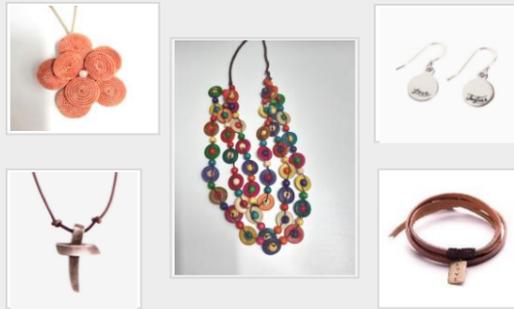




*Bright Futures operates in a "whole of community" development context aimed at alleviating poverty and improving quality of life in a sustainable way. When you sponsor a child or support a project through Bright Futures you help build the capacity of an entire community.*



## Big-Hearted Christmas Gifts for Big-Hearted People!



The Bright Futures office and shop in DaCosta Arcade may be a very small shop but it is filled with big hearted gifts. Some gifts are handmade by women in Bright Futures self-help groups in India and Africa, while others are from terrific groups doing good works in other places.

Our gifts all have one thing in common. In buying one for a friend or loved one, you will also be honouring and empowering women as you also help provide a means for them to provide for their families. In that sense these really are gifts that give twice.



*Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia is an Australian based Christian aid and development agency committed to providing a simple, direct and effective means for Australians to contribute to the sustainable alleviation of poverty.*

*Bright Futures works in partnership with established development agencies in developing countries in providing vital education and development programs which address the causes of poverty and offer the prospect of a better life.*

# Newsletter

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## STRONG, COURAGEOUS, CREATIVE & COMMITTED

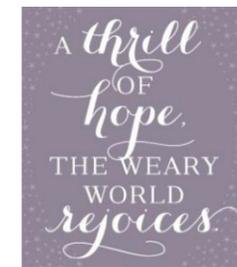
With the four powerful words above the Bright Futures Chair, Sarah Spiker, neatly summed up both the character of our brilliant partner groups and the resilient though needy people they serve, and the reason why we are seeing such progress in each project area. What follows are just a few snippets from this year and a glimpse into the year ahead.

### IN THE PAST YEAR ...

- More than 1,000 women received vocational and business skills training and participate in savings and self-help groups in Kenya and India.
- Around 1,500 children were supported in early childcare & school-based education in India, Kenya, Uganda & Pakistan.
- The new birthing unit at Lukodi Health Centre in Northern Uganda became fully operational offering life-saving care for babies and mothers and new vaccination facilities enabled antiretrovirals to be provided to AIDS sufferers.
- A new bore well drilled in Hosur Bande (quarry village) in India provided clean water for hundreds of households.
- Thousands of people benefitted from health screening and medical services supported by all Bright Futures partners.

### ... AND OUR BIG PLANS FOR 2020

- To establish a new project in Marurui slum in Nairobi to train and support women who have children with disabilities.
- To build a paediatric unit wing at Lukodi Health Centre in Northern Uganda to improve child & maternal health.
- To develop a Womens' Empowerment & Training Centre in Nairobi slums to assist the growing empowerment programs.
- Water filtration in the village on Youngsonabad in Pakistan.
- Creation of a social enterprise hub in India to provide jobs & foster micro-businesses.



Lyrics from 'O Holy Night'.  
 To enjoy a beautiful rendition google 'Silvie Paladino - youtube.com - O Holy Night'



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## My Christmas Gift

- I would like to make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Please indicate: INDIA / PAKISTAN / UGANDA / KENYA / or please use where needed most.*
- I would like to make a **regular monthly** donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in support of:
- Please indicate*  Womens' Empowerment Projects - KENYA / INDIA  
 Schooling for children - INDIA / KENYA / UGANDA / PAKISTAN  
 Medical Care - UGANDA / INDIA / PAKISTAN
- I would like to sponsor a child (or \_\_\_ children) at \$42 per month per child.
- Please indicate: Girl / Boy*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donate Online: Go to [www.brightfutures.com.au](http://www.brightfutures.com.au)

**DONATIONS OVER \$2 TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

## Bright Futures 15 Birthday Picnic

**When:** 5.00pm-7.00pm, Sunday, 8 March 2020  
**Where:** Tusmore Park (*enter from Stirling Street*) & keep a lookout for the crowd  
**What to bring:** BYO food & drink and enjoy a picnic in Tusmore Park with others who also share your passion to help people in poverty through Bright Futures.

## Time Flies!

Yes, time surely flies and as we approach Bright Futures 15<sup>th</sup> birthday we reflect with gratitude on all that has been achieved as we have worked with our partners in India, Pakistan, Uganda and Kenya in helping lift men, women and children out of poverty.



Bright Futures Chair  
Sarah Spiker

Equally though, we excitedly look forward to how we can uniquely contribute to making the world a place in which dignity, security and opportunity can be found for all people.

Over the past year we have been excited to see the growing support for our work with the development of the Uniting Dynamic Women initiative and a major gift from a family charitable trust to help cover much of our administration costs so that more of every donation can be applied to projects. We have been blessed with donations both great and small and we know that with this comes responsibility.

In India the Bangalore City Mission team has worked tirelessly in providing educational opportunities for more than 1,000 children each day and development programs in communities. Their hopes of gaining approval for a Pre-University College were not realised but that journey continues. They are masters in perseverance!

In Uganda we celebrated the completion of the Maternity & Birthing Unit and upgrading at Lukodi Health Centre. Support for the education South Sudanese refugee children also increased.

In Pakistan our partners continued to face difficult security issues as they cared for many children detached from their families and provided schooling for hundreds. We admire their great courage.

In Kenya our partner's work empowering women and educating children in Mararui & Mathare slums continues to grow. A recent grant from the Australian High Commission will enable a project to be established to help empower mothers of children with disabilities.

On the home front many new friends and supporters have joined the Bright Futures 'team' through the Uniting Dynamic Women initiative designed to connect supporters to a shared vision of empowering women. We know that when a woman is empowered, educated and making an income their whole family benefits.

We were delighted to recently have Jane Thuo, leader of Dorcas Creation, Bright Futures partner group in Kenya, visit with us in Australia and share the story of how our partnership is leading to the transformation in the lives of women and their families. Our ongoing fundraising events such as the Paradise Walk also continued to be vital in raising support for our ongoing partners and projects.

Our wonderful volunteers, without whom we could not function, continue to make a tremendous contribution to the work of Bright Futures. Whatever part you play - donor, supporter, volunteer, encourager or prayer - we want to say a huge thank you as it is only through our shared efforts that the impossible becomes possible.

*Barah*

## MEGHLA'S STORY

Earlier this year Meghla was one of the many women undertaking training at the vocational training centre in Hosur Bande. The centre is one of seven vocational training centres supported by Bright Futures and operated by partner group, Bangalore City Mission (BCM). Meghla shares her experience. "I'm studying my second year of a BA in a government college while living in a family with four siblings.

I want to help my Mum as she does not get enough support because my father works in

**"I want to set an example to others that a girl from a quarry background can become someone who is skilled and can have a successful career."**

Meghla

quarry. My Mum provides for my education, transportation and clothing. I wanted to help my family. I learned from friends that through BCM I could attend their training centre at no cost. I became a student and met many new friends. Slowly I started stitching and now I am able to stitch my sister's and mother's clothes. I'm now being helpful to my family. I want to become a designer and I am learning bit by bit. Thank you to the sponsors who support the program from the bottom of my heart"



## The Ultimate Christmas Gift for Cricket Tragic!

These amazing pieces of cricket memorabilia have been generously donated to raise funds for the work of Bright Futures. Offers/bids can be made up to 5pm, Tuesday, 17/12/19 with the items available for collection the following day.

For further information and to make your offer please email:

[paul.madden@brightfutures.com.au](mailto:paul.madden@brightfutures.com.au)



Bradman's 'The 1948 Invincibles'. Personally signed by Bradman, Morris, Hassett, Loxton & Brown. Some signatures faded.  
**Minimum bid: \$1,000**



Pro Hart "Adelaide Oval – A Century of Cricket" print – personally signed by Don Bradman and Pro Hart.  
**Minimum bid: \$850**



Pro Hart "SA Cricket" print – personally signed by Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell and Pro Hart.  
**Minimum bid: \$600**

## Healthy Mums and Safely Delivered Babies in Lukodi



The building of a Maternity and Birthing Unit on the Lukodi Health Centre campus in the past year has much improved maternal care and safe birthing. Thanks to the kindness of donors a solar direct vaccination fridge has been installed enabling children and adults to receive much needed and life-saving vaccinations in this area where many have in the past died from readily preventable disease. An added benefit has been the ability to provide antiretrovirals for HIV/AIDS patients.

## GIFT POSTCARDS



Bright Futures gift postcards are a great way to honour someone you care about while helping someone in need.

- Vaccinations: \$5
- School books: \$20
- Sewing Machines: \$120

For more details call Deb at Bright Futures office on 7225 7175.

## WEST WOOD – PLACE OF JOY & LEARNING



Supported by Bright Futures & partner group Dorcas Creation, and led by their inspirational Principal, Margaret, the West Wood School is a place of joy and learning in the heart of the Mathare Slum in Nairobi. The school provides a great educational start for 120 children and creates a pathway for their future.

## Uniting Dynamic Women



What a year it has been since the launch of the 'Uniting Dynamic Women' (UDW) initiative as women have come together from across Adelaide and beyond to help empower women in great need.

As you read how Bright Futures and its partners are helping women break free of poverty I hope you will be deeply encouraged.

**UDW is open to all women and girls** and is based around a \$25 per month (\$300 pa) contribution (tax deductible) and this covers the cost of training for up to four women each year. Some women have chosen to also support other important Bright Futures development and education projects.

A number of UDW events are planned for 2020 and I hope you will be able to join with us for these. Please contact the Bright Futures office – email: [office@brightfutures.com.au](mailto:office@brightfutures.com.au) to make sure you receive an invitation.

Deb Hosking  
Ambassador  
'Uniting Dynamic Women'  
Project



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