



**SOLAR COOKERS
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You opened your heart to Harerimana's desperate cry to feed her children. She had to sell her precious food rations for fuel to burn so she could cook what was left. Now, thanks to you, Heliac solar cookers are being constructed and delivered to the most vulnerable people in Kakuma Refugee Camp. SCI, with your support, is working around the clock to build our shared vision for a healthier,



Heliac solar cookers being constructed for eager Kakuma Refugee Camp residents, thanks to you.

On our way with you... to more solar cooks in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya

safer, more sustainable tomorrow for Harerimana and families like hers all around the globe. For women and children who have already faced so many challenges, you are making this solution a reality.

Right now, SCI Science Director Alan Bigelow, Ph.D., is on his way to Kenya. There, he will meet with organizations, such as the United States Agency for International Development (the world's largest aid organization) and the United Nations Environmental Program, to show them what solar cooking can do, so more women like Harerimana can benefit from solar cooking. He will be gathering and sharing the successes of this initiative so it can

be repeated. This will continue to build the capacity of SCI and our partners, like you, worldwide. And he will equip and train the University of Nairobi with the power to test solar cookers using the innovative SCI Solar Cooker Performance Evaluation Process (PEP). Your essential gifts will be maximized to make this trip go even further to advance solar cooking through research, advocacy, and

**Want to know how
powerful a solar cooker is?
Now you can.**

In Kenya (NEW!), Nepal, & USA
(California & New York)

Tests aren't just something to be scared of at the doctor's office or in school. They actually help advance the solar cooking sector. If you are about to buy a solar cooker for yourself, or a refugee woman and her children, you need to know what to expect. Just like if you were buying a microwave, you want to know how powerful it is

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building capacity. But we still have more to do to ensure the success of this and future initiatives. For those of you that have already given, thank you. If you haven't yet, we still need you to make an impact TODAY in Kakuma Refugee Camp and beyond. Harerimana, her children, and all of the children in your life will thank you.



She is eager to raise her child in a healthier environment with a solar cooker. They will have cleaner air, more food, and a brighter future, thanks to you.



Harerimana's home, Kakuma Refugee Camp, in need of solar cookers.

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(how many watts) and hence how hot and quickly it will cook. Same thing for solar cookers. Before SCI developed the Solar Cooker Performance Evaluation Process (PEP), there was no one that you could turn to for those trustworthy results. Now you can. Solar Cookers International leads with you.

And SCI is making it easier for different solar cookers all around the world to get tested. Our hundreds of partners in 135 countries are making all different types of solar cookers. Right now, SCI Science Director Alan Bigelow, Ph.D. is bringing an SCI PEP testing station to the University of Nairobi and training them how to test solar cookers using the PEP. This will make it easier for African solar cooker makers to get their solar cookers tested. And this will give you, and people like you all around the world, better information when investing in and supporting solar cooking. When you, government leaders, and other organizations know what you are getting and can trust it, you are more likely to invest in it. And this will increase solar cooking worldwide, thanks to you!

Solar Cookers International: your trustworthy source for solar cooking information.



SCI, and you, increasing solar cooking worldwide by educating government leaders and the press about solar cooking best practices including SCI Performance Evaluation Process testing. The Libertad solar cooker's (shown above) manufacturer is fully committed to SCI PEP testing.

Haitian heroes



SCI Associate Rose Bazile engaging government leaders at the United Nations in New York, USA, and advocating for more solar cooking in Haiti and around the world.

From educating nurses and doctors in a hospital in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti, to demonstrating solar cookers at Science Day at the Université Notre Dame D'Haïti UDERS De Hinche, Haiti, SCI Associate Rose Bazile and SCI Science Director Alan Bigelow, Ph.D., have been an inseparable team advocating for solar cooking around the world. With you, we elevated our platform to government leaders at the United Nations High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York, USA.

With your support, SCI raises the voices of those most in need of solar cooking so they are heard by global decision makers. "I was proud and excited to be the voice from Haiti at the UN," exclaimed Rose, "I was able to meet and talk to people who show great interest in solar cooking and want the world to know what Haiti is doing to solve its cooking energy crisis." Haiti is a powerful example for the world. Rose expanded, "I had a chance to be on African and France Radio promoting solar cooking for Haiti. I was very pleased to show the world that Haitians are looking for solutions for their environmental difficulties... My mission is a solar cooker in every Haitian household."

The next generation is resolutely

preparing to address environmental challenges with solar cooking. The solar cooking course at the Université Notre Dame D'Haïti UDERS De Hinche, Haiti, is made possible with support from Solar Cookers International, and has included topics like local manufacture, best practices, water pasteurization, and more.

SCI is considering Haiti for its fifth solar cooker Performance Evaluation Process (PEP) Testing Center location. With your support, SCI will continue to advocate, research, and build capacity with our strong Haitian and global partners. Thank you.



SCI Associate Rose Bazile leading Haiti in solar cooking with your help.

Your donation today will empower women like Harerimana, Rose, and Angeline.

“Who are you as a person?” Angeline Heine-Reimers

What is your impact on Angeline’s home?



Climate leaders SCI and the Marshall Islands raising our voices about the urgent need for more solar cooking. SCI Science Director Alan Bigelow, Ph.D., Marshall Islands Energy Planner Angeline Heine-Reimers, SCI Executive Director Caitlyn Hughes, and SCI Board Treasurer Mike Paparian (from left to right) advocating at a United Nations press conference.

You probably heard about it on the news. COP24. Where global government leaders came together to try to solve climate change. And you were there with Solar Cookers International.

We are “being impacted by climate change RIGHT NOW.”

Angeline Heine-Reimers

Together we braved a frigid former mining town in Poland in December to bring the urgent need for solar cooking to the United Nations Climate Conference. Your support for SCI is leveraged at these events, where influential government and NGO leaders from all around the world are together

in one place at one time. “This (solar cooking) is what my people need and I am the one to bring it to them,” realized countless leaders at COP 24. You empowered these world leaders with solar cooking inspiration, information, resources and support through press conferences, presentations, and exhibits. This is leverage. This is how SCI makes your careful donations go even further to influence the movers and shakers of the world. We are the starting point making waves with your support and shared vision for a better tomorrow.

The urgency of climate issues, and their direct impact on people’s lives, is alarming. When asked what impact climate change will have on

the Marshall Islands, Energy Planner Angeline Heine-Reimers stressed it’s not a future problem, the Republic of the Marshall Islands is, “being impacted by climate change RIGHT NOW”. Recognizing the urgent need to implement solutions, the Marshall Islands is one of the leading countries who have included solar cooking in their national plan to address climate change.

“We are experiencing a lot of climate change impacts,” Angeline of the Marshall Islands, emphasized. “When we do have dialogue on climate change, it’s hard for a lot of community members to comprehend how we are living off the ocean, and the ocean will be our demise. For small islands like mine, where you are associated with the land, your identity is the land. Your culture is the land. And if the land disappears (with sea levels rising), who are you as a person? That’s a very scary thought to even sit and think about for a couple of seconds because it’s hard to imagine who you are without having your home.... That is why we are going through all avenues and angles to address climate change...(including) solar cooking....

This is why we are very serious in our commitment as a climate leader.”

Angeline Heine-Reimers

SCI is encouraging more countries to follow the Marshall Islands’ lead and formally include solar cooking in their national plans to address climate change. See SCI’s press conferences with the Marshall Islands and the World Health Organization on our blog. www.solarcookers.org/about/blog

SCI, with your support, leads and advocates as the sole solar cooking representative at critical events like COP24.



Speaking on the damaging effects of worsening air quality affecting global health, SCI is joined by the World Health Organization in a live United Nations press conference at COP24 featured on our blog.

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Why it feels so good to have a plan

Ask Suzanne Hermreck why she chose to include Solar Cookers International in her estate plan and she will tell you, “I love the mission. Solar cooking is brilliant. It makes sense.”

“If everyone included even a small percentage of their estate, we could change the world.”

SCI Legacy Donor, Suzanne Hermreck

Including SCI in her will makes Suzanne extraordinary to SCI, but she lives a very ordinary life in a small house in a quiet neighborhood with her dog, Kima.

Her goal is to live gracefully, and she believes in “living simply so that others can simply live.”

Her desire to give back deepened after traveling to Mexico where she saw what people had to endure without sufficient resources.

Suzanne first heard about solar cooking at her university and understood the immediate benefit for women and children, so she volunteered for a speaker’s group until she graduated. Later when she learned about Solar Cookers International’s help for refugees, particularly in Darfur at the time, she wanted to be part of the program by giving.

“Solar cooking offers safety and a better use of resources,” she said. “And water is a big issue. Solar cookers can heat water to safe temperatures.”

Suzanne wants to give back because, “all things are connected. And I am truly blessed.”

“It feels so good to have a plan and to know that others will benefit,” Suzanne said. “If everyone included even a small percentage of their estate, we could change the world.”



Suzanne Hermreck and Kima excited for you to join them as SCI Legacy Donors.

Celebrating more than 30 years of solar cooking success thanks to you



Recognizing SCI’s strong past, present, and future with SCI Legacy Donors and Founders including Executive Director Caitlyn Hughes, Founders Beverly Blum and Dr. Bob Metcalf, and Board President Jim Moose, Esq. (from left to right).

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