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Message from Jane

The first eight months of 2026 have brought significant change for both **PCF** and **Upskills+ Foundation Inc (UFI)**, but also important progress.

With community needs continuing to grow, I am now permanently based in the Philippines, working alongside the UFI team and the families we support. Poverty has deepened following the pandemic, repeated fires, loss of livelihoods and rising debt. Our team has identified **523 child workers aged 5–16**, with more children still to be reached.

For all of the children, working is not a choice. They are helping their families survive, contributing towards food and household costs, or earning the money they need simply to travel to school.

But there is real hope. We know from more than two decades of work that children can move from child labour into education and employment. Of the **523 child workers identified so far, 266 are either already in school or are being supported to enrol for 2027**. We have secured transport assistance for these children, but we still need to raise funds for the **uniforms and daily food they will need to stay in school.**

Alongside this, we have secured funding to provide **one meal a day for 200 child workers** as part of our wider response to hunger and poverty. We are now seeking support to extend this feeding programme to a further **100 children.**

Our fire-damaged centre has also been fully restored, with plans underway for a new playroom and tutorial classroom.

With me now based in the Philippines, **we need your help to keep PCF visible and growing in the UK**. Our UK team is just one full-time and one part-time member of staff, so our supporters can make an enormous difference.

If you belong to a **Rotary Club, Church, School, Association, Company or Community Group**, could you open a door for us? You could organise a fundraiser, invite PCF to speak, sell our mothers' handmade products, or introduce us to others who may want to help. We can provide videos, presentations, fundraising ideas and products to make getting involved easy.

Sometimes one introduction, one event or one conversation can help change a child's future.

Despite the challenges, there is so much to be hopeful about. Every scholarship secured and every child kept in education takes us another step towards breaking the cycle of poverty.

Thank you, as always, for standing beside us and making this work possible.

Jane Walker, MBE
CEO & Founder

HELP THEM SWAP WORK FOR SCHOOL

We have secured **transport scholarships for 266 child workers for 2027**. But transport alone will not get them back into the classroom. We need to raise **£12,000 by May 2027 for school uniforms**, and **£38,000 to provide a meal before school or a packed lunch.**

ARMANDO, 12

Armando cuts old rubber tyres alongside his father, who has polio, earning around ₱100 to help his family. He has stopped attending school but still dreams of returning and becoming a police officer. He says he wants to help because he sees how much pain his father is in while working.

CHRISTOPHER, 14

Christopher walks the streets collecting recyclables, sometimes earning ₱300–₱400 a day. His money helps pay for food and household bills. He left school in Grade 2 because he feared no one could support his needs. The September fire made life even harder.

JUSTINE, 16

Justine scavenges for recyclables at night, earning ₱300–₱400 a day to support himself. His mother died giving birth to him, his father left before he was born, and the uncle who raised him died in 2025. He stopped studying but still hopes to return to school.

HELP CHANGE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

£45 provides **one child with a school uniform.**

72p a day - or £145 for a school year provides **a child with a meal before school or a packed lunch**, helping them learn without hunger.

Could you or your **Company, Church, Club** help us raise funds?

We can provide photos, videos, presentations, fundraising ideas and products to help.

ONE SMALL FUNDRAISER CAN CHANGE A CHILD'S FUTURE.

EXCITING NEW PURPLE PRODUCTS

Our new range of products are available, and every sale helps vulnerable mothers earn an income and provide for their own needs.

Ring Pull Glasses Chain
£10.00

We are excited to present by popular request our Upcycled Ring Pull Glasses Chain.

Measuring 25“

New Ideal for keeping loose items in one place.

Measuring 3.5“ wide, 1.5“ length

Mini Ring Pull Organiser
£ 8.00

Remote Control Holder
£ 10.00

New Product so we can always find our remotes.

Measuring:
2.5“ wide, 4“ length, 2“ depth

Ideal for keeping all your pens together in one place.

Measuring 4.25“ wide, 1.5“ length

Larger Ring Pull Organiser
£ 10.00

New design the Daisy Handbag

Measuring:
10“ wide, 7“ length, 2.5“ depth

Daisy Bag
£40.00

An old favourite revived bought back by popular demand.

Measuring:
9“ wide, 5“ length,
2“ depth

Signature Bag
£40.00

The perfect day or evening bag.

Large Flower Bag
£ 100.00

Another old favourite revived last year and was 2025 best selling Handbag.

Measuring:
13“ wide,
13“ length,
2” depth

Mini Flower Bag
£ 60.00

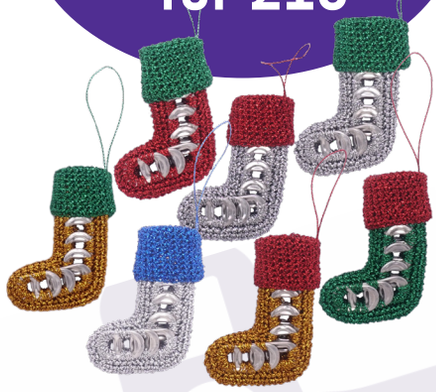
New design the Mini version of the Flower Bag

Measuring:
11“ wide, 9“ length,
2” depth

Happy Worm Keychain
£ 5.00

Unique hand crocheted key chain in 5 colours, Purple, Red, Blue, Green or Black 6” length

Christmas Booties
£4 each or 3 for £10



Christmas Tree
£4 each or 3 for £10

Christmas Star
£4 each or 3 for £10

Christmas Wreath
£4 each or 3 for £10

PRICES MAY VARY ON THE WEBSITE

What does Christmas look like when there isn't enough food?

For almost 25 years, PCF has provided Christmas food packs to families living in extreme poverty in the Philippines.

For many of us, Christmas revolves around food, sitting around a table, sharing a meal and most likely eating far too much.

For many of the families, Christmas Day can be very different.

Mary Grace Mejido and Roel Vargas

On Christmas Day, Mary Grace and Roel go out scavenging for recyclables, trying to earn enough to feed their children. When there is nothing to eat, the family sleeps to escape the hunger.

The children feel hurt and disappointed. Their parents promise to make it up to them when money comes, but the struggle leaves them in tears.as a family.

Your donation could help them spend Christmas together over a meal, instead of searching for their next one.

Rizalina Gatus

When there is no food left, Rizalina gently tells her children to go to sleep. She promises a meal when she has money.

She watches them compare their empty table with other families' celebrations. "My children's sadness breaks my heart." Even a simple Christmas meal depends on the kindness of neighbours or relatives sharing what little they have with her and her children.

Your donation would help Rizalina provide food for her children, with the relief of knowing they enjoy a very different Christmas.

Rachelle and Jonil

Getting a Christmas Food Pack would mean the world to Rachelle and Jonil because it will help their children enjoy a better holiday celebration. They want donors in the UK to know that the Christmas season brings both happiness and sadness to ordinary Filipino families and their children. Their work is recycling waste, they often do not earn enough money to buy food and frequently go hungry but despite lives pressure they have a strong mindset. **Please help us give Rachelle and Jonil a Christmas Food Pack, it will ease their worries and bring real happiness to their children this Christmas season.**

Please donate to our Christmas Food Packs campaign. Help a family face Christmas with food on the table and one less reason to cry.

A PCF Christmas Food Pack provides a family with enough food to prepare and share a proper meal together - something that many simply could not afford otherwise.

£10 provides one family Christmas Food Pack
£50 provides Christmas food for 5 families
£100 provides Christmas food for 10 families

For almost two decades, supporters like you have made this programme possible. **But every year it is becoming harder to raise enough to reach all the families who need us.**

Could your family, workplace, church, Rotary Club or community group **fundraise for Christmas dinners this year?**

A coffee morning, Christmas jumper day, collection, raffle or small event could put food on several families' tables.

This *Christmas*, give a family something beautifully simple: enough food to sit down and celebrate together.

thank you

If you are reading this newsletter there is a good chance that you have supported PCF for many years and have helped us provide poverty reduction programmes for over 2 million individuals in that time! If you are a new reader to our newsletter – we thank you for your support and interest in our life- changing work and thank you for joining with us to make lasting changes for some of the poorest but also kindest, most resilient and capable children and families in the world!

We can only make these changes with your help and there are many ways that you can do that:

Set up a recurring payment through PayPal by visiting

Download our standing order form

Set up a monthly standing order via online banking to
Purple Community Fund
CAF BANK
Sort Code 40 52 40
Account Number 0002 6864

By cheque made payable to PCF and posted to PCF, PO BOX 294, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 2YD

Other ways to help

1. Sell our stunning new range of products at your local events or to friends and family
2. Purchase our products from our online shop p-c-f.org/shop or order by T 01489790219
3. Arrange a fundraiser, coffee morning, sports challenge, bake off, whatever inspires you!
4. like and share our facebook @pcf.uk twitter @pcf_uk & instagram @purplecommunityfund

donate

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