

From tragedy to triumph: A survivor's journey

**Thanks to your giving,
resilience and hope
emerges from tragedy**

Rebecca is a survivor who, at the age of 5, faced the unimaginable: she witnessed the brutal murder of her family. Then the attackers held her arm against a tree and chopped it off at the elbow.

Forced to flee in terror, after years of hospital care and moving from place to place, she found herself in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya, where daily life is a constant struggle for survival.

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Rebecca remembers the trauma she experienced before coming to the refugee camp.

Because of you, today Rebecca is actively contributing to a brighter future for her children, like her son pictured here (happily eating a solar cooked meal), and her neighbors through solar cooking.

She lost her family - became an amputee - but did not give up

Without you, she might have lost her life by now

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Traditionally reliant on wood and charcoal for cooking, she and her children regularly risked their lives searching for cooking fuel, faced health hazards associated with indoor air pollution, and would have to trade their food rations for cooking fuel. You not only provided her with a sustainable alternative but also helped her children become safer and healthier.

“And it (solar cooking) does help a lot in terms of the health of our children. They are not in the smoke, the haze when cooking



Because of you, Rebecca is able to train new solar cooks so they can lead healthier, safer lives.

and getting burned. It also (helps) to divert the trading of food with the fuel.”

What makes Rebecca’s story remarkable is her heartfelt need to help other refugees, “if there is a possibility, it must be supplied within this camp so that it can also benefit other people who are also having the same issues like I was having of buying fuels and looking for firewood.”

Even while she cares for her family of seven, in addition to feeding three orphans, Rebecca actively trains fellow refugees in using solar cookers.

Rebecca’s journey from the darkest days of conflict to becoming a beacon of hope in a refugee camp shows the transformative power of sustainable solutions like solar cooking. You give women like Rebecca the chance not only to survive but to thrive and uplift those around them.

→ See Rebecca’s joy for solar cooking here or visit www.solarcookers.org/rebecca





Report from the UN COP28 Climate Change Conference

You make all the difference in the fight against climate change

A letter from Solar Cookers International Executive Director, Caitlyn Hughes

Dear Friend,

Because of you, Solar Cookers International met with global leaders and non-governmental agencies in Dubai, UAE at this year's climate change conference known as COP28.

For the very first time, SCI was able to demonstrate solar cooking food items in an outdoor exhibit booth at COP. This opportunity led to engaged conversations and great interest from those looking for real-world remedies to today's toughest issues, like climate change.

You empowered local, national, regional and international leaders with cost-effective, sustainable solutions with every presentation and networking event SCI was able to attend because of your visionary giving. You know how important climate change solutions are. With you as our partner, we can create a world where climate change and deforestation are things of the past.

By supporting clean and sustainable cooking technologies, you contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions associated with traditional cooking methods. You help increase access to clean energy, providing a healthy alternative to women and kids who would otherwise face dire health and safety consequences.

Through advocacy opportunities like COP28, SCI can take the direct impact of the work we are accomplishing on the ground in places like Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya, and grow it to become a sustainable, scalable solution serving more people, globally.

To see your impact firsthand, please visit www.solarcookers.org/cop28.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Hughes



Places like Mali, Togo, and Cameroon face massive challenges without clean cooking alternatives. Your donation helps SCI connect with leaders to bring the change where it's most urgently needed.

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Here's an easy and tax-saving way to fight climate change

Did you know? At age 70 ½ you can avoid taxes, save disposable income and still support SCI by using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as a powerful tool for giving back.

Instead of simply relying on retirement savings for personal use, one of our supporters chose to channel a portion of her Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to SCI. "It's really a win-win for me and SCI. To avoid taxes on my distribution I ask my bank to send it directly to SCI. I can make a bigger donation through my IRA and not pay taxes on any additional income."

Donating through an IRA can be part of a broader legacy and long-term financial planning strategy. It allows you to align your charitable giving goals with your overall financial plan, ensuring a positive impact on causes you care about even beyond your lifetime.

The strategic use of an IRA QCD showcases the profound effect that thoughtful financial planning can have on mitigating climate change.



Trusting your charity

SCI has received the highest possible ratings from Charity Navigator, Guide Star, and the BBB Wise Giving Alliance. You can donate to SCI with confidence, knowing that SCI's transparency and accountability are verified.

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 life-affirming actions you'll take this year!

To discuss leaving your legacy, simply contact our expert Lynne Slightom:



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She'd love to talk with you!

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