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PURPLE NEWS

Your annual update on all things Purple

Message from Jane



As the world continues to adapt to the pandemic, it is more important than ever that we stay connected to our communities and supporters.

Like all charities and businesses, we are challenged in ways that we could not have planned for. Our normal methods of fundraising through events have all been cancelled and we have had to redesign the services we provide for our families in the Philippines to meet the “new normal”. This has made us more passionate and committed about what we do. We remain dedicated to our vision of helping families have a better life, and cannot thank you enough because your generosity has made it possible for us to deliver services to families most in need.

At the start of the Philippine lockdown we knew food insecurity and how children could continue their education would be a major concern for parents, especially when President Duterte announced that schools will remain closed until a vaccine became available.

We were quick off the ground to launch an emergency food appeal which hundreds of you supported. What we had not expected was the length of time that families would need our continued support in order to remain fed. Over 50% of Filipino adults and rising are now unemployed as businesses are unable to maintain the

salaries of their workforce. The reduced levels of waste materials and closure of restaurants that so many of our families had previously relied on as a source of income and food, spiralled them into deeper levels of poverty that even they had not experienced before.

Young people up to the age of 21 and 60 years and above are required to stay indoors, posing a new dilemma for how families will remain safe in their broken down shanties especially as the rainy season has started and temperatures have risen to unbearable levels. Thousands of people are unable to access health care as the majority of health clinics are closed as doctors and nurses are required to work in the hospitals. In April a fire broke out in the Tondo community leaving 4,115 people without a home and we find ourselves faced with multiple disasters all occurring at the same time.

Our incredible staff on the ground quickly mobilised themselves and have been given frontline status by the local government and bravely face each challenge head on putting the needs of others above their own.

We are extremely proud of the trust that you have placed in us to navigate our way through this pandemic to ensure our legacy of serving others continues. This newsletter highlights how each programme has been redesigned to meet the needs of the communities we serve and how you can help us in the future. We appreciate that many of you are giving to us at a time when your own needs have changed, and words cannot express how grateful we are.

Jane x

Honours students and the importance of our Education Programme

The 2019/2020 school year has been one of our best years to date in terms of our children's academic achievements.

67 out of 515 students received high honours and honours and special awards for exemplary academic and behavioural awards. Everyone of our students passed their exams.



On the 28th May the government announced that schools will remain closed until a vaccine becomes available and a four pronged approach would be adopted to ensure that children can continue their schooling. For primary age students, radio and TV broadcasts, printed material and some online learning would be adopted and for junior and senior high school and university students the preferred method of learning would be online.

The announcement of online learning caused hundreds of our parents and children to contact us asking for assistance to buy a smartphone or tablet and mobile data.

We launched our Phones for Futures campaign asking for donations of up to £100 allowing us to buy a new device for our students, as well asking for donations of used smartphones, tablets and laptops that we are sending to the Philippines.

The continued need for funds is to buy mobile data for our students and ensure that we can continue to provide a weekly food parcel is paramount. If you can help, a small regular donation will help us enormously to ensure the continued education needs are met during the 2020/2021 school year.

Our bank details are:
CAF Bank: Sort Code **40-52-40**
Account details: **0002 6864** if you would like to set up a monthly standing order.

New Purple 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.



BAUBLES exciting new Christmas decoration
2 for £5 available in silver, gold, red and green



Can you order a petite shop box from us which has a selection of our favourite products, including our amazing Christmas decoration range to sell at home to your family and friends.

Please contact Hannah on 01489 790219 to order.



LANYARDS
by popular demand long life lanyard
£5



NEW Gold Wine Bottle Cover
£10 also available in silver



AVAILABLE SECOND WEEK
IN OCTOBER

New Purple 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



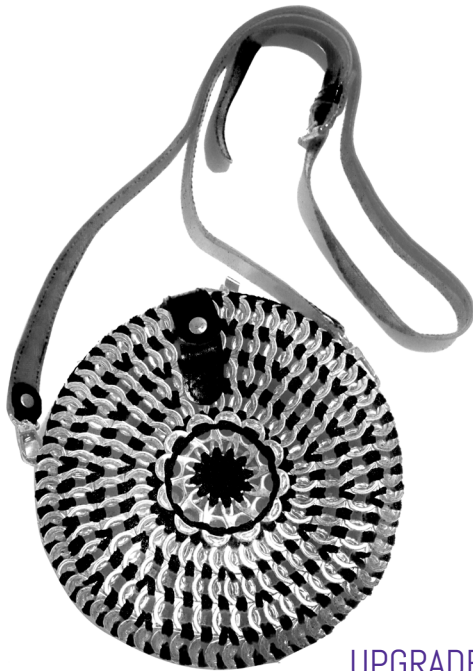
NEW MARY JANE BAG £65
available in gold & silver and silver



By purchasing purple products you are helping children like Fritz continue his education.

Fritz said: "Covid has changed everything! My mother cried when we discovered I could only learn online, I have no phone or tablet. My dreams of a job were over but PCF has given me a phone and data so that I can continue to learn.

Thank you!"



UPGRADED JAYNE BAG
with upcycled leather strap
and buckle made by mothers
and shoe makers
£30



RICE SACK SHOPPER
Infinity Foods and our
sewers have designed a
strong shopping bag
£8



Feed A Family This Christmas



Christmas has never been a particularly happy time for families, more a reminder that they are poor and without our long standing programme of 13 years of giving our Christmas food packs, many families will go without even the basics.

This year there will be thousands more families in this situation and we really want to share some Christmas cheer with them.

We need your help. In our Christmas food packs we include the basics like rice, canned goods, condensed milk, fruit cocktail, spaghetti sauce, cheese, mayonnaise, cookies and some fruit for the children.

Any size donation will go towards making up a pack of Christmas food. To provide a family of 6 food for 5 days will cost £50.00.

Donations can be made via Paypal on our website p-c-f.org/donate by phone 01489 790 219 or by post to our PO Box.

Closing date for donations is **Tuesday 1st December** to ensure the food parcels can be delivered in time for Christmas.





Livelihood our shoemakers have designed a new wellington boot, you can buy a pair of wellington boots for £15 for an adult and £10 for a child and this will keep our shoe makers in work.



Business Loans 74 ring pull makers have received business loans from PCF to set up in their own business.



Community Development with public transportation reduced to half, parents can borrow money to buy a bike to get to work.



Education 515 children are supported in school or university.



New Health Clinic our expanded space is able to serve approximately 200 more patients a week.



Community Nutrition special feeding programme for the most malnourished children, seniors, pregnant and nursing mothers.



Stay Fit Zumba, keep fit and ballroom dancing classes run by past student and sports coach Jomar.



Community Development 106 families trained, seeds, pots and fertilizers to grow their own food.



Welfare high unemployment and food for an average of 9,300 people a week.

THANK YOU

We need your support more than ever right now, one of the easiest ways you can help is by following our social media channels, it's also the best way to keep right up to date with what's happening.

If you could follow our feeds, **LIKE** and **SHARE** our posts that would be absolutely amazing. It's one of our aims for 2020 and beyond to raise the awareness of PCF and shine a spotlight on the work we do. By growing our followers and engagement it will give us greater exposure and enable us to reach a far wider audience. Something we just cannot possibly do without your help.

Twitter - [@PCF_UK](#)

Facebook - [@pcf.uk](#)

Instagram - [@purplecommunityfund](#)

Please support us if you can and let's share as much Purple Love as far and wide as possible, sharing the stories about the inspirational community we serve.

Sarah Baker (right) now looks after our social media and always goes above and beyond for PCF - thank you so much Sarah.

You can make regular monthly donations which help us to plan for the future or one off donations. No amount is too small, every penny helps.

There are a variety of ways to donate:

- Set up a direct monthly donation or one-off donation from your Bank to

CAF Bank – sort code – **405240** – account number – **00026864**

- Pay via Paypal on our website by visiting www.p-c-f.org/donate
- By cheque made payable to **PCF** and posted to: **PCF, PO Box 294, Hedge End, Southampton. S030 2YD**

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