2013 Gifts That Give

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Need some holiday shopping ideas? Then check out these suggestions from the POZ staff. These gifts spread holiday cheer while giving back to groups that raise money and awareness for HIV/AIDS.

Men of Fred 2014 Calendar, $20

Earlier this year, our favorite furry friend from Fred Says commandeered his fans online to vote from a selection of male models to be included in a sexy annual calendar to raise awareness for HIV-positive youth. Every cent you spend on Fred, the tiny Yorkshire terrier, and his impressive entourage will go into a self-sustaining charity fund that ensures HIV-positive teens receive the care and services they need for a healthy, positive life.

Mondo Guerra's SEE Eyewear Collection, $99-$319

The 2010 Project Runway star has teamed up with trendy glasses brand SEE Eyewear to design 11 frames and six styles of sunglasses that are sure to turn heads this holiday season. Even better, Guerra, who revealed that he is HIV positive while on the show and who is now a fierce HIV/AIDS advocate, will be giving a portion of the proceeds to amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research.

Gyft.com Immunity Project Gift Cards, $5-$250

Through the month of December, turn holiday gift cards into HIV vaccine research funds with the click of your mouse. A tech-savvy partnership between online gift card retailer Gyft and Immunity Project, a group investigating a promising new HIV vaccine, is trying to raise $1 million by the end of the year to advance its research into Phase I human trials. Gyft will donate to the project 100 percent of the proceeds from gift cards for over 200 retailers, including Target, Gap and Amazon.

RuPaul's MAC VIVA Glam I LipStick/LipGlass Combo, $30

RuPaul has reclaimed her role as the face of MAC Cosmetics' VIVA Glam makeup line 20 years after its official entrance into the fashion world. Ru is bringing back her signature burgundy lipstick from the original '90s campaign, plus a new matching lipglass to update the look for the 2013 holiday season. As always, the VIVA Glam campaign will donate every cent of its sales straight to the MAC AIDS fund, which goes toward helping women, men and children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

AWEARNESS by Kenneth Cole Electric Rain Rubber Boot, $98

This winter, keep your loved ones' feet dry and hearts warm with these awesome rubber boots from Cole's original "Save a Hide, Wear a Rubber" charity fashion campaign. The handsome rain boot is designed to look and feel like a classic leather boot so you don't have to sacrifice fashion for function this winter. And 100 percent of the net profits from these boots will be donated to the AWEARNESS Fund, which promotes and funds social change initiatives, including HIV/AIDS treatment and awareness.

Broadway Cares Red Ribbon Unisex Watch, $85

This classy timepiece features a red ribbon on its face to show your support for HIV/AIDS awareness. It's adjustable, water-resistant, made of stainless steel with a brushed silver finish, and a portion of its proceeds goes directly to Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Since the BC/EFA holiday catalogue's inception 20 years ago, more than $225 million has been raised in gifts to help provide essential services for people with HIV and other critical illnesses.

Dsenyo Collection of Handmade Dolls, $19.99 each

The 12 stuffed animals in this collection are meticulously hand-stitched by a women's cooperative in Malawi, Africa, to help benefit the Mwayiwathu HIV Support Group, comprised of AIDS widows who are living with the virus. The fair trade, handmade toys are 100 percent cotton African fabric with a soft jersey knit and are also washer/dryer safe for the kids. Gifting these little friends to your loved ones will help these women attain meds, get to the hospital, buy food and even purchase fertilizer to grow crops in their communities.

OneHope 2012 California Merlot, $18

For your staple holiday wine gift, pick a brand that also gives back to HIV/AIDS. OneHope's 2012 California Merlot has a bright cherry color and subtle notes of tasty spice that come from aging Napa, Sonoma and Coastal county grapes in a combination of French and American barrels. OneHope will donate half its profits from every bottle to the Keep a Child Alive foundation. For every two cases sold, a child with HIV/AIDS is provided with lifesaving medicine for one month.

Dallas Buyers Club -- Music From and Inspired by the Film $11.99

Relativity Music group and Project (RED) have teamed up to bring you the music from one of this year's Oscar favorites, Dallas Buyers Club, starring Matthew McConaughey, Jared Leto and Jennifer Gardner. The film follows the story of real-life hero, Ron Woodroof, a redneck recovering homophobe who helped people with HIV access alternative treatments in the 1980s. The album features tracks from Thirty Seconds to Mars, My Morning Jacket, Teagan and Sara, Cold War Kids, Capital Cities and more. In addition to bringing attention to HIV history and awareness, 10 percent of net proceeds from every album sold go to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Christopher Radko "Claus for a Cure" Ornament, $50

Santa Claus can now support HIV/AIDS awareness on your tree with distinctive red ribbons and a gift of charity to match. Because it's one of 12 disease-awareness ornaments in designer

Christopher Radko's 2013 Charity Collection, a portion of the proceeds from this mouth-blown glass tree decoration will benefit charities for HIV/AIDS awareness. Each year's selection of ornaments are unique from other years, making them collectible family heirlooms that can commemorate and celebrate loved ones who have been affected by the virus.

Azana Long Charm Bullet Shell Necklace, $112

For the jewelry lover on your list, check out Love 41's six-strand, beaded and charmed necklace. It's made from melted bullet shells and recycled metals such as brass, copper and silver found in Africa and sourced by Raven and Lily, a socially responsible brand that empowers impoverished women around the world through design. These specific necklaces are made by HIV-positive women in Ethiopia, who use the money from their wares to help pay for health care and education for women and children in their communities.

Chuck's Famous Brownies, $19-$75

For almost 20 years, "Chuck the Baker" has been making life a little bit sweeter for the clients at God's Love We Deliver, an NYC-based charity that provides meals to people living with HIV or other life-altering illnesses. Your purchase of these decadent, homemade brownies will help support the organization's latest expansion campaign, which aims to provide vital nutrition services to thousands more clients in the tri-state area during the next 25 years.

CTAOP Outreach Women's Classic Toms, $58

For the 2013 holiday season, TOMS shoes has partnered with the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project (CTAOP) to create sunny, limited edition shoes that will help support the organization in keeping African youth safe from HIV/AIDS. Featuring TOMS' patented popular design plus an embroidered CTAOP logo, and a liner with the message "Look Within. Think Beyond. Reach Out," these shoes will keep you and your loved ones both comfortable and proud of your contribution to HIV prevention efforts.

Happy holidays!

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