



CALL FOR HELP – TCF GLOBAL COMMUNITY SEWING PROJECT! TCF Ormoc, Philippines

The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA), Designedge Fashion Incubator and Business and Professional Womens Clubs of Belmont are calling for donations to assist with the TCF Ormoc, Philippines community sewing project.

The innovative project aims to provide new opportunities to 29 community sewing centres and 250 women and men living in regional Philippines to expand their existing small micro sewing business to generate their own income and to further assist establishing additional community village sewing centres to commence operations.

The project seeks to assist creativity and talent to foster a sense of entrepreneurship in the community. TCFWA are searching for donations of any **sewing related materials or equipment...**

- **Sewing machines and overlockers, machine needles, spare parts**
- **Sewing tools, scissors & equipment of any kind**
- **Finishing equipment, irons, ironing boards**
- **Haberdashery, trims, ribbons, zips, buttons, sewing threads**
- **Dressmaking stands, sewing patterns, embroidery kits**
- **Sewing books, craft magazines and sewing kits**
- **Textiles and fabrics, rolls of fabric or textile remnants**
- **Sewing items suited to babies, childrens, teenagers, men, womens and home interiors**

TCFWA are also calling on financial donations of any amount towards the 40ft sea freight container to ship all the donated items to Ormoc, please contact TCFWA if you can assist in anyway. In the past donations have been assisted by Rotary Club of Matilda Bay, Otto Energy, Ms Mee Mee Hanssen, BPW Belmont and BPWWA members and a variety of public donors.

TCFWA/TCF Global Manager Carol Hanlon volunteers each year to visit Ormoc to give business workshops and assist with the annual Ormoc Fashion Festival now in its 3rd year. Each year talented volunteers and designers also join Carol to share their skills and talents, such as Pia Gladys Perey with design and patternmaking lessons, Adam Barralet with modelling training to name a few of those willing to give up some time to assist others towards economic empowerment.

Belmont BPW will be soon be accepting a global award for the Ormoc Sewing project at the upcoming BPW International Congress being held in Helsinki, June 17-21. The Ormoc

sewing project was voted 3rd place in the world in the Power to Make a Difference Award – Excellent Project, which highlights ongoing international recognition. Earlier this year Belmont BPW President Carol Hanlon was invited to make two presentations at the United Nations Commission Status Women (UN CSW55) NGO Forums in New York on the successes of the TCF Ormoc village sewing projects and the benefits to the local area in micro enterprise development.

A recent addition to the TCF Ormoc project is a new partner Eastern Visayas State University (ESVU) who has agreed for its engineering students to take on the role of sewing machine repairs as a class project and provide machine maintenance training. A future goal is to build a BPW Training Centre at ESVU to further assist with micro enterprise training and development of a fashion incubator training centre. Metro Ormoc Community Credit Cooperative (OCCCI) joined the sewing project in 2009 and assisted to establish a further 9 sewing centres through their network. TCF Ormoc Project Co-ordinator Jean Justimbaste Pagtinabangay Foundation Inc is a driving force on the ground at Ormoc and it seems the project is just expanding each year through the volunteer efforts of many.

TCFWA, Belmont BEC are Belmont based non-profit community organisations that established the TCF Global Community Sewing Project. Business & Professional Womens Clubs Belmont and WA (BPW) aim to assist development projects supporting women

Donations will be accepted only until 15th July; Please contact TCFWA on 9479 3777 to notify of donations and/or register your interest to volunteer to assist the TCF Ormoc sewing centres www.tcformoc.com with design training and/or product development workshops etc

DROP OFF ITEMS TO TCFWA / BELMONT BEC, 7 Fairbrother Street, Belmont (off Abernethy Rd)

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm For further information on donating goods contact: Kaitlyn Willigen, Natalia Bikbulatova or Miss Poppy

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TCF Ormoc Project Background

TCFWA www.tcfwa.com

TCF Global www.tcfglobal.com

TCF Ormoc Project can be viewed at www.tcfformoc.com

Belmont BPW www.bpw.com.au/belmont

Belmont BEC www.belmontbec.com

In 2007 through generous support from across Western Australia a 40ft container of donated sewing equipment was sent to Ormoc, Philippines resulting in the establishment of 21 community sewing centres providing the opportunity for 130 women and men to start their own community sewing business. WA Supporters included TCFWA, Belmont BEC, Matilda Bay Rotary Club, BPW Clubs WA, Express Link, volunteers and all who donated their sewing items.

In 2008 TCFWA volunteered to visit the sewing centres at Ormoc, Philippines and coordinated with volunteers Adam Barralet from Metro Modelling Academy and designer Hideaki the training of 160 teenagers in Ormoc and assisted TCF Ormoc to stage its first ever major fashion show displaying the fashion garments made from the TCF Ormoc sewing centres.

TCF Ormoc international support includes TCF Ormoc Project Co-ordinator Jean Justimbaste Pagtinabangay Foundation Inc, Jun Yrastorza, ECLIPSE, LEYAN, CSWDO, International Ammodo Foundation, Otto Energy, Nor Asian Energy, Rotary Clubs from Ormoc and Malaysian designer Hideaki.

2009 TCF Ormoc new project partner includes Metro Ormoc Community Cooperative (OCCCI) who are generously assisting with sea freight, warehousing and training programs for the sewing machinists involved in TCF Ormoc sewing centres. This support provided the necessary support to increase the sewing centres to 29.

2011 TCF Ormoc 3rd container collection is now commencing until July 15th