

## Your buying decisions can help the Manos Amigas Clinic

Looking for a good hostess gift or present for the coming holidays? Put a smile on your face and one on your recipients too. Your commitment to specialty item purchases can help in building sustainability for the new clinic.

If you enjoy a good cup of coffee, consider purchasing bags of Welchez Coffee – a high quality Arabica type gourmet coffee that is

available in the US. A donation is made to our clinic for every pound of coffee sold. In addition to whole beans, ground coffee is also available. Orders can be purchased on-line directly from Welchez's plantation at [www.cafehonduras.com](http://www.cafehonduras.com). The coffee is attractively packaged and makes a wonderful gift. Shipping (included in the purchase price) is quick and the product is no more expensive than if you had purchased it at a local grocery store. Because each purchase benefits our clinic, you can help by talking to merchants, seeking to place the coffee on shelves at local retail coffee shops in your community or ask restaurants to serve the coffee as well. Although home sales are beneficial, the clinic stands to make the most money from repeat bulk sales and institutional purchasing of the Welchez's product. Creating awareness, purchases and product placement not only help create demand for Welchez's coffee, but they also strengthen the channel of product distribution in the US. In the future, the coffee packaging will carry a sticker showing the plantation's support for the Manos Amigas Clinic. Contact Bob Sumner or Mike Tysowsky if you can help in distributing the product.



For non-coffee drinkers, you might consider a gift from ***Threads of Hope***, another Crossroads partner providing support for Honduran women and supplying medications for the clinic.

To see their product line and to purchase gifts, visit the website: [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) and select Seller's Username in search box 1 and type in the words ThreadsofHope (no spaces between words) in box 2. Threads of Hope, a fledgling organization, is an experiment in micro-enterprise development, helping to raise the status of women in the community and assisting in generating funds to buy medications for the clinic.

They provide fabric, sewing machines and jobs for women. Under the direction of Abbie Pennington, a local home economist in West Chester, PA, these skilled workers turn out bib-styled clothes savers, themed pillowcases, activity totes, bags and roll-up black boards for children on the go, as well as crayon rolls, back saver pillows, quillows (quilt folded into a pillow) and sundresses.

Their product line, featuring high end fabric, colorful patterns and quality workmanship, appeals to those in the US market with greater disposable income than what is available in Honduras, looking for specialty hand crafted pieces.

