



Solar Household Energy, Inc.

Solar Cooking for Human Development and Environmental Relief

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Dear Supporters and Friends of SHE, Inc.

Most of our operations to date have been initiated by us. We have sought out NGOs conducting community development programs in developing countries and persuaded them to add a solar cooking component to their programs. Then, we have participated in the arrangements for shipping the equipment, organizing micro-financing and executing the training. Sometimes we have subsidized solar cookers to make them affordable.



Women observing the HotPot after setting them up near Lucre, Peru

Our collaboration with the Spanish NGO Acciónatura, reported here, was different. In that case, our role was limited to the organization and execution of a training program which is our forte. We hope and expect that, as the potential of solar cooking gains credence, this will become our more usual model of operation.

It is noteworthy that we are now moving from very restricted pilot programs for demonstration purposes involving just tens of cookers to much more extensive distribution programs involving hundreds of units or more. In each country, our ultimate goal is irreversible acceptance of solar cooking on the national scale.

The speed of our progress is now solely dependent on the degree of funding we can acquire.

Your support is a very important element of our success. Thank you!

Darwin O’Ryan Curtis
Co-Founder and Chairman of the Board

Pilot program participants trained to solar cook in Peru

100 women living in rural communities near Lucre, Peru (about 30 kilometers from Cuzco) have been trained to solar cook, using traditional Peruvian dishes. (To read more [click here](#))

Two-year 2,000 HotPot initiative underway in Senegal

Our solar cooking project participants in Senegal have been using their HotPot for the past seven months. Their feedback has reinforced the finding that solar cooking is culturally acceptable and deemed useful by the local population. (To read more [click here](#))

Veteran development expert joins SHE board

Mary Hill Rojas has joined Solar Household Energy's board of directors. Mary has 25 years of experience working with social issues in international development within the education and environment sectors in Asia, Latin America and Africa. To learn more about Mary Hill Rojas, [click here](#).

HotPot on display at Green Festival

The HotPot will be on display at the Washington, DC Green Festival November 8-9. Stop by our booth to meet our staff and learn more about the HotPot, our activities abroad, and how people are using the HotPot in their backyards in Washington DC! (To learn more about the festival please [click here](#))

SHE FY 2008 annual report available

SHE Inc.'s fiscal 2008 SHE annual report has been posted on our website. (To read the report, [click here](#))

SHE represented at Barcelona conference

Louise Meyer, a co-founder of SHE, attended the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Barcelona, Spain in October. Meyer gave a solar cooking demonstration with the Terra Foundation October 7-9 and numerous contacts were made. (To read more about the conference [click here](#))

New solar cooking media page on SHE website

A new media page has been added to our website. This page includes SHE films as well as links to other solar cooking projects across the globe. (To view the Media page [click here](#))

HotPot gains visibility in Washington, DC area

The HotPot was on display several times throughout the summer and the beginning of fall. The first set of demonstrations was at the U.S. Botanical Gardens Summer Family Days, an event which focuses on sustainability. Many parents and children were curious and excited to learn about and eat the solar-baked cakes. The HotPot was also on display at a week long STAR TIDES event at the historic Fort McNair U.S. Army base in Washington. The annual event, which targets U.S. military officials, showcases equipment and technology designed to support populations suffering in the aftermath of warfare or natural disasters.

Solar Household Energy is always looking for retailers interested in selling the HotPot. If you know any shop owners who might want to sell HotPots please, [contact us](#).



With the holidays just around the corner remember the HotPot makes a great green gift!

Sizzling HotPot Recipe

From late spring to early fall, climate zones beyond the tropics can be ideal for solar cooking, saving time and money. A quick and easy item to cook in the HotPot is a cake mix! Choose any Betty Crocker (or similar) cake mix, prepare as directed and pour batter into a greased HotPot. The cake should cook in about 1-2 hours, depending on the intensity of the sun. [More recipes](#) are available at Solar Cookers International's website.

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