



What is Heifer International?

Heifer International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty in a sustainable way. Its core purpose is to empower families and communities, especially in developing regions, by providing them with the tools, resources, and education they need to become self-reliant.

Rather than simply giving short-term aid, Heifer International focuses on long-term solutions. One of its most well-known approaches is providing livestock—such as cows, goats, chickens, or bees—to families in need. These animals can supply nutritious food like milk or eggs, generate income through the sale of products, and even help with farming through labor or fertilizer.

A key part of Heifer’s mission is its “Passing on the Gift” model. When a family receives animals and training, they agree to pass on the first offspring to another family. This creates a ripple effect, allowing entire communities to benefit and grow stronger together.

Beyond livestock, Heifer International also emphasizes education and training in areas like sustainable agriculture, environmental care, gender equality, and financial literacy. This holistic approach helps communities build stable livelihoods, improve nutrition, and protect their natural resources.

In essence, the purpose of Heifer International is not just to alleviate hunger temporarily, but to create lasting change by helping people gain independence, dignity, and the ability to support themselves and others.

Holy Cross and Heifer International -

Our relationship with Heifer has been long standing. Over the years, we have counted and collected over \$15,000 dollars for Heifer International. Our very own “Kevin Bacon,” our pig shaped collection container, can be found most weekends in the Atrium waiting for you to “feed” him your quarters. These quarters collected over time add up! Depending on how much we collect, we then decide what animal(s) we can purchase to help a family.

We hope to continue supporting Heifer and the good work they do.

Your vote counts!

We hope you and your family will help choose our next purchase from Heifer for a family in need. This is your chance!



Cast your vote!

Over the next two weeks, you will find a Heifer ballot in the Holy Cross Bulletin. These ballots will list different types of animals that are available to purchase for a family in need. Please fill out the ballot, marking your family’s choice, and return to the Holy Cross Parish Outreach office by June 18th. Kevin Bacon will be available at every Mass to collect your donations. Please cast your vote for our next Heifer purchase. Families can vote more than once!! Thank you !

Flock of Chicks \$20

Your gift of a flock of chicks will provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks and training to empower them to turn your donation into a lifetime of opportunity.



Give the Gift of a Heifer \$500

Heifers bring health, prosperity and peace. Heifer cow gift donations can change lives, giving hope to families in even the most dire of circumstances.



Give the Gift of a Goat \$120

The gift of a goat provides milk, cheese and butter for nourishment. On small farms, goats are often the key to a family’s survival.



Give the Gift of a Sheep \$120

The wool sheep provide is a valuable resource, providing warm clothing for families and children living in harsh environments. Sheep can also provide milk for hungry families.



Give the Gift of a Honeybees \$30

A Heifer honeybee gift donation includes a bee package, hive, box and training in beekeeping techniques. When you buy bees for a family in need, your gift increases the global honeybee population to support the environment.



Cut the ballot at the dotted line and return your completed ballot to Parish Outreach by June 18th.

Cast your vote by circling one animal you would like to be the next Heifer International purchase this year made with our “Kevin Bacon” coin collection.



Family Name _____