosity, as you share your heart for remaking the world with us. That's why we make every effort to use your gift for the purpose or item you indicate. If we receive additional donations beyond what's needed for a specific area, we will use the excess amount to empower refugees where needed most.*

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## REFUGEE HANDS BRING AN ANCIENT CRAFT TO LIFE AGAIN

Gozê and Sozan, two sisters, fled to the mountain with others from their community. They sought safety from ISIS militants who were exterminating their people, but there was no food and no water on top of the mountain. Only a scorching sun and mile after mile of rocks and dirt. So they sat, and they waited.

Many did not survive. Sozan's 7-year-old daughter died of starvation on that mountain.

From there, the two sisters escaped to Syria and then Iraq. The men from their community who survived could not find work. The sisters made a home out of a leaky shipping container in a muddy field.

In the middle of that field, our paths crossed. We taught Gozê and her sister the art of soapmaking—a tradition with ancient roots in their homeland. Now, they teach us the meaning of perseverance and hope, as they build a new life for themselves.

*Sisterhood*  
SOAP

 Gozê Soapmaker

## Pure Soap. Made by Refugees. Creating Jobs in Iraq.

Sisterhood Soap is hand-milled by refugees in Iraq, using only natural ingredients like 100% pure olive oil and wild grown herbs. There are no dyes, scents, glycerine, sulphates, or other artificial additives. If it hasn't grown wild for hundreds of years, we don't use it.

When you hold their soap in your hands, you are supporting someone's livelihood, an essential part of rebuilding communities decimated by terror. You are helping your sisters to wage love in a land scorched by hate.

 **SISTERHOOD SOAP, CHAMOMILE**  
\$10 (Item #1025101)

All-natural soap made with 100% saponified olive oil and wild chamomile. Unscented. Allergen-free.

*Bowl and dish depicted are not included.*



“Without this soap, we couldn't have provided for our families.”

 Sozan Soapmaker

## A Gift That Does More Than Cleanse

This soap offers dignity over dependence. In the past year, our soapmaker friends have used earnings from their soap to purchase their own medications, as well as build a shelter to protect their families' livestock during the harsh winter months.



 **SISTERHOOD SOAP GIFT SET**  
\$50 (Item #1025103)

This beautiful gift set consists of a rose neroli bar of soap, a washcloth knit by Syrian women, and a wooden soap dish also made by refugees.

*Sisterhood*  
SOAP

Marwa Soapmaker,  
with her son





*Sisterhood*  
CANDLES

## FINDING LIGHT IN THE DARKEST PLACES

Iraq is not always an easy place to support a family. There's the ever-changing political climate, the millions who've been displaced by ISIS, and an economy in a state of turmoil. More than ever, Iraqi women are relied on to contribute to their families' financial well-being.

Sisterhood Candles takes an ancient artisanal craft and turns it into an opportunity for women affected by war to become some of their country's brightest new entrepreneurs.

One of these women, Nazahat, is the mother of five children. "I will change my life to be better than before," she says.

And she's doing it. She's a successful entrepreneur driven by love for her family. She's earned the equivalent of three-and-a-half times the average minimum wage in Iraq and has even begun training other women in the art of candle making.

## Sisterhood Candles

Each candle is handmade, one at a time, and beautifully designed to complement your home. They come in unique vessels that can easily be reused, providing a lifetime of enjoyment.

We hope that as you light one of our candles in your home, you'll be reminded to pray for your Iraqi sisters, as they shine their light against the darkness of war.



### CERAMIC BOWL

Complete Set \$144  
(Item #1025604)

Each reusable ceramic container is hand painted, and every candle is hand-poured by women in Iraq.



4-inch Votive \$48  
(Item #1025603)

Ceramic Bowl \$58  
(Item #1025602)

3-inch Votive \$38  
(Item #1025601)

# Shine a Light Against the Darkness of War



**SISTERHOOD CANDLES,  
HAND-HAMMERED COPPER**  
Complete Set \$165  
(Item #1025608)

Inspired by the artistry of ancient metalwork, this hand-hammered copper vessel can easily be cleaned and reused after the candle is done.



- A. 4-inch Votive \$55 (Item #1025606)
- B. Copper Bowl \$65 (Item #1025607)
- C. 3-inch Votive \$45 (Item #1025605)

Nazahat Candle maker



“I want the entire world to know what an Iraqi woman can do.”



*Sisterhood*  
CANDLES



## RECLAIMING HIS FUTURE FROM THE ASHES OF WAR

When Faris was a young man, he contracted a disease that made it impossible for him to do manual labor. He spent much of his life watching other, able-bodied men protect the community, harvest the food, and give his family money to survive.

Then ISIS attacked, and Faris fled with his family. They took shelter in an unfinished office building, beyond the reach of militants, before finding a small house. But work was scarce. Faris needed to pay the rent, care for his ailing mother, and provide food for his family.

This is what Kinsman Soap does. We give people like Faris what they need to rebuild their lives, and then we get out of the way, allowing them to do what every parent wants to do: protect, provide, and love their family well.

Today, Faris earns enough to care for his extended family of 14. He doesn't depend on a handout; he is shaping his own future.

 Faris Soapmaker

**KINSMAN**  
— Supply Co. —

## Men's Soap. Made by Refugees. Creating Jobs in Iraq.

For men like Faris, making soap is an act of defiance. It's their future, reclaimed from the ashes of war. Kinsman Soap is handmade with all-natural cleansing goodness—no artificial ingredients, perfumes, or dyes.

Give the gift of empowerment to men in Iraq. With you by their side, they will defy hate, care for their families, and remake their world.



### KINSMAN SOAP, CHARCOAL \$10 (Item #1025151)

All-natural, hand-forged soap, made from 100% pure ingredients, including saponified olive oil, beer, and activated charcoal. Unscented. Allergen-free.



“Sometimes,  
I forget I'm a refugee!”

 Faris Soapmaker



## The Gift of Dignity and Perseverance

Thanks to the growth of his soapmaking business, Faris has already purchased a used truck and is renting out a modest warehouse space to keep up with demand! That's the kind of success and self-sufficiency you encourage when you purchase Kinsman Soap.



### **KINSMAN SOAP GIFT SET** \$50 (Item #1025154)

Our gift set features one bar of Kinsman Soap, scented with patchouli and orange oils, along with a washcloth knit by Syrian women and a wooden soap stand also made by refugees.



**KINSMAN**  
— Supply Co. —



Marwan Shepherd



Christine Anderson

## New Hope is Born... Through Sheep

Marwan is a man who stared death in the face, defending his village against ISIS while his family fled into the mountains. Now they live in a shipping container, drying their laundry on a rope that drapes from one corner of their “home” to a nearby tree. There is a sofa outside, sitting in the dirt.

*They are so very far from home.*

When we showed up to help Marwan and his community, the first thing we did was listen. They told us about their history tending sheep back home, so we leaned into this, helping them purchase 36 sheep. Before long, the flock doubled in size.

## Provide sheep—a vital source of nutrition and income—for a family whose life was disrupted by violence.

The gift of sheep had an immediate impact on everyone. Like many in Syria and Iraq, Marwan and his friends do not live in a formal camp. A reliable source of food is scarce in their uncertain world. Overnight, the sheep provided milk for making yogurt and cheese—a vital source of nutrition for Marwan's children.

But when you're a refugee, trouble seems to multiply. Earlier this year, Marwan's sheep contracted a dangerous illness, threatening the whole flock. Displaced families put their own hard-earned money into saving the sheep—money they'd been able to earn by making soap. (See page 6.)

With perseverance, Marwan guided his sheep through the course of the disease. Today his flock is healthy and growing again. Families used money they've earned to build a shelter where their sheep can winter this year, reducing the risk of disease.

Marwan and his fellow refugees are survivors, fighters—and shepherds. Through their flock, new hope is being born in part of the world nearly overrun by death.



### **TWO SHEEP FOR A DISPLACED FAMILY** \$300 (Item #1025408)

Sheep provide nutrition for children and income for families from Syria and Iraq who lost everything to violence.

*When you give the gift of sheep, you'll receive a sheep of your own! We'll send you this adorable sheep ornament, part of our Sisterhood Knits series. Each one is hand-knit by a Syrian refugee.*



Waleed, 8, is a refugee shepherd boy who fled ISIS. When we first met him, he was sitting in a tent without even a mattress. He didn't have boots or a jacket for the cold weather. Today, he has all these things—and more. He has his identity back. He proudly cares for his family's sheep—including this 5-day-old lamb, his favorite.



A Yazidi girl in northern Iraq, whose home was recently liberated from ISIS, receives an egg-laying hen.

## The Simple Gift of a Chicken

The people we serve know what they need better than we do. It's a valuable lesson we've learned from experience, here in places like Syria and Iraq.

We saw it recently in the families at one of the more overlooked displacement camps in Iraq when, together, we settled on a simple way to help: providing egg-laying chickens.

You've often helped us provide for families' immediate needs, but our dream—and yours—is to do

more. We want to empower families to take care of themselves, and chickens are a wonderful first step, providing a daily dose of protein. They add life and joy to communities.

A few days later, when we returned to the camp with birds in tow, people were giddy. They celebrated and laughed as we handed them out, then quieted as we explained that these chickens were paid for by people around the world who care—people like you.



### SIX CHICKENS

\$50 (Item #1025409)

With the simple gift of egg-laying chickens, you can help more communities start on the road to self-sufficiency.

*When you give the gift of chickens, you'll receive a chicken of your own! We'll send you this adorable chicken ornament, part of our Sisterhood Knits series. Each one is hand-knit by a Syrian refugee.*

## The Right Tools to Unmake Violence

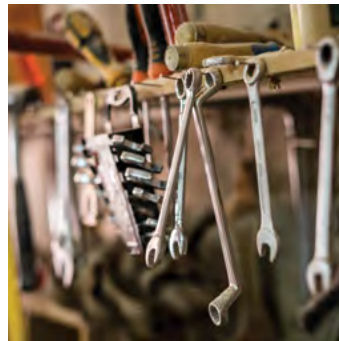
When tradesmen fled their towns, villages, and cities to escape ISIS and keep their families safe, they had to leave their tools behind. Often they tell us stories of packing their loved ones into their cars and driving through the desert. Others escaped on foot into the mountains. They ran away with next to nothing, arriving in their new destination with their abilities... but without tools to do the work.

What is it like to watch their children go hungry when they know they have the skills to make a living but no tools or money to buy them? “Death would be a gift,” one tradesman said. “It would be better to die than to watch your own family starve.”

Tool kits complement the existing skills of refugee tradesmen. Because of you, they are starting new businesses, serving their communities, and providing for their families.

One man, Mohammed, has even higher aspirations: “I hope to open a workshop to hire and train jobless people.”

You can help fathers like Mohammed go back to work building houses, fixing cars, and repairing air conditioners—so they can build a better life for themselves and their fellow refugees. It’s a small ripple of hope and self-sufficiency that will spread throughout the region.



### TOOL KIT

\$1,000 (Item #1025411)

Each tool kit is as unique as the man who will use it. Your gift provides the specific tools a tradesman needs to turn his skill into a thriving business.

A carpenter in Iraq makes soap dishes for the Sisterhood Soap Gift Set (see page 7).



## Sewing Her Way Back to a Normal Life

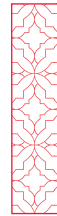
At first, when ISIS came to Fallujah, Ikhlas and her family thought it might not be so bad. How much worse could they be than the violent regimes and dictators who came before them? As it turns out, the answer was much, much worse.

Conditions degenerated. People tried to flee Fallujah. ISIS' response? To shoot at families as they ran or swam across the river. Militants sowed fields with landmines.

Ikhlas and her family eventually escaped, first trying to make a life in Baghdad, then moving

north, looking for opportunity, looking for some semblance of a normal life.

She found that longed-for normalcy in a sewing machine. For Ikhlas, an already gifted seamstress, a sewing machine meant a chance to provide for her husband and nine children. It meant work she could do with her hands—work that reminded her of a happier time, when she sewed as a little girl in Fallujah.



### SEWING MACHINE \$150 (#1025413)

You can help more women find a means of supporting their families. Provide a sewing machine and help bring life and hope—one stitch at a time.

“When I sew, I forget myself.  
I forget my sorrow.”

Ikhlas Seamstress



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Om Hassan used a grant from Preemptive Love to start a sewing business after her family lost everything to ISIS.

## MENDING HEARTS, SAVING LIVES

From Libya to Syria to Iraq, you have helped save so many lives.

There's 5-year-old Hamam, whose family had to avoid deadly militias to reach a hospital in Libya so their son could receive his lifesaving heart surgery.

There's Mouamin, the sixth-grade refugee who insisted on going to school, even though he can barely walk. Now armed with a wheelchair and crutches, he doesn't have to miss a single class.

There's the Iraqi village that endured a barrage of ISIS chemical rockets. When parents lost their eyesight, when children came to the understaffed clinic with nosebleeds that wouldn't stop—you showed up with emergency medical supplies.

When families in a remote corner of Iraq were surrounded by ISIS, you sent a mobile medical clinic, bringing care to those in the hardest-to-reach places.

For nearly a decade, we've provided urgent medical care—including nearly two thousand heart surgeries for children in Iraq, Libya, and beyond. As ISIS threatened millions across Syria and Iraq, we expanded our emergency medical response to meet the needs of a ballooning refugee population.

Violence unmakes the world, but your preemptive love is mending hearts—literally.



### LIFESAVING MEDICAL CARE \$1,000 (#1025410)

Your gift brings lifesaving care to families disrupted by war—equipping medical clinics, rushing emergency aid to the front lines against ISIS, and providing heart surgeries for kids who have no other way of getting the care they need.

## When violence disrupts lives, you're the first to show up and the last to leave.

As 2016 dawned, families across Iraq woke to their second year of displacement, driven far from home by ISIS. Thousands more were displaced again as the year went on, and the battle against ISIS caused even more civilians to run for their lives.

Meanwhile, Syria's brutal war entered its sixth year, as barrel bombs fell on children and cities were reduced to rubble.

Closer to home, terror attacks struck fear in our hearts—San Bernardino, Paris, Orlando, Brussels. With each attack, we felt new the age-old pressure to turn on each other. To divide. To polarize.

Violence unmakes our world. But you've seen the power of preemptive love to unmake violence. In 2016, you went into the hard places, where you overcame fear and chose to love anyway.

You brought **food and water** to more than 100,000 people on the run from ISIS.

You provided **medical care** for families in some of the remotest, hardest-to-reach corners of Iraq, within sight of ISIS-controlled territory.

You showed up with **food for thousands** outside the besieged, battered city of Aleppo, Syria.

You were there when our team was nearly captured by ISIS while we were **bringing food to families in the Fallujah desert**—and you were there when they returned two days later, refusing to let fear win.

You helped refugees become soapmakers, seamstresses, carpenters, and business owners—**empowering them to provide for their families** and to thrive, even in their displacement.



Violence did not have the last word in 2016, thanks to you.

As we look ahead to the coming year, there are even more lives to empower. With your help, we'll go even further into the hard places. We'll bring lifesaving medical care to more children. We'll stand with those who lost everything to ISIS—and go with them as they make the journey home.

We'll do more than sing about "peace on earth." We'll help bring it about for our friends in Syria and Iraq.

*Come with us.*



# Every item in this catalog empowers refugees to write a new story.

When you help a refugee grow her soapmaking business, give an entrepreneur the tools he needs to practice his trade, or provide livestock for a displaced family—you unmake violence. You help them reclaim their future from the ashes of war.



Christine Anderson

## USE THIS SHOPPING LIST TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE.

Once you've chosen your items, make your gift at [preemptivelove.org/gift](http://preemptivelove.org/gift)

### SISTERHOOD SOAP

Chamomile soap (\$10) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift set (\$50) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### KINSMAN SOAP

Charcoal soap (\$10) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gift set (\$50) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### SISTERHOOD CANDLES

#### Hand-painted ceramic bowl

Set of 3 (\$144) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small (\$38) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium (\$48) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Large (\$58) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPOWERMENT GIFTS

Sheep (\$300 for 2) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chickens (\$50 for 6) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tool kit (\$1,000) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sewing machine (\$150) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical care (\$1,000) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hand-hammered copper

Set of 3 (\$165) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small (\$45) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium (\$55) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Large (\$65) quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

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