

Spring 2023 Newsletter

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See the incredible transformation you helped make possible

Kaye fled her war-torn country for a new life. Thanks to you, she is building a future for herself and her family

With a new solar cooker, Kaye and her family have more time, more money, clean air at home – plus a healthier local environment... and a healthier planet for all of us. Your kind, visionary giving makes all this possible.



Before Kaye got her solar cooker, she prepared meals over open flames. This led to deforestation, habitat loss for nearby wildlife, and a lot more carbon going into the atmosphere contributing to climate change. **Read Kaye's incredible story on page 2**

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Life for refugees just got a lot better

Your kindness helps this mom feed her family and save more

Kaye fled her war-torn country seven years ago. She now lives with her family of eight in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. She remembers what it was like cooking over an open fire. She spent hours bending over her makeshift stove. Soot, dust, and ash cover the cooking area.

Kaye's family couldn't eat every day simply because she had no fuel. "For me, I don't cook every day because I don't get wood, but if I get this solar cooker, I will be cooking every day," Kaye remembers thinking to herself.

Before receiving a solar cooker, Kaye shared why it would be vital for her and her family to have one. "Because once it is brought, we will not be exchanging (bartering) the food again, the little money that we'll have, we will use to buy the ingredients."

Because of you, Kaye will now save ~\$70 a year. Quite a savings for a refugee household that lives on \$1.90 a day! With the food and fuel crisis bearing down on Africa, spending less money on polluting cooking fuel will be key to her family's survival.

You provided her with training so she could effectively use her solar cooker. You provided her a way to cook nutritional meals for a healthier lifestyle for her family.



"The food is cooked well, and now I will not have to barter the ingredients for charcoal. This solar cooker means my family will not be skipping meals anymore," Kaye happily reported.

You provided her with a hand-up so she could save money to improve her life.

You can be proud that you supported her on her journey to self-sufficiency. She now has a whole new life because you cared.

She now proudly stands with her solar cooker - thanks to you!

→ Your support for SCI helps make it possible for people like Kaye not only to survive, but to lift themselves up, follow their dreams, and do their part to make the world a better place for everyone!



Report from the UN COP27 Climate Change Conference

I saw the power of your impact on climate change and deforestation

A letter from Solar Cookers International Executive Director, Caitlyn Hughes

Dear Friend,

I am always so thankful for caring and compassionate supporters such as you.

I saw in a whole new way just how urgent it is that we work together to fight climate change... and that's why I'm so thankful for your support because you are already helping in a meaningful way to cut back on greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation.

You worry about the effects of harmful emissions on our climate. World leaders are eager to find solutions. SCI demonstrated just how easy solar cooking is and how good it tastes at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UN COP27).

You know COP27 is no ordinary conference. COP brings together leaders to discuss the very real and current climate situation facing every country. Every connection and conversation at this important event leads to stronger networks of solar cooking advocates.

You provided solar cooking resources to 35,000+ participants and more than 100 Heads of State and Governments at this year's conference through five press conferences, four side events, and SCI's exhibit booth.

Problems like climate change and deforestation CAN be solved when we take one step at a time together. By putting solar cookers to work in families and communities everywhere, your support is part of the solution!

Because of you, SCI can respond to requests to better the lives of women and children while lowering greenhouse gas emissions. You are the driving force behind the vital work we do for our planet every day.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Hughes



Thanks to you, SCI Executive Director Caitlyn Hughes was able to share solar cooking with an international audience through Asharq / Bloomberg News.

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One generation plants the orchard; another eats the fruit

Please consider putting a gift in your will. Future generations will breathe easier.

YOU CARE FOR PEOPLE IN NEED. You care for the planet. You help families build new lives.

When you include a charitable gift in your will or add SCI as a beneficiary on your retirement account or life insurance policy, you do all that.

Your compassion reaches into the future and will inspire those who come after us to join in the cause of saying YES to solar cooking. It's one of the most lifeaffirming actions you'll take this year! To discuss leaving your legacy, simply contact our expert Lynne Slightom:



+1 (916) 455-4499, or email her: donor.relations@solarcookers.org

She'd love to talk with you!

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"It's amazing that it takes so little to make a big difference in people's lives."

-Vigdis Eriksen, Founder & CEO, Eriksen Translations Inc.

You're a hero in the fight against climate change

Real-world problems need real-world solutions. You know solar cooking offers many benefits.

Providing solar cookers saves a family from burning one tonne of wood in a year while avoiding ~1.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

One less tonne of wood each year means trees and foliage continue to grow and blossom for years to come.

Because of you, families are healthier, and with every meal cooked, our environment is healthier too!



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*Personal details of the people we serve have been protected for their privacy.

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