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Our Founder with Gloria Ann Evans, a PFC supporter, at a Rotary meeting

### From Our Founder Connie Cheren

Do you ever wonder if your donation makes a difference? Not just a temporary difference, but a transformational difference. A difference for a child or a family, a difference for a community, or a nation.

In this issue of our newsletter, you will read stories that show how your donation to Partners for Care has, and is, making a transformational difference. You will see how PFC has moved from rescue and relief to development and how we are now moving to sustainability.

Thank you for taking this journey with us.

Connie

### A Message from Sammy Wanjau

Executive Director - PFC Kenya



Sammy with a graduate from the Nairobi Computer School

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I, along with my staff, am incredibly grateful for your help with our journey toward sustainability. We want to do our part to raise and earn funds through our sustainability programs that can transform the lives of our country's most vulnerable for many years to come.

Watching the success of our AirBnB and event hosting has been exciting. Now, we have our INUA Branding Hub and our own INUA bags. INUA in Swahili means "lift up." Our philosophy is just that—to give a hand up, not a handout.

Opening our in-country mobility shop has been exciting! Watching Kenyans build mobility carts and knowing we can help Mobility Worldwide meet the mobility needs in our country is a dream come true.

Sammy

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## Partners for Care Becomes a Mobility Worldwide Affiliate

*It always seems impossible  
until it's done*

Nelson Mandela

**On June 29th, 2024, what seemed impossible became possible!**

With help from MoFarm Fresh Fruits Exporters - Elijah Njoroge Kamau, Jesus Compassion Ministries - Bishop Ben Kamau, Mobility Worldwide, Mobility Worldwide Missouri - Columbia, Mobility Worldwide East Alabama and West Georgia, David and Janet Bruce, the Strata Tech Education Group, Gloria Ann Evans, and many of you . . .

**The fulfillment of a dream has come true! Partners for Care became a Mobility Worldwide affiliate and is making carts in Kenya!**

The shop had been opened, the sign raised, Moses installed as the new Shop Director, and production started. It was time to cut the ribbon to open the Kenyan Mobility Worldwide shop. People gathered to pray, celebrate, and dedicate the shop while supporters watched on Zoom. A cake was shared, and the first recipient received a cart.

**Soon, hundreds more will be lifted up off the ground into a new life!**

You can enjoy the opening celebration by scanning the QR code:



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Connie, Bishop Ben Kamau, Samwel Wanjau and MoFarm at the ribbon cutting

**"We pray this believing and trusting Father, that this place shall become a well of hope, a well of comfort to our people who have mobility problems. Father enable their hands. And because the Bible says that this is the true religion, bless them for us."**

- Bishop Ben Kamau, Jesus Compassion Ministries



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## Sustainability Programs are Growing Strong

### INUA Branding Hub



On June 21, 2024, accompanied by friends and supporters, PFC celebrated the grand opening of our INUA Branding Hub. Serving clients near and far, our thriving business is known for its excellence.

**Join the opening celebration and tour the hub here!**

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### INUA Bags "Lift Up"

Mobility Worldwide Missouri - Columbia receives high end fabric from Dawn Sweatt, of Kimball International. The fabric is then packed on the containers with the mobility carts and shipped to Kenya. We use the fabric to design and sew our INUA Product line.



Our products include travel bags, luggage, handbags, and even seat covers for computer schools in Nairobi, Kilifi, and Marsabit. We have introduced INUA bags to stores in Kenya, the US, and South Africa and launched an e-commerce platform, [www.inuadesigns.org](http://www.inuadesigns.org), where customers can purchase our products online.

### AirBnB



In an effort to utilize our resources efficiently and generate revenue to support our initiatives, PFC launched it's Airbnb in 2021.

From a humble beginning, PFC AirBnB has grown from a one-room listing to a six-bedroom home. In just two years, the AirBnB is covering the operational cost and the salary of two full-time staff, and profits have more than doubled. As we look ahead, we are excited to expand by building a traditional manyatta in northern Kenya, where we operate The Center of Hope - a rescue center. This aims to support staff salaries, create employment for the local community, and offer a unique and memorable experience for travelers!

### Event Hosting

In 2022, PFC began hosting events to diversify revenue streams and create jobs. The space was enhanced to host weddings, parties, dinners and corporate launches. In 2023 we saw exponential growth along with a doubling of our income. Our reputation as a trusted partner for event planning and as a premier events destination grew. From intimate gatherings of six to grand celebrations of 100, the PFC House became synonymous with memorable experiences.



## Sewing Schools

## Honoring Barbara West

### *Families are fed by needle and thread Update*



"Being part of the PFC sewing program has been life-changing for me.

It's not just about the skills I've gained, but the chance to earn a living with dignity."

- Lydia Katumo

"Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of learning to sew. Soon after hearing of the PFC sewing school, I registered for class, determined to see my dreams come true. Five months later, I graduated, and not only that, wore a beautiful graduation gown I had sewn myself that day.

Now, I work at the PFC sewing school, doing what I love while earning a good living. I am even able to help pay for my sister's education so she too, can one day see her dreams come true!"

**"Sewing has given me purpose. It's more than just fabric and thread; it's about weaving a better future for myself, my family, and my community. Thank you for the opportunity!"**



Barbara West's Sewing machine

**Barbara West, wife of Mel West, started the Mobility Worldwide sewing program. After her death, Mel sent us her sewing machine.**

Having received sewing machines from our partner, Mobility Worldwide MO-Columbia from Jim Weisbrook and Jim Sandfry, the quest to build sewing schools began.

In 2017, Cara Cannon, a Partners for Care Board Member, graciously funded the first sewing school, SFC—Sisters for Christ. Little did she know then the impact she would have and just how many lives her kindness would change.

**Today, we have partnered to open thirty-seven sewing schools and three workshops across Kenya**, from a refugee camp in the desert to numerous villages along the tropical coast and in many other locations. Each school offers someone the opportunity to learn a meaningful life-long skill that not only lifts them out of poverty and gives them a hand up but also helps restore their dignity, purpose, and hope. Over 4,200 have graduated and there are 1,200 currently enrolled in schools.



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## Computer Schools

*Opening doors of opportunity through computer education*

All across Kenya, you will find people joyfully celebrating a successful graduation - and the satisfaction of having accomplished something significant and life-changing.

If you visit the towns and villages where our computer schools are located, you will surely bump into graduates who are happy to tell you about their new employment - jobs that give them purpose and hope, as well as help them achieve their dreams, and care for themselves and their families.

With your support, Partners for Care has opened thirty computer schools across the nation, graduating over 14,864 with 2,114 currently enrolled.

The stories are endless . . . of people with no prior resources or hope who are now succeeding, dreaming again, and helping others in their families and communities to do the same.

**Your contributions really do change lives in lasting ways!**



*Nairobi Computer School graduation, August 2024*



**"As a young man, I dreamed of becoming a professional designer, but my parents could not afford my education fees. Thanks to Partners for Care, who has nurtured my passion, my dream is becoming reality!"**

**- Brian Kalama**

## Mel's Vision



### My Mission

**"To vitally involve persons living in resource rich areas of the developing world in a partnership with persons living in the resource poor areas of the world in such a way that the lives of both are enhanced, and the world is made more peaceful and sustainable."**

Mel West

To read the full story, scan here:



*I believe there is a country where everyone will be made mobile and I believe that country is Kenya.*

Mel West

Mel West envisioned making an entire country mobile through the gift of mobility. Mel believed that country should be Kenya. PFC rose to the challenge and, to celebrate his 100th birthday, began fulfilling this mission.

A former colleague of Mary Wang'ang'a, PFC's Mobility Carts Program Director, inquired about how Trans-Nzoia County in western Kenya could benefit from the mobility carts. Through a series of discussions with county officials and supporters and a partnership with The Honorable Lilian Chebet Siyoi and her "Wheels of Hope" program, PFC selected Trans-Nzoia County as the first county to fulfill Mel's Vision. Many partners, both in the US and Kenya, combined efforts to provide the gift of mobility for 6,118 men, women, and children.

We were able to tell Mel on the day of his 100th birthday, we had secured the 6,118 pieces of adaptive equipment, and everyone in Trans-Nzoia County would be mobile! Mel emailed Connie saying, "That news is the best birthday gift I've received. HOW WONDERFUL!!! How simple it is to help the poor. Just ask them what they need and get it to them. WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER, AMAZING THINGS CAN BE DONE. I start my second 100 years tonight at midnight. Let's do another county." Mel

Thanks to our partners' and donors' unwavering and generous support, we have secured the mobility aids for every individual in Trans-Nzoia County living with a disability. This initiative is not only transforming lives but also fostering social inclusion and economic growth, transforming an entire community in Kenya. To read the full story, scan the QR code.

We have begun the next county!



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## Mel's Vision

*What difference do we make?*

Here are a few examples . . .

Emmanuel Wafula became disabled at 17 years old after a fall left him a double amputee. He relied on his mother for mobility.

Through Mel's vision and support from so many of you, Emmanuel received a mobility cart, a cooler, and startup funds. He began selling water and later expanded to beadwork and groceries. He now runs three successful businesses and is able to contribute to his family's needs.

**"With my earnings, I contribute to paying rent and school fees for my three siblings, easing the burden on my family and ensuring we all have a brighter future."**

- Emmanuel



Mama Nancy Nasike previously relied on a stool for mobility, shuffling it along to move from place to place.

Through Mel's vision and support from so many of you, Mama Nancy received a walking aid, something that may seem like such a small thing to us - but that made all the difference in her life. It allows her to walk and through it, she has regained her independence. Her smile says it all!

**"I am able to go to the market, women's group meetings, and church freely. My confidence has been boosted and I can pass this positive joy to my grandchildren."**

- Mama Nancy

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

Hellen Keller



## WaterSafe Backpacks

*Water for the World - Start with Kids*



*Safe water is life*

Many children in Kenya do not have access to safe drinking water or drinking faucets. Partners for Care wants to ensure all school children can easily access safe water.

**We plan to place a WaterSafe backpack in each classroom in Kenya, giving school children safe drinking water.**



*A little girl gets water from a WaterSafe backpack in her classroom*

Each WaterSafe backpack helps 30 children have safe drinking water. A pack can be purchased and delivered to a classroom for just \$10.00. \$200 gives a whole school access to safe water. Together we can meet the goal of giving every school child in Kenya access to safe water.

**To help PFC meet this goal, scan here:**



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## Bed Nets

*Creating a world free from malaria*

Little things are big things when you live unprotected in a region where mosquitoes are rampant and carry malaria. This prevalent but preventable disease can easily cause illness, disability, or death.

Mothers, babies, and the elderly are most vulnerable. Many lack access to health care if they do become ill.

Partners for Care believes no child should have to die from a preventable disease, and we, with your help, have set out to ensure that.

In collaboration with our partners and sewing schools, we have sewn and distributed 68,889 bed nets to children under five, the elderly and those physically challenged, including our mobility cart recipients.

To ensure the nets are properly used to prevent malaria, PFC staff train on the use of the net and follow up with each net distributed. Together we can help create a world free from malaria.



## Disaster Relief



*Titus Kiema and Karisa Menza in Kilifi during the flood*

Thanks to your support, Partners for Care staff rose to the occasion during a national crisis, successfully reaching and aiding many lives affected by Kenya's recent flood disaster.

Initially, we ensured the well-being of our staff and their families by providing essentials like boots, raincoats, and secure housing. We then extended compassionate assistance to individuals beyond the reach of international and government relief agencies, including mobility cart recipients. We distributed 1,000 WaterSafe backpacks, purifying tablets, and 3,000 bed nets to prevent malaria and waterborne diseases, which were on the rise.

In collaboration with Rotary, Lions, churches, and other NGOs, we also initiated a project to plant thousands of trees, creating sustainable ecosystems for future generations.

**"We are once again called to unite during this critical period, supporting each other until this season passes and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come."**

*- Kenyan President William Ruto*



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## Clinic



*Dr. Teresia Njuguna teaching at a primary school*

Our PFC Health Clinic serves three informal settlements.

Since its opening, the clinic has treated 95,911 patients and made 2,172 home visits. Recently, the Kenya Health Department approved the clinic to immunize children; they have immunized 570 children.

The clinic not only focuses on treatment but also does diabetic and hypertension screenings. To date, 25,841 people have been screened.

While treatment and screenings are essential, PFC believes in community health teachings to prevent diseases like water-borne illnesses, malaria, HIV/AIDS, etc. Our clinic Medical Officer, Dr. Teresia Njuguna, routinely gives seminars on prevention. She is also asked to teach health in primary schools.

**Dr. Teresia loves having the opportunity to teach the community and young children how to live healthy lives.**

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## Transformed Lives

## INUA Coffee



Jedidah, faith, Connie and Rebecca

The three beautiful women you see here with Connie, our founder, were only five years old when she first met them. Then, their little lives were held in the balance between life and death, health and illness, being an orphan without a home, and a life filled with bright hope, a family, and a future.

With God, anything is possible - and these precious lives are a testimony of that. Each of them could tell you their own story, one that would bring tears to your eyes. First, by what their circumstances once were and then by the way God transformed their lives.

Jedidah, Faith, and Rebecca are healthy, happy, thriving college students who know what it's like to be lost and found. To be held and restored to God's promises for their lives. Thank you!

**This is the difference you have made.**

*Religion that is pure and faultless before God is to visit orphans and widows in their distress*

James 1:27

## Boarding Pass COFFEE



Christine Santos, Owner with Connie



Connie with some patrons at the art show

On June 8th, Boarding Pass Coffee launched its signature INUA Coffee in partnership with Partners for Care! Curated in the highlands of Kenya, this dark roast noted with dried berries, malts, spices, and molasses is sure to lift your spirits as you "lift up" others with every purchase.

PFC held an art show at 1 of their 4 locations on that day to share the beautiful, handcrafted INUA Art, and celebrate the launch of the INUA coffee.

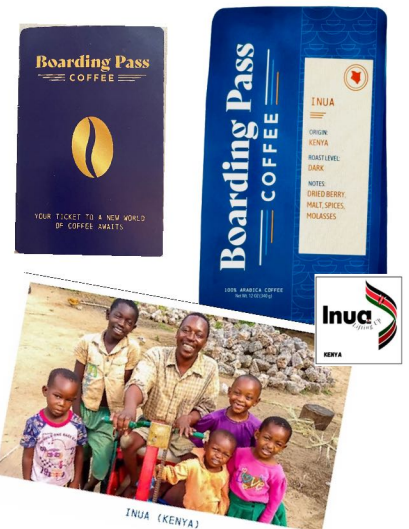
Boarding Pass Coffee generously donates proceeds from each purchase to the work of PFC.

**You will LOVE this coffee!**

**Buy yours here!**



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## Shop INUA ART Online

"Lift Up" your fellow man, woman and child



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Shop Beautiful products handcrafted by Kenyan artists, from the comfort of your home! Just scan the QR code.

*Mark Your Calendar!*

**5th Annual VIRTUAL ELEPHANT COMING SOON!**

**Registration Opens  
September 1, 2024**

*October 20, 2024*