

PURPLE NEWS

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**PURPLE
COMMUNITY
FUND**



Welcome to our Annual Newsletter

I would like to start this newsletter by saying thank you for all your support, kindness, and generosity. I can't deny, 2023 has been the toughest year in our history, for several months our income did not match our monthly expenditure and those were nail biting months for us! After 21 years of working with some of the most resilient people I know, the community's resilience rubbed off on us and we have not given up hope that we will continue to get through these challenging months. We could not have done this without you! We sent out several heartfelt appeals and so many responded positively, and those who could not donate, sent myself and our team so many encouraging messages, we can't thank you enough!

Despite the need to make some cutbacks to our services, we started our new bakery making our popular banana bread and freshly baked breads for our feeding programmes and giving employment to 11 mothers to sell our baked goods in the community. This is generating £35.00 income a week for them, which is enough for them to buy food for their family for a week.



Thanks to several Rotary Clubs in D1110 and a UK grant we taught ourselves how to grow our own chicken feed by building Azolla ponds so the chicken farm could become sustainable. This is now generating £720 sales of eggs as well as providing 600 eggs a week for our kitchen and bakery.



EDUCATION

Dante
BSc Criminology



Angelica
Batchelor Teaching



Jeffrey
BSc Industrial
Engineering



Jamilyn
BSc Social Work



Regina
BSc Nursing



As ever the students never disappoint us and out of 369 students 79 received high honours, honours, deans lister and cum laude. They try so hard to be the best students they can be and this year 40 young people, most of whom joined PCF when they were 5 years old, graduate from university with degrees in Business Studies making it possible for them to secure employment in Finance, Teaching, Nursing, Human Resources, plus one Pharmacist, two Marine Biologists, and one Fashion Designer.

This year a record 145 students have enrolled into university; we are incredibly proud of them, their own determination to succeed and reach their goals despite all the challenges they face is an inspiration to us to do all that we can to make sure they have the resources they need to graduate.

You can watch our students Rodilyn, Jamilyn, Edmar & Regina telling their stories in their own words on our Youtube channel (Purple Community Fund)

A donation of:

 Cost of Annual School Books	£14.35
 Cost of School Supplies	£20.00
 Cost of School Uniform	£28.00
 Cost of School Shoes	£19.00
 Transport Bus/ Fare for a year	£163.00
 Meal Allowance for a year	£150.00

Please help us keep our promise to these young people.

You can donate through our website p-c-f.org or by making a direct payment to our bank account or alternatively call Hannah on 01489 790 219 who can take a credit card payment for you or you can pay by monthly standing order from £3 a month upwards.

EXCITING NEW PRODUCTS

Our new range of beautiful handmade products is now available, and every sale helps keep mothers employed and their children in education. By purchasing our products, you are helping to change a life.

****100% of the profit from the products sales goes back into our programmes.****



Tree Toppers
Angel, Snowman or
Father Christmas
hand crocheted with
love
£15



NEW Extra Large (52 cm)
Christmas Wreath available
in Gold or Silver £25



Rainbow
Laura Bag
£80

Door Star
(33 x 31 cm)
available in red,
green gold or silver
£15



Silver / Black
Perry Bag
£25

**** postage £4.95 ****

IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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



Small Christmas Decorations
hand crocheted with love
£4 each 2 for £7



Novie Handbag
vintage stylish handbag for any occasion
£25-NOW £20

STOCKING FILLERS



Ring Pull
Wine Bottle Cover
£8 NOW £5



Belt
Bag
£15



Body Bag
£15



Unisex Adjustable
made from Inner Tube of
Truck Tyres

** postage £4.95 **



Rice Sack
Shopper
£8 NOW £5
(Designs will vary)

CHRISTMAS FOOD

PACKS



"We have been very happy for all the things we receive. For the scholarship support, to the food packs, and Noche Buena pack every Christmas season. It brought joy to our family, and this made our family feel the love of all the sponsors and donors.

Again thank you very much and mabuhay!"

Can you provide £20.00 or more for a family to enjoy Christmas Lunch this year?

For 18 years we have provided a total of **18,000** Christmas packs of food that we give to families so that they have can something special to eat on Christmas Day with some treats for the children.

As families recover from the huge debts they took out during the pandemic, your support of this project will be an enormous help for them, giving them something to look forward to at Christmas time.

You can donate through our website p-c-f.org or by making a direct payment to our bank account or call Hannah on **01489 790 219** who can take a credit card payment for you.



HEALTH CLINIC

Our Health Clinic serves approximately **12,000 – 13,500** patients a year. Most families are struggling to meet their basic needs, making health care too expensive, our clinic serves the poorest of the poor from the community. The clinic has seen girls with infections because they cannot afford to regularly change their sanitary pads.



Due to the support from the Sutton Coldfield Soroptimists and donations in kind from local supporters we have provided a monthly supply of sanitary pads to 144 of our students who cannot afford sanitary wear.

Plans are now underway to make reusable sanitary pads for the wider community.

A local donation was made to provide 27 toilets for families in the community. Many families do not have space in their shanties for a toilet so the addition of the toilets will also mean that the families will share their toilet facility with their neighbours.



THANK YOU



Thank you so much for all your support over the years - you have enabled us to make remarkable achievements in 21 years. Help us continue to provide poverty reduction programmes for all our school children ensuring that they go on to university and can pursue the careers of their choice.

Planning for our future years is a continuous challenge especially since the pandemic, but a small monthly donation will ensure that we can continue to help the children and their families.

There are a variety of ways you can do this:

- Set up a monthly standing order via online banking to Purple Community Fund
CAF BANK – Sort Code – **405240** – Account Number – **0002 6864**
- Set up a recurring payment by visiting p-c-f.org/donate
- Download the standing order form from the resources section of our website.
- By cheque made payable to **PCF** and posted to PCF, PO BOX 294, Hedge End, Southampton, S030 2YD
- Call Hannah t: **01489 790219**

OTHER WAYS

TO HELP

- Ask Jane to speak at your club, church or event.
- Arrange a fundraiser, coffee morning, sports challenge, bake off, whatever inspires you!
- Spread the word about our work
- Purchase our products from our online shop p-c-f.org/shop or order by t: Hannah **01489 790219**
- Sell our stunning new range of products at your local events or to friends and family.
- Collect ring pulls and send them to: PCF, 104 Waverley Road, Leamington Spa CV31 2DE
- Follow, Like & Share our Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram pages.
- Share our website with people you know.

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