

A Special Gift

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If you are really looking to find a special gift for someone dear to you, consider choosing a present that makes a real difference, instead of the standard book or DVD (remember when we gave records as gifts). Many charitable organizations offer items for sale that not only put a smile on your loved one's face but they also support a good cause as well.

Consider your friend or family member and think about what charity is important to that person. You can give a special gift that serves two purposes. It shows that you really care; not only about your loved one but about the things that are important to him as well. The special gift also helps people who are in need.

I decided to begin my adventure of choosing this kind of present for those closest to me after a dear friend of my found out that she had breast cancer. She is a survivor and she has overcome the ordeal. Nevertheless, every Christmas I give her a special gift that is affiliated in some way to breast cancer research and awareness.

St. Jude's Hospital is a personal favorite of mine. I choose to select a special gift for nearly everyone on my shopping list from this special organization because St. Jude's Hospital provides so many helpful services.

Nothing strikes fear into a parent's heart worse than finding out that his child is sick with cancer. St. Jude's Hospital supports families during this horrible time in their lives by helping them stay close to their child while the child is in the hospital.

Many families fly hundreds or even thousands of miles to get proper care for their sick children. St. Jude's makes sure that they are financially able to stay close to their little ones. Choosing a special gift from this organization helps you help others while giving a precious item to a loved one.

There are many other organizations that support a number of causes from which to choose. If someone you know is touched by autism, find an organization that supports autism research. The organization will most likely have t-shirts, hats or other items used to help raise money for the cause.

Everyone has a cause that is near and dear to his or her heart. Finding an organization that uses merchandise to support those causes is a wonderful find. You can help so many people in so many ways just by giving a special gift that continues to give.