

# UNITING DYNAMIC WOMEN'

### A Giving Circle

With an unwavering focus on lifting women & families out of poverty, the 'Uniting Dynamic Women' (UDW) giving circle unites women in Australia in supporting vocational & business skills training & mentoring for women in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, quarry villages in India and beyond.

#### A Pathway from Poverty

Education & training create the foundation for a pathway out of poverty. In Kenya, Bright Futures partner, Dorcas Creation has provided life transforming vocational & business skills training and mentoring for more than 1,500 women. In India Bright Futures partner, Bangalore City Mission, operates seven vocational training centres in villages and supports education for 1,000 children. Many women have their spirits lifted as they have discovered abilities they never knew they had. They are strong, dynamic women and many have gone on to create small businesses to sustain themselves and their families.



#### United Across Oceans

The 'UDW' giving circle creates a bond across oceans between those helping and those being helped. A simple bracelet (pic), made from a single Kenyan bead from a necklace made by women in the program symbolises this link.

For just **\$25 a month (\$300/year)** you can join the UDW giving circle and in doing so provide training and support for up to four women each year.

#### ON THE MOVE

It's been a long time coming, but for our partner group Dorcas Creation, a decade of reliance on bus travel for their work in the slums of Nairobi is over.



Thanks to a number of Bright Futures donors and a supporter in Nairobi, they now have a great little car to assist in their work of helping liberate women from poverty. (*Pic: A delighted project director, Jane Thuo & 'Dorcas the Car'*)

### **CREATING HOPE – LIFTING THE BURDEN**

Café Jas in Horsham was jumping and \$3,500 was raised, as Sharron Keating gathered 50 dynamic women for a fundraiser to help empower young women through education & training programs run by Bright Futures partner group in India. Part proceeds will also enable completion of a water project that will save many women from carrying heavy water pots over long distances.



#### A PLACE TO CALL HOME

The next big project for Bright Futures 'Uniting Dynamic Women' project is to purchase land on which to establish a secure base and grow the program.



With many women engaged and a need for childcare space, the current rental premises are inadequate. Suitable land to build a base will cost \$60,000 and to date \$20,000 has been committed.



Deb Hosking, Ambassador, 'Uniting Dynamic Women'

"Momentum is building! Since the launch of the 'Uniting Dynamic Women' (UDW) giving circle, support has been growing and this will enable many more women living in poverty to gain vocational & business skills training and support. Over 200 women are currently engaged in vocational training through our partners in India and Kenya. Hundreds more are involved in savings and self-help groups. These dynamic women

are taking control of their lives and gaining skills that, with our help, will help them break free of grinding poverty."

Pic: Marurui housing

## YES, I would like to join the 'Uniting Dynamic Women' giving circle and help women break free of poverty.

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