

Saving The Planet
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Project Overview:

Providing people in need a way to cook their food with the power of the sun. Making these ovens available in a way that allows the recipients to accept the ovens with dignity and self respect while also providing a way for people to get to know how our actions impact each other.

Currently there are families receiving food through the USDA criteria. These people are having difficulty paying their utility bills. Yet food has to be cooked to feed their families.

We can predict that the cost of cooking food will continue to be added to the utility bills of the families if no action is taken to change it.

How might recipient families be impacted:

- We allow recipient families, living close to the edge financially, to do 12 hours of community service which we have them keep track of. We show the family how to use the solar cookers and deliver them.
- Might the recipient families feel empowered?
- Might they be learning about living a more earth-centered life?
- Might they see how delicious food can taste cooked by the power of the sun?

Recipients will be encouraged to give feedback at the end of the first month and again at the end of the second month.

This information will be made available to sponsors who are interested.

How might sponsors be impacted:

- We allow people to help within their financial ability.
- Might sponsors choose to purchase a solar oven for themselves, thus "giving back" to the manufacturer who is making these ovens available at special prices?
- Might sponsors talk to others about solar ovens and thereby open the minds and possibilities of a greater community?
- Might sponsors learn about the lives and hearts of people whom they have touched?

Liaison organization, Citrus County Family Resource Center www.ccfrc.org, (possibly others):

- Will find suitable recipients.
- Help recipients understand the benefits of using a solar oven.
- Help recipients find suitable community service to perform.

- Help deliver the solar ovens and provide basic “how to” information to approved recipients.
- Provide tax deductible certification to sponsors requesting them.

Ovens provided are manufactured by Solar Oven Society, MN, USA
www.solarovens.org.

Ovens are being made available to Saving The Planet at \$99.00 (retail price \$135.00) each with \$21.50 shipping (when shipped two in a box).

If you choose to order an oven for yourself directly through www.solarovens.org please in the space requesting where you learned about the ovens, put Saving The Planet or Shash Broxson.

By May 27, 2009

- Recipient families have solar ovens
- Recipient families have performed 12 hours of community service
- Recipients advised of request to give feedback about how solar cooker is affecting their family and life

By April 25, 2009

- Solar Oven Society has received the money for the sponsored ovens
- Recipients have been identified
- SOS has addresses for shipment of ovens
- Thank You letters have been prepared for sponsors

By March 28, 2009

- Costs have been determined for ovens and shipping
- Receiving liaison(s) in place
- Sponsor letter prepared
- Tax Deduction specifications established
- Newspapers informed of project and requested to write stories to help us spread the word as well as find recipients and sponsors

Project Specific Measurable Results: