



**VITAL VOICES**

**2023**



# VITAL VOICES GIFT GUIDE

Vital Voices has more than 20,000 women leaders in our global network, many whom are social entrepreneurs who have created unique products and services that have a positive impact on their local communities, and the world. Browse this gift guide to shop their brands & learn more.

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# IMPACTFUL GIFTING

Vital Voices Global Partnership invests in women leaders who are solving the world's greatest challenges—from gender-based violence to the climate crisis to economic inequities, and more. We are “venture catalysts,” identifying those with a daring vision for change and partnering with them to make that vision a reality. We scale and accelerate impact through long-term investments in our women leaders to help expand skills, make connections, and increase capacity & visibility. Over the last 25 years, we have built a network of 20,000 change makers across 185 countries, each of whom are daring to reimagine a more equitable world.



The unique products featured in this guide are all from the women-led businesses in our global network of leaders who have participated in one or more of our signature fellowship programs.

Stay up to date on the latest news and information from Vital Voices and our brand new global headquarters for women's leadership—a first-of-its-kind global embassy for women—by signing up for our email newsletter online at: [vitalvoices.org](https://vitalvoices.org) and be sure to follow us on social media @vitalvoices to stay connected.

# JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES



## ARBURY |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Andrea Bury founded ABURY, a fair trade lifestyle brand connecting designers with traditional artisans to create unique handmade bags, shoes and accessories. She also re-invests in social causes. Hours of education have been given back to the ABURY communities. Browse her collection at: [abury.net](http://abury.net)



## EARTH HEIR |

Founded by VV GROW alumna Sasibai Kimis, Earth Heir works with more than 500 artisans from women's cooperatives, indigenous tribes and refugee groups, across six states of Malaysia. Check out their accessories, jewelry, clothing and home design products at: [earthheir.com](http://earthheir.com)

## LOVE & SENSE |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Tamae Takatsu is the founder and CEO of Love & Sense, a fair trade select shop in Japan established in 2006. Their mission is to increase the number of people who act toward a sustainable society by making more people feel closer to the problems of the world through Fair Trade products. The company delivers handmade products from fair trade producers from around the world which you can check out at: [www.love-sense.jp](http://www.love-sense.jp)



# JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES



## LUNA MENA |

Founded by Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program and VV GROW alumna Lula Mena, Lula Mena creates opportunities for women in high-risk areas of El Salvador by producing unique, eco-friendly, handmade products and artwork under the norms of fair trade. [www.lulamena.com](http://www.lulamena.com)

## OLENA JEWELRY |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Yanina Faour founded Oleana Jewelry combining the high quality craftsmanship of her ancestors with a fresh and modern aesthetic. Hailing from a family of jewelers, she continued in their footsteps and dedicated herself to creating unique, handmade pieces. [www.oleanajewelry.com](http://www.oleanajewelry.com)



## RESM JEWELRY |

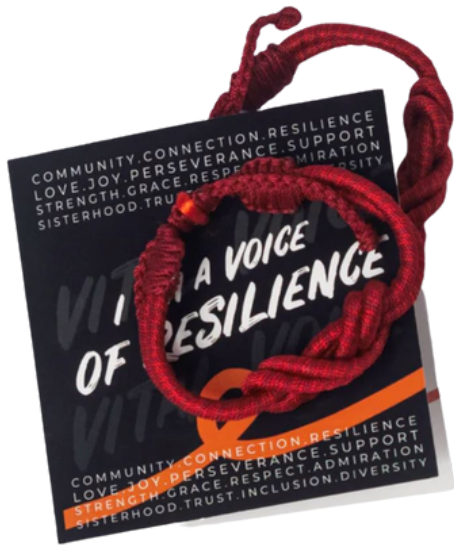
VV GROW alumna Rasmina Gurbatova is the owner and designer of Resm Jewelry, a unique company rooted in the culture and tradition of her home country, Azerbaijan. Resm's designs stem from the history and culture of the East. The products include rings, bracelets, earrings, necklaces, brooches, cufflinks and pendants. The pieces are 14k and 18k gold enamel jewelry, decorated with bright colors and precious stones. [www.resm.com](http://www.resm.com)



# JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

## SEQUENCE COLLECTION |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Ariela Suster founded Sequence Collection with a sustainable business model for violence prevention using the creation of fashion products to generate jobs and new opportunities to positively impact the lives of young people living in at risk communities in El Salvador. [www.sequencecollection.com](http://www.sequencecollection.com)



## VILLAGEWORCS |

Global Ambassadors Program and Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program alumna Norm Bunnak is CEO of Villageworks, a fair-trade certified enterprise that trains artisans to produce handcrafted products using recycled, organic materials. With a network of nearly 500 artisans, Villageworks employs home-based workers in rural areas of Cambodia. [www.villageworks.biz](http://www.villageworks.biz)



## WAKAMI |

Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program alumna Maria Pacheco's Wakami is a socially-minded fashion accessories brand that enables women in Guatemala to export handmade accessories created with ancestral Mayan weaving techniques. [www.wakamiglobal.com](http://www.wakamiglobal.com)



# CLOTHING

## B.WR |

Leadership Incubator Fellow Sara Shokouhi is the Founder and CEO of b.WR, an organic and eco-friendly undergarment company. Part of proceeds go to support women's health organizations. Many traditional products out there today are ridden with synthetic and irritating materials. At b.WR they believe what we put on our bodies is just as important as what we put in our bodies.

[www.wearbwr.com](http://www.wearbwr.com)

## COOPA ROOCA |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Maria Teresa Leal founded COOPA-ROCA, a social enterprise that integrates and trains textile artisans from various areas of the city of Rio de Janeiro. The business connects consumers interested in ethical production with high quality design offerings, t-shirts and home decor.

[www.coopa-roca.com.br](http://www.coopa-roca.com.br)



## DARLINGS TOUCH |

Founded by VV GROW alumna Madiha Raslan, Darling's Touch designs and develops jewelry, accessories and clothing in Lebanon. They offer a world of modernity with the confident and style-conscious woman in mind. Presenting a wide array of ready-to-wear creations for women seeking a unique form of self-expression through the clothes and accessories they wear.

[www.darlingstouch.com](http://www.darlingstouch.com)



# CLOTHING

## PARADISE FASHION |

VV GROW alumna Genet Kebed's Paradise Fashion was inspired by a love for traditional Ethiopian handweaving, and the desire to preserve the beauty of this tradition. Her fashion brand empowers women in Ethiopia with sustainable employment. [www.genetcollection.com](http://www.genetcollection.com)



## SHEFIGHTER |

VV GROW alumna and WE Empower awardee Lina Khalifeh built SheFighter, the first self-defense studio exclusively for women in the Middle East, into an internationally-known organization dedicated to increasing women's safety and self image. Her SheFighter Empowerment Store manufactures active and trendy sneakers, apparel & boxing gloves. [www.shefighterstore.com](http://www.shefighterstore.com)



## SHEFLY |

HERlead alumna Charlotte Massey is the Founder of SheFly, a revolutionary women's clothing line. It's outdoor pant include a stealth-pee zipper design to answer nature's call without pulling your pants down, no matter your anatomy. [www.sheflyapparel.com](http://www.sheflyapparel.com)



## UNDERCOVER |

VV GROW alumna Maria Quintero is the CEO of Undercover, a Panama-based rain boot company with a focus on social responsibility. For every boot purchased, Undercover donates to a non-profit, focusing primarily on children in need, environmental conservation, and animal protection. [www.iamundercover.com](http://www.iamundercover.com)





# HEALTH, BEAUTY & HAIRCARE

## AFROBOTANICS |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Ntombenhle Khathwane created Afrobotanics to retell, reposition and reimagine the African story and identity by producing high quality, high performance consumer brands created with African botanical ingredients. Products are sustainably sourced to empower African rural women. [www.afro-botanics.com](http://www.afro-botanics.com)



## ELLIE BIANCA |

VV GROW alumna Evelyne Nyairo created her beauty company of serums, oils, salts and more to help create a world where every woman has the opportunity to embrace and own her strength and beauty, inside and out. [www.elliebianca.com](http://www.elliebianca.com)

## ETHIQUE |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Brianne West founded Ethique, a beauty company offering solid beauty bars using naturally derived and sustainably sourced active ingredients in a compostable cardboard box, and you add the water! One concentrate saves 700ml of water and one plastic bottle from manufacture and disposal into landfill. [www.ethique.com](http://www.ethique.com)



# HEALTH, BEAUTY & HAIRCARE

## KIKITHUNDA |

VV GROW alumna Takia Ross is the owner and lead make-up artist at Kiki Thunda, a company that is reimagining the make-up industry. They provide professional, affordable, and reliable make-up products that meet their clients' needs and facilitate their ability to be their most confident selves.

[www.kikithunda.com](http://www.kikithunda.com)



## LHAMOUR |

VV GROW alumna Khulan Daavadorj created her beauty company of serums, oils, salts and more to help create a world where every woman has the opportunity to embrace and own her strength and beauty, inside and out.

[www.lhamour.us](http://www.lhamour.us)



## SOUL SEED CBD |

Founded by VV GROW alum and VVI00 participant, Amber Swenor was inspired to reconnect with the land, becoming a hemp grower and creator of Soul Seed CBD, bringing natural wellness and high quality CBD products to inspire people to live a healthy, soulful life. From soil to oil, you'll enjoy high quality, hand-crafted CBD products to promote calm, clarity and ease. Products include Soul Vibes Scented CBD roll on, Be at Ease CBD Bath Bombs, The Soul Seed Tincture and more.

[www.soulseedcbd.com](http://www.soulseedcbd.com)



# HEALTH, BEAUTY & HAIRCARE



## MERAPAD |

WE Empower alumna Bharti Singh Chauhan is a Social Entrepreneur, Founder & CEO of CarversIndia Trades LLP, a For Profit Company & PraveenLata Sansthan, a Not Profit Organization based in Jaipur Rajasthan, that works to empower women and girls across India. They produce and sell washable cloth pads made of bamboo charcoal (certified by PETA VEGAN and passed anti-bacterial testing by TUV Rheinland) and work to create awareness around menstrual health education and open dialogues on menstruation all along the way. [merapad.org](http://merapad.org).

## MOUNT HOREB HEMP |

Mount Horeb Hemp is a small batch hemp farm located in south-central Wisconsin. VV GROW Fellow, Kattia Jimenez, founded her company in 2018, the first year hemp was legalized in Wisconsin. All Full Spectrum CBD products are third-party tested and include a QR code that links to the COA (Certificate of Analysis). Kattia believes CBD products should be organic, transparent, and affordable. Check out their products at: [www.mounthorebhemp.com](http://www.mounthorebhemp.com)



# HOME



## CIELO HAMMOCKS |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Josefina Urzaiz created her company Cielo Hammocks to help alleviate poverty and promote gender equality. The Cielo Foundation's work is focused on the native Mayan communities in the Yucatan peninsula, where weaving supplements family incomes. With each hammock purchased, a contribution is made to improve the living conditions of these families.

[www.cielohammocks.com](http://www.cielohammocks.com)

## STEVIE HOWELL DESIGNS |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Stevie Howell's Stevie Howell brand is distinguished by artful prints, ethical and sustainable sourcing, and high-quality craftsmanship. Check out their unique collection of wallpaper, home items, loungewear, robes and buy-one-donate-one durable cotton face masks here.

[www.steviehowell.com](http://www.steviehowell.com).



# FOOD & DRINK

## BUTTERFLY AYURVEDA |

Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program alumna Claudia Mendez created Ella Ember, a socially conscious brand of upscale alpaca clothing and blankets. Every piece is independently designed and handcrafted by highly skilled artisans in Bolivia, most of whom are women from indigenous background. Their production process is based on fair trade principles and practices. [butterflyayurveda.com](http://butterflyayurveda.com)



## BLACK MAMBA CHILLI |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Claudia Castellanos Roques is the founder and managing director of Black Mamba Chili, an international food brand committed to economic empowerment for families in Swaziland. [www.blackmambachilli.com](http://www.blackmambachilli.com)



## ESTACIÓN COLOMBIA |

VV GROW alumna Maria Clara Ruiz Zapata is the founder of Estación Colombia, a specialty coffee shop in Madison, WI that connects you with a network of Colombian coffee growers. Maria Clara started the coffee brand after founding Zooming.co, a travel company that builds meaningful experiences and bespoke trips for travelers visiting Colombia. After the decrease of coffee tours to zero in 2020, they focused their efforts on keeping the support to the small-scale coffee growers. [estacioncolombia.coffee](http://estacioncolombia.coffee)



# FOOD & DRINK

## THE GLUTEN-FREE FACTORY |

Global Ambassadors Program and VV GROW alumna Maria Vargas is the owner and co-founder of The GlutenFree Factory, which specializes in manufacturing gluten free food products. The company is a pioneer in Costa Rica in research and development of healthy and tasty gluten free foods, and is one of the first companies in Latin America in this field. [theglutenfreefactory.com](http://theglutenfreefactory.com)



## KAWA MOKA |

Fortune alumna Emi-beth Aku Quantson AKU founded award-winning Kawa Moka. Kawa Moka tells the story of Ghana's history with cacao intertwined with our rich coffee flavours. Kawa being an Arabic word that translates to coffee; "the wine of the bean", Moka being a seaport city in Yemen, iconically known for being coffee's gateway to Europe.. [www.kawamoka.com](http://www.kawamoka.com)



# FOOD & DRINK

## LA DIVISA |

Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program alumna Silvana Gonzalez is the CEO of La Divisa, offering specialty coffee products while focused on sustainability and women's economic empowerment. Their coffee is the result of better opportunities for coffee pickers, farmers and vulnerable communities combined with natural resource preservation and modern technologies for harvesting, roasting and brewing. [www.cafeladivisa.com](http://www.cafeladivisa.com)



## THE LIVE GREEN CO. |

WE Empower alumna Priyanka Srinivas co-founded The Live Green Co after the arrival of her little niece, Naina, in 2018. Having to study the nutrition labels more carefully than ever, Priyanka realized what she later described as a “huge gap in the food system” – the absence of entirely clean-label, additive-free foods in the market – and she was motivated to make a change. The Live Green Co has since been revolutionizing the movement toward a cleaner and more sustainable food industry with its disruptive technology.

[shop.thelivegreenco.com](http://shop.thelivegreenco.com)



# SPECIALTY GIFTS

## BELLA TUNNO |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Michelle Buelow is the founder and CEO of Bella Tunno, a company that sells childcare products and is committed to donating one meal for a child per product sold. Bella Tunno tasks themselves daily with creating products we wish-we-had that make us laugh. All products are 100% CPSIA compliant. [www.bellatunno.com](http://www.bellatunno.com)



## BLESSING |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Rana Kotaiche and Fortune-U.S. Department of State Program alumna Rima Kotaiche co-founded Blessing, which can transform any occasion with gifts and favors. Sisters Rana and Rima co-founded the company in 1996 in Beirut, Lebanon. Blessing provides customizable gifts, souvenirs, chocolates or invitations for any occasion. [blessingonline.com](http://blessingonline.com)

## LOS SUENOS CONDO |

VV Grow alumna María Jiménez's vacation rental business Los Suenos Condo offers rental property Del Mar, in Herradura, Costa Rica. Del Mar is located within Los Suenos Resort and Marina, Costa Rica's premier destination resort community. [www.lossuenoscondo.com](http://www.lossuenoscondo.com)

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# SPECIALTY GIFTS

## MARKETTE SHEPPARD PUBLISHING |

VV GROW alumna Markette Sheppard is the creator a collection of multicultural, flashcards for pre-schoolers through a new publishing division of her company, The Glow Brands. Three full-color, high quality educational flashcard sets are in the collection. They include ALPHABET IN A FLASH, SHAPES IN A FLASH and COLORS IN A FLASH. Activity books and printable worksheets are also available to download on [Etsy](https://www.etsy.com/shop/MarketteSheppard) and Markette's website: [www.markettesheppard.com](http://www.markettesheppard.com)



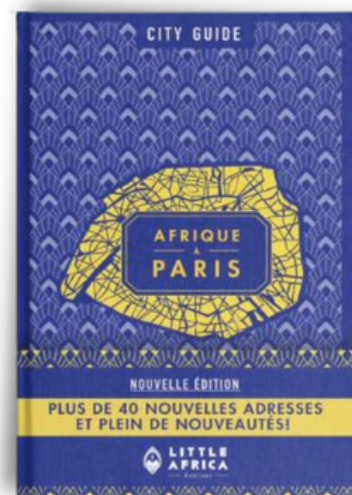
## LA CANA |

VV GROW Fellow Daniela Ancira's La Cana is a social enterprise that seeks to create fair employment and provide skills training for incarcerated women, enabling them to earn an income away from crime through the creation of high-quality products. La Cana trains prisoners in various weaving, embroidery, sewing, macramé and textile weaving techniques. Check out their various products such as stuffed animals and Christmas decorations

[www.lacana.mx](http://www.lacana.mx)

## LITTLE AFRICA |

Global Ambassadors Program alumna Jacqueline NGO MPII's shop Little Africa is a sustainable and inclusive enterprise based in Paris whose mission is to promote the art and culture of Africa and its diaspora. The Little Africa venture is the culmination of Jacqueline's long career in the tourism industry and features items ranging from notebooks to city guides to bags and more at: [littleafricavillage.com](http://littleafricavillage.com)



# SPECIALTY GIFTS

## LONERGAN CORPORATE GIFTS |

VV GROW alumna Louise Lonergan's Lonergan Corporate Gifts has over 22 years experience and offers an unmatched gifting experience tailored to client needs. They are also suppliers of a wide range of certified PPE, including face masks, hand sanitizer, work safety kits and more. [www.lcgifts.ie](http://www.lcgifts.ie)



## TALLEH |

VV Grow alumna Ashmahan Ilian's Talleh is a Palestinian registered brand established in Jerusalem to revive the Palestinian Culture. While Jerusalem's women's unemployment rate is around 80 percent, Talleh is able to employ a team of exclusively women. Check out Talleh's Palestinian cultural and customized gifts made of carved olive wood, mother of pearl, olive oil soap, basketry, pottery and many others. [www.talleh.com](http://www.talleh.com)

## FREEDOM RESTORATION PROJECT |

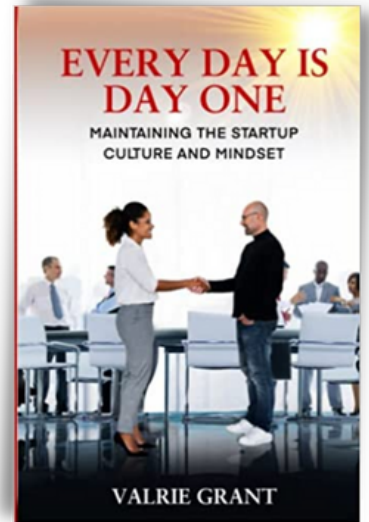
Sia Kukaewkasem is a 2022 VV Visionaries fellow and she is the founder of Freedom Restoration Project, a non-profit organization in Thailand that aims to eliminate gender-based violence and empower survivors to turn fear into safety, helplessness into strength, and isolation into hope. This holiday season, consider buying a beautiful card to share with a loved one. [frpthailand.org/christmas-cards](http://frpthailand.org/christmas-cards)



# BOOKS & EDUCATION

## EVERY DAY IS DAY ONE |

Have you been searching for a good read to apply to your business or professional development journey? VV GROW alumna and WE Empower awardee Valrie Grant has you covered with her new book, "Every Day is Day One". Drawing on her own experience, Valrie wanted to show startup leaders how they can develop their own Day One organizational culture, no matter their size or industry. [valriegrant.com](http://valriegrant.com)



## NATAKALLAM |

WE Empower awardee Aline Sara's Natakallam is a disruptive social enterprise leveraging the freelance digital economy to provide income to refugees, displaced persons and their host community members by hiring them as online language tutors and cultural exchange partners. Want to give the gift of language learning? Check out NaTakallam and choose from over 15 languages and dialects and take skills to the next level. [natakallam.com](http://natakallam.com)



## SHEFIGHTER |

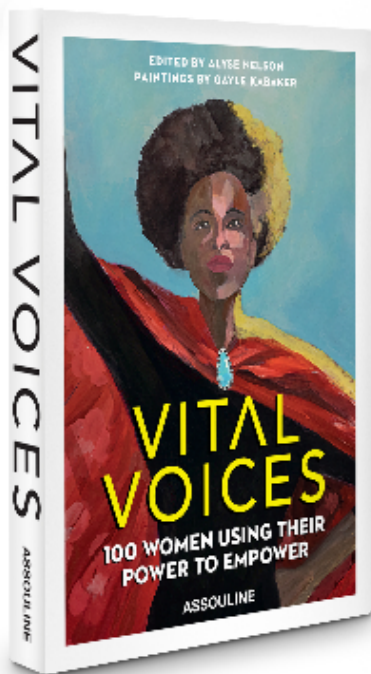
VV GROW alumna and WE Empower awardee Lina Khalifeh is the founder of SheFighter, the first self-defense studio exclusively for women in the Middle East. She has built SheFighter into an internationally-known organization dedicated to increasing women's safety and their self image. Lina remains passionate about her work and empowering women and girls, especially in her home region. Read her inspiring story in the book, "SheFighter – From Trouble Maker to Global Change Maker" at [www.shefighter.com](http://www.shefighter.com)





## 'BOOK' A DONATION

### A GOOD READ



The book, "Vital Voices: 100 Women Using their Power to Empower" is a celebration of 100 global women leaders, showcasing the transformative power and unique need for women's leadership across cultures, sectors and generations.

With a donation of \$95, we'll send you a copy as a thank you.

Order a book as a gift or winter read here: [www.vitalvoices.org/take-action/vital-voices-book](http://www.vitalvoices.org/take-action/vital-voices-book)