



# Heifer International

is an aid organization that gives livestock animals and training to needy families here in the US and around the world – to give them a hand up in overcoming their poverty.

The name Heifer comes from the 1st animals Heifer shipped to an impoverished community – way back in 1944. The animals were female cows that had not had a calf yet – known as a Heifers. And we have been Heifer ever since.

Today Heifer provides over 50 species of animals - from traditional farm animals - to water buffalo, camels, silk worms, yaks, and many more.

A key component of Heifer's program is called passing on the gift. Every family that receives an animal is required to pass on the 1st female offspring or equivalent to another needy family. So the gift of one animal helps many families as offspring are passed on.

*You might be surprised to learn that St. Andrews has over a 30 years relationship with Heifer –During that time St. Andrews has contributed over \$70k to Heifer to fight global hunger and poverty.*

Heifer is not really about the animals - but about people and families and communities working together to end their hunger and poverty and become self-sufficient.

It is about having enough to eat and live, then having enough to be able to help others.

It is about **Sustainable Growth**, so growth continues after Heifer is gone from a community.

The World Health Organization estimates that one-third of the world is well-fed, one-third is under-fed, one-third is starving. So there is a lot of work to do.

