

MEDIA RELEASE

5th Shipment of donated sewing equipment leaving for Ormoc, Philippines as part of TCF GLOBAL VILLAGE SEWING PROJECT on 6th February 2014

The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA), TCF Global and Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. have successfully collected a container load of sewing equipment, fabric and fashion garment & accessory donations for the TCF Global Village Sewing Project in Ormoc, the Philippines.

This 5th container of items collected from the community was inspired by the tragic typhoon that hit the Philippines in 2013. Typhoon Yolanda saw thousands lose their lives, and hundreds of thousands displaced in the region and loss of livelihoods.

The TCF Global Village Sewing Project which started in 2007 provides opportunities to 29 village sewing centres with 250 women and men that live in Leyte Province, regional Philippines to expand their small sewing-related business to generate income and assist additional village sewing centres to start.

Goods that were donated included items such as:

- Sewing machines and overlockers, machine needles, machine 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, children's, teenagers, men, women's and home interiors

Carol Hanlon, TCFWA/TCF Global Manager said, "Thanks to all those that contributed to the raffle at the 2013 Belmont Small Business Awards. We raised more than \$3,500 from the raffle and Belmont BPW kindly donated the additional \$500 required to pay for the shipping freight on the container. Thanks also go to Sadleir's Transport who assisted with a loan container for storing the donations until ready for shipment and also assisted with documentation. Also, a very special thankyou to the Lenny & Iskandar Judodihardjo from the Zip Group and Gabriella Frattini Fashion Boutiques for donating hundreds of cartons of new fashion garments and shoes for the Typhoon Yolanda survivors".

Once the shipment arrives in Cebu, it will be handled through the Metro Ormoc Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative (OCCCI) which will also assist in the rebuilding of the TCF Ormoc Sewing Centres.

In order to progress discussions to establish a TCF Ormoc Fashion Incubator, Carol Hanlon from TCF Global will travel to Ormoc in May 2014 to hold meetings with the executive of OCCCI and various Government officials to progress the TCF Ormoc Sewing Centre rebuilding, training and micro enterprise development.

For past information on the project please view www.tcformoc.com

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ABOUT TCF ORMOC

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 Ammado 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 was despatched in December 2011 and arrived in Ormoc under the supervision of ESVU and the establishment of the TCF Centre of Entrepreneurship.

2013 4th Container was filled, and successfully despatched to Ormoc in August 2013 under the supervision of ESVU.

The 5th Container was started to help the Philippines after Typhoon Yolanda and despatched February 6th to Cebu and will then transit to Ormoc under the care of OCCCI.