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Dear Supporter,

Atima's life was a struggle from the beginning. Her father died before she was born, leaving her mother to raise Atima and her siblings alone. When Atima was a teenager, the Darfur conflict began and the *Janjaweed* militia attacked the village next door. Atima fled and for two years she was on the run, scared for her life. Finally, she made it to a town in North Darfur where she married and had four children. But her life was still a struggle - a struggle to feel secure in a hut built on land she doesn't own, a struggle to feed her children without outside assistance.

**The good news is that Darfur Stoves Project has helped to make Atima's days easier.** Before receiving her Berkeley-Darfur Stove in July, Atima spent hours each day cooking over a smoky fire and used half of her family's meager income to purchase firewood.

Atima's fuel-efficient stove uses less than half the amount of wood than that smoky fire, which saves her money. It also saves her lungs, by reducing her exposure to harmful pollutants. Plus Atima's new stove cooks meals almost four times faster than an open fire, which gives her much more time to learn skills and earn a living. Now, Atima speeds through breakfast preparations and leaves her hut early, which gives her a better chance of finding a day's work.



Displaced women like Atima are unlikely to go home any time soon. In the past three months 75 more people were killed next to Atima's home village. While it may feel like we can't do anything about the Darfur conflict, **we each have the power to make life better for women in Darfur.**

**[Your tax-deductible charitable contribution will help us provide fuel-efficient stoves to women like Atima.](#)**

In the true spirit of the season, **[give a gift full of meaning this year by making your donation in honor of a loved](#)**

**one.** For just \$20 you can bring warmth, light and hope into one woman's kitchen; for \$200, you can brighten ten families' lives.

We will continue to ease the hardships of more women like Atima as we expand across Darfur and beyond. But, we need your help. This holiday season, join us in changing lives for the better - one woman, one family, one community at a time.

Thank you,



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