

## Saving The Planet

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If someone were willing to show you how Saving The Planet, could be simple and easy, would you like to know more?

Citrus County, Florida resident Shash Broxson, has developed a project to provide solar ovens to Citrus County residents in need, who will use them. This is her way of Saving the Planet. She invites you to learn more.

“All that we do affects everything else”, says Ms Broxson who believes we are each much more powerful than we can ever imagine. “By creating this project I am putting myself to the task of walking my talk, which is extremely important to me. If I can inspire you to take a closer look into what I think ‘Saving The Planet’ can look like, you might join me, or create your own project. We never know who our actions or words will ripple out and touch. I am passionate about the idea of using the sun instead of other sources of power when at all possible.”

How is it going to work? Broxson explains, “People will sponsor an oven, an oven with shipping, part of an oven, several ovens; the options are as varied as people’s desires. Citrus County residents will be found who fit specific government criteria, who need some help. The recipients will do community service which will be credited toward the “purchase” of an oven, at the rate of \$10 to \$15 an hour so they will effectively be paying for the oven. This way they will accept these ovens respectfully and with dignity. The recipients and sponsors will be encouraged to exchange contact information with the purpose of communicating and establishing conversation so we can get to know each other better on this planet we all call home.

“If you are at least a little interested, please consider becoming a sponsor, or if money is not something you can contribute at this time, please think about being someone who will get into communication with a recipient of the solar cookers, which is an important part of Saving The Planet”, Broxson adds.

“If you are part of a church group, or other organization perhaps you and your organization can raise funds and become a sponsor. And/or perhaps your organization knows people who might qualify as a recipient. Perhaps you can sponsor two ovens and have one or more received by your particular referral(s)”.

All funds for sponsoring ovens will be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The project is evolving. If you have input you would like to see included into this project please contact Ms Shash Broxson through e-mail.

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Broxson became aware of solar ovens while living in Arizona. "I was blessed to have found myself in an area that was open to and promoted the concept of living in harmony with the elements. I even met and still have the honor to call 'friend' the woman who developed the first cardboard solar ovens. She wouldn't patent it, said she wanted it to be available to everyone. Now cardboard ovens of various designs are in use all over our beautiful and diverse planet."

Broxson goes on to say, "I lived in AZ for 5 years and was using a solar oven that required a reflector, it's the basic concept of the cardboard ovens. Reflectors are panels that are positioned at specific angles to catch the sun and point it to the area where we want to cook. In a more substantial than cardboard oven, there is usually a clear topped dark sided box which contains the pot for cooking. The angle of the reflectors is important and the oven has to be moved as the sun moves, so the oven will continue to catch the sun's rays and cook the food."

Solar Oven Society (SOS), a not-for-profit corporation, located in MN, is the manufacturer of the solar cookers being made available for Saving The Planet. The SOS Sport, the model being used in Saving The Planet, is originally based on a composite of other cooker designs. The basic design and materials were presented to retired 3M Corp engineers who worked on it for over two years and came up with the current SOS Sport. Broxson believes the SOS Sport is the best designed, insulated, mass produced ovens to date, they do not need reflectors, and are also one of the least expensive manufactured solar cookers. SOS's original intention was to provide these ovens to developing countries, which is still their goal, while also making them available in North America. These cookers do not have to be moved as the sun moves. It can be placed facing south in the morning and in the evening – provided there is sun through several hours of the day – the food is cooked. The oven comes with two pots, a thermometer, a water pasteurization indicator (WAPI), as well as instruction and recipe booklets.

Broxson revealed that SOS will be making the ovens available for Saving The Planet at the lowest prices they can, and will be helping us find the least expensive ways to get them delivered to us.

Cost of an oven for Saving The Planet is \$99.00 (retail price is \$135). Shipping is \$40 for two ovens. Broxson's request is: Please join us in Saving The Planet. The project is just beginning and will be completed by June 1, 2009. Scheduled delivery date of the SOS Sport solar ovens, is May 27, 2009.

Broxson explains, "miracles don't have to take a long time, someone's interpretation of Saving The Planet is happening everywhere. What would your version look like?"

For specific information about the solar ovens that will be provided for Saving The Planet, please see [www.solarovens.org](http://www.solarovens.org). Should you choose to purchase an oven for yourself, directly through that website, please, where asked how you learned about the oven, put "Shash Broxson" or "Saving The Planet".

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