

Your annual update on all things Purple

New products
for Christmas



Watch Jane's
inspiring talk
'A story of
courageous love'

Exciting new
programmes in the
Philippines, details
inside

New range of
products made
from recycled ties
and belts for 2018

Message from Jane



"We strongly believe in helping the community change their own destinies and futures."

I remember my first reaction of sheer shock when I visited a squatter area in Manila and saw hundreds of children living and working in other people's rubbish. This was the moment when I knew I had a choice to make, to walk away or to help the children, a choice that humbled, enriched and completely changed my life.

With your incredible support and belief in the work of PCF, we have been able to help thousands of families with our holistic programmes. In 2010 we moved our base of operations away from being in the heart of the community to our new school building allowing us to focus on education, and in 2015, we were very happy to hand over the management of the school to the Philippine board of trustees and CEO.

I have recently returned from a visit to the Philippines where I was devastated to see how much the area where our

base of operations used to be has deteriorated. It has become even more overcrowded since the dump site was closed. Distraught families gathered together and asked me if we could work with them to help them leave the slum.

I am so excited to tell you that we have returned to our roots! We have developed new community programmes which have a high level of community involvement. We are working with the community for the community. Please see pages 3, 4 and 5.

None of this work would, or will be possible without your incredible support and generosity; words cannot express how grateful we all are for your continued support and belief in PCF. Together we really can continue to change lives!

Jane x

We are working back in the heart of the community from the old school building where we first began our work in 2003!

New Community Livelihood Programmes

Parents can learn and perfect new skills through a variety of programmes and PCF supports their children in school. We provide mothers with a sustainable income by training them how to make beautiful upcycled products; during their training they receive weekly food parcels for their families. When the artisans are qualified they will have the opportunity to start their own business or to continue earning a good income making our products.

"Our beneficiaries earn a sustainable reliable income to support their families."



Jocelyn started as a livelihood trainee and has lived in the community since she was 2 years old, she now runs our new livelihood programme.

"Thank you for all the caring PCF and their donors gives to us all, it's our dream to be out of the slum area. For the first time in my life I am earning a good salary and want to help my neighbours earn more income as well so we can rent our own homes and not live in shanties."

FATHERS BACK TO WORK PROGRAMME

Providing livelihood opportunities for women has made some husbands feel inferior or inadequate because they cannot contribute as much income for their families as their wives. So many men in the slum areas have not benefited from an education, finding themselves trapped in unreliable casual labour. We have two new programmes for fathers.

Fathers can prepare recyclables in our new livelihood programme, or access free training with our Back to Work Programme in the construction industry. Fathers are grouped together to support one another during their training and the programme will fund training fees, meals and support to secure Government documents to enable them to start work.

See the centre pages to view the talented artisans NEW products. The more products we can sell the more women and families we can help. Can you sell our products? Please see page 8.

We urgently need donations our new community work in the Philippines. To donate please visit our website w: p-c-f.org or call us on t: 01489 790 219 or send a cheque made payable to PCF.



Community Feeding Programme



Families often have to survive with just one or two small meals a day consisting mainly of rice and gravy. The elderly, disabled, toddlers, children not in school, pregnant and nursing mothers are the most vulnerable in the community.

We have partnered with Kalayaan Community Ministries (KCM) run by Ron and Joanna Domingo and want to renovate and equip the kitchen and expand the community feeding programme. Parent volunteers will help run the feeding programme providing hot nutritious meals from the kitchen.

"Families have low resistance to illness due to the lack of nutritious food"

With your help we can get the kitchen renovated and provide much needed food for those most in need in the community to donate please visit our website w: p-c-f.org or call us on t: **01489 790 219** or send a cheque made payable to **PCF**.

Community Health Programme

There is a desperate need for a community walk in clinic, families cannot afford basic health care. They often in desperation ask their neighbours if they have any medicine they can use even if it is for a different illness. Together with KCM we are renovating and equipping a room in the old school to use as a community walk in clinic.

We are training 50 mothers as Community Health Workers (CHW) in primary health and preventative care with KCM'S nurse. Many of the illnesses could easily be cured if caught early enough and treated by family members if only they knew what action they should take. When the mothers are fully trained they will be issued with first aid kits. We will work closely with the CHW's and assist any families who need further help.

Special thanks to Sutton Coldfield Soroptimists who have funded the renovation, equipping and CHW training. With your help we can start a medical fund for treatment, hospital tests and emergencies, to donate please visit our website w: p-c-f.org or call us on t: **01489 790 219** or send a cheque made payable to **PCF**.



Training session with CHW ladies.



This year there has been an increased number of students who have dropped out of school for a variety of reasons. Some children don't have strong parental support and often find it too difficult to stay in school and need a more hands on approach.

We have designed a new mentoring programme for school drop outs. Students will be in groups of 15 and will receive regular one to one mentoring from their community education volunteers who will provide support and advice and everything they need to stay in school.

We need sponsors for our new mentoring programme to help provide school uniforms, books, shoes and transportation for the groups, the new community feeding programme will provide them with a daily packed lunch.

Sponsorship is £20 a month and you will receive two reports a year on the progress of your group with photographs and messages from the children, their education grades and an overview update from the community volunteers.

Together we can ensure that all children have the opportunity to complete their education and get one step closer to achieving their dreams. To sponsor our new mentoring programme, please call us on t: 01489 790 219 or send a cheque made payable to PCF.

Community Mentoring Programme



"Can you please help us get the children back into School?"

Jane Walker

Christmas Food Parcels

Last year your generous donations provided Christmas food parcels for over 800 children and their families. Thank you so much for your donations. The Christmas food parcels are often the only food the children and their families will have over the holiday period.

This year we want to raise even more money so that food parcels can be given to the PCF school children and also for the children who have dropped out of school and will be joining our Community Mentoring Programme.

Please donate as generously as you can. Donations can be done online via our website w:p-c-f.org or by calling us in the office t: 01489 79 219 or send a cheque made payable to PCF.

28th November is the deadline to ensure the food parcels can be delivered in time for Christmas.



"I look forward to the Christmas food parcel every year, it's such a big help to my family"

Wonderful New Products!

We have some exciting new products that our amazing artisans have made in the Philippines. 100% of the profit from the products sales goes back into our programmes.



RING PULL CHRISTMAS STAR
Any 3 Xmas Decs for £5



RING PULL CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS
Any 3 Xmas Decs for £5



RING PULL CHRISTMAS WREATH
Any 3 Xmas Decs for £5



CHAKRA NECKLACE & BRACELET SET
£12



AVA NECKLACE
£10



EMILY NECKLACE
£10

Wonderful New Products!

To order your Purple Products please visit our online shop w: p-c-f.org/shop or call us in the office t: 01489 790 219



PRECIOUS NECKLACE £10

available in blue, red, black, green, purple or brown



PRECIOUS BRACELET £5

available in blue, red, black, green, purple or brown



PERRY BAG £20

available in green, silver, black, pink or purple



MAXI PERRY BAG £30

available in silver, black, green, blue or pink



JAZZ BAG £20

available in grey purple or black



JAYNE BAG £30

available in silver, blue or black

Sell our Products and Help Children and Families!

Can you sell our artisans beautiful hand crafted products? You can make an amazing difference! 100% of the profit from your sales will go directly back to our beneficiaries. The more products we can sell the more children and families we can help.

We desperately need funds for our new community programmes and selling the artisans products is a fun way of raising money to keep fathers and mothers in work and educate children who need a second chance. Our products can be sold anywhere, at a Christmas event, coffee morning, workplace, Church or anywhere you think the products will sell.



"I love talking to people and selling these wonderful products is a fantastic way to help women and children in the Philippines."

Amanda PPS Seller



Selling our products is so easy, fill out the application which can be downloaded from our website w: p-c-f.org/resources-library or call us t: **01489 790219**. We will then send you your Purple Shop Box containing beautiful individually priced products, leaflets about our work, table cloth, display stands, and money belt, which is everything you need to have a successful sale. When you have had your sale, just return the box and the money raised to us and we will send you a thank you gift voucher to redeem at our online shop.



"I am a PCF artisan, thank you everyone who sells our products, I can now provide for my children's needs, you have changed our lives"

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The Perfect Gift This Christmas a PCF Gift That Matters

Stuck for gift ideas? Why not purchase one our Gifts that Matter and together we can help others this Christmas.

When you send a loved one a Gift that Matters, they'll receive an email with your personalised message. Along with your message they will receive a beautiful page showing exactly what your gift is and how it helps our community. There's a photo and a testimony from someone who's been helped by the gift you're sending.

Please visit our website p-c-f.org/shop/cat/gifts-that-matter we have 9 Gifts that Matter, below are some examples.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The majority of our students clothing and shoes are handed down from their siblings, new clothes and shoes that fit correctly are luxury items that few families can afford. When the children receive their new uniforms the smiles on their faces is a delight to see. **£10.00**



DAD'S BACK TO WORK

So many men in the slum areas have not benefited from an education, finding themselves trapped in unreliable casual labour. There is little help for fathers who want to learn a trade and provide for their own families. We run a programme whereby men can access free training under our Back to Work Programme. Your donation will go towards the cost of providing training for a dad! **£50.00**



SEWING MATERIALS FOR REFUGEES

We run a friendly programme for refugees and asylum seekers in Hampshire. The project helps increase the women's self esteem and confidence through the acquisition of new skills and well being programmes. It is vital for the continued successes of this project that sewing accessories, tools and equipment can be purchased. **£25.00**



100% of your donation is used for the gift you have selected.

UK and Tanzania Programmes

The main focus of the work of the PCF is providing opportunities for the families living in urban slums in the Philippines and we also run small programmes in the UK and Tanzania.

UK

Many people mistakenly believe that asylum seekers want to come to the UK. The reality is most would prefer to be in their homes, in their own country with the people they love, pursuing their dreams and the futures that they had planned for.

PCF is bridging a gap for the asylum seekers and refugees in Hampshire by providing a forum where women can meet together, be treated with dignity and respect and take part in practical activities such as sewing and handicrafts to help them learn new skills and give them a sense of achievement and self worth.



" We come from many different countries and we look forward to our weekly group meeting. We have become friends and love learning new sewing skills. We are all keen to contribute to UK society and one of the many things we are learning is how to make ground sheets for the homeless from plastic bags, it is so cold in the UK!"



PCF pays a small monthly gift to Miriam in Tanzania who trains the women and girls. Miriam said:

Some of Tanzania artisans

" Thank you so much for your help, it is wonderful to see the women and girls begin to smile. They are very talented and learn quickly. We are all looking forward to trainers from PCF's Philippine livelihood project visiting and training us."

TANZANIA

Jane and our wonderful textiles trainer Diane were asked to visit the Rotary Club District Guildford's sewing projects in Tanzania to help their groups of women earn a sustainable income.

Jane and Diane were able to design new products for a group of albino women to help them sell to the tourist trade and also develop new sewing skills for a group of vulnerable young girls so that they can sell school uniforms to their local school.

In 2018 we are planning to send our Filipino livelihood trainers to Tanzania to teach the artisans how to make ring pull products. Our Filipino trainers will also visit the local dumpsite to teach the waste pickers how to make our beautiful ring pull products.

To support our UK & Tanzania programmes please visit our website w:p-c-f.org or call us t: 01489 790 219

“Together with your support and belief in PCF, we can continue to change lives, thank you from the bottom of my heart” – Jane Walker



Jane's Tedx Speech

We are so excited to share Jane's inspiring Tedx speech about PCF with you. Watch 'A Story of Courageous Love' by PCF Founder Jane Walker on our website w: p-c-f.org

Purple Centers Foundation Inc.

In 2015 we handed over the management of the school we built to the Purple Centers Foundation and we continue to support the education of the students through the child sponsorship programme.



Aid Relief

In August a fire broke out in the community leaving 756 families homeless, all their belongings were lost. Together with YOUR incredible support we have distributed over 2 tonne of used and new clothing, hundreds of hygiene kits, gas stoves, school supplies and 230 school uniforms and shoes so children can go back to school.

Thank you so much for your generous support; this was a lifeline to the incredible families in the community. PCF Livelihood artisans, PCF staff and members of the community volunteered hours of their time to distribute the aid relief to those most in need.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your support and interest in PCF, every donation makes a difference, no matter how small. Your donation can be used for a programme of your choice or wherever it is needed most. We will be very happy to provide you with a report with photographs and testimonies from our beneficiaries to show you just how much your donation has helped.



"Together we can do great things" - Mother Teresa

There are many ways you can help PCF, placing a Purple collection pot in your local area, buying and or selling our beautiful handmade Purple Products, volunteering your time, collecting recycled items for the Purple Upcycling scheme, doing a fundraising event the list is endless and we are always open to new ideas so if you want to get involved please get in touch.

Leave PCF a Gift in your Will

Making a Will is the best way to ensure that your future wishes are addressed and carried out. By remembering PCF in your Will, you can be sure your legacy will be used to give hope to the future of poor, orphan, vulnerable and under privileged children in the Philippines.

There are two possible ways of leaving a legacy to PCF in you Will. A Pecuniary Gift - this is a specified amount of money. A Residuary Gift - this is a share of an estate once any pecuniary gifts, expenses or debts have been paid.

If you would like to add a PCF legacy to an existing Will you will need to fill in a Codicil document outlining the amendments. These can be obtained from a solicitor and once filled in, will need to be signed by two independent witnesses. Thank you.