

## NAYANA PAYS IT FORWARD IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY!

It was a great thrill for the Bangalore City Mission (BCM) team when Nayana, a recent graduate of the vocational training program, paid a surprise visit. Nayana arrived with a gift in hand, a sewing machine, as her way of expressing her gratitude for the program that has laid the foundation for her dreams. Nayana, now the proud owner of her own boutique made possible as a result of all she learnt at the program, believes the sewing machine she has gifted will help empower other women like herself. Her achievements stand as testament to both her own tenacity and the transformative impact of the work of our partner BCM in helping people reshape their future – a future beyond poverty.



## MY GIFT

Please see below details of my gift to help lift families and communities out of poverty. (Please indicate)

- Once only gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or
- Regular monthly gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate preferred project area:

- INDIA / KENYA / UGANDA / PAKISTAN / PLEASE USE WHERE MOST NEEDED
- CHILD SPONSORSHIP – I would like to sponsor a child (or \_\_\_\_\_ children) at \$42 per month each. Please indicate:  Girl  Boy

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

VISA  MASTERCARD

No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**EFT:** Bright Futures Australia – Overseas Aid Fund  
Westpac Bank: BSB: 035-002 Account: 392116  
**Cheque:** Pay to Bright Futures Australia – Overseas Aid Fund  
**DONATIONS OVER \$2 TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**Direct Debit:** Please email office@brightfutures.com.au or call the office on (08) 7225 7175 to arrange  
**Online: www.brightfutures.com.au**  
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## WATER FOR LIFE

There is nothing more essential to life than clean water. Sadly, in many of the communities in we work, lack of access to safe drinking water leads to serious illness. Currently we are seeking funding for the following water projects. If you, or a group you are involved in can assist, please contact Jack on 0457 528 800.

### UGANDA – LUKODI AREA

Village bore well  
\$4,800

### PAKISTAN – YOUNGSON ABAD

Water filtration unit & tanks  
\$6,000

### KENYA – KAMAE

Drinking water storage tanks and filtration for empowerment centre.  
\$3,200



Founded in 2005, Bright Futures Child Aid & Development Fund Australia is a Christian aid and development agency committed to the sustainable alleviation of poverty. We work with established development agencies in India, Kenya, Pakistan and Uganda to provide vital education, healthcare and development programs that impact thousands of people every day and offer the prospect of a better life.



Code of Conduct



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**'It's unbelievable that this is happening ... to us it's like a dream.'**

Jane Thuo, Founder, Dorcas Creation Kenya



Colour, music and thankfulness filled the air as women from the informal settlements and local leaders joined with Bright Futures CEO, Jack Snelling and Dorcas Creation founder Jane Thuo (pictured above) for the opening of the new Dorcas Creation Women's Empowerment Centre in Nairobi. For more than a decade Bright Futures and Dorcas Creation have partnered in providing training and support for thousands of women to help lift them out of poverty, all the while operating from substandard rented premises. Now, thanks to the wonderful generosity of donors through Bright Futures, the project has a place to call home with facilities to enable it to do so much more to bring hope and opportunity to struggling households and communities.

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Peace: It's our hope filled Christmas prayer for you, for your family and for our world.



## A WORD FROM JACK

As I stood before the enthusiastic crowd at the opening of the new Dorcas Creation Women's Empowerment Centre in Nairobi last month, I felt both honoured and inspired.



I felt honoured as CEO of Bright Futures to represent all those who have generously given and worked so hard to help make this new centre a reality. And I felt inspired by the vision and commitment of our partners at Dorcas Creation, and especially by their founder and leader Jane Thuo, who stepped out in faith in 2006 to establish an organisation to help lift women living in impoverished conditions in the informal settlements (slums) of Nairobi, Kenya. Here's something of what I shared with those present at the celebration.

*'The connection between Bright Futures and Dorcas Creations goes back to 2011 when Jane Thuo came to Australia at the initiation of her good friend Jyoti. While in Australia Jane met Barbara and Paul Madden, founders of Bright Futures, and shared with them the work she was doing to help uplift women in the informal settlements of Nairobi. The seeds for a partnership between Dorcas Creation and Bright Futures were planted and in 2012 support for the project began. The Women's Empowerment Centre will provide a permanent and secure home for Dorcas Creations. It allows Dorcas Creations to live out our Lord's command to 'Love your neighbour' – to provide healing and hope to the thousands of women and their families who will pass through these gates.'*

As I reflect on the event and the coming together of Bright Futures and Dorcas Creation I am inspired by what can be achieved when in a spirit of love and concern for others we work together as partners and friends. I am so deeply grateful for all who have helped make this new centre possible.

*Jack*

Jack Snelling  
CEO – Bright Futures

## SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEE STUDENTS ON A PATH TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

There can hardly be a tougher start in life than to be a child fleeing their war-torn homeland, but for the 24 South Sudanese refugee students at Gulu Comprehensive College in Northern Uganda, that has been the reality of their young lives.

Over the past six years a committed band of donors have supported the education of this group, and others, through Bright Futures. The students have now completed primary school and are spread across the four levels of secondary school. It has been tough going for the students whose families have little more than the clothes on their back. Yet the students are persevering, knowing that education is the path to a better life for them and their families.



## PAKISTAN: EMERGENCY HELP FOR RIOT VICTIMS

On 16 August in Jaranwala city rioting mobs in Jaranwala city destroyed 25 churches and many homes. People ran for lives. Many were left homeless and without food. Our partner group in Pakistan, Global Gospel Mission Lahore received many desperate calls for help. Project leader, Cecil Barkat reported that Bright Futures support enabled he and his team to provide emergency food supplies for many families as they face this terrible situation.



## YOUNG LEADERS TAKE ON THE FIGHT TO HELP PREVENT MALARIA

Congratulations to the Youth Governor's Leadership Foundation team (pictured above with SA Governor, the Hon Frances Adamson AC) in supporting Bright Futures through a project aimed at raising awareness and funds for Malaria rapid testing kits for use in communities in Northern Uganda. The team did a tremendous job in raising \$2,495 and the presentation at their graduation was superb! Prompt diagnosis in patients suspected to have Malaria has the potential to greatly improve treatment, especially in remote areas. The kits help save lives by enabling early treatment, especially for those at highest risk.

## A NEW LOOK FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

It's a new logo and a new look for Bright Futures. While our former logo has served us brilliantly for the past 19 years it was time to refresh. The Bright Futures Board, assisted by Joy Rodda from Drummer Marketing and design studio Lasso, undertook a process to consider the messages we want our visual images to convey. We hope you like it!



*The dove is a universal symbol of peace, hope and new beginnings, and the presence of God who makes all things new. Bright Futures' work in developing countries provides new beginnings, hope and holistic transformation for children, families and communities.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MOVIE FUNDRAISER – JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM**  
6.30pm, Tuesday, 19 December 2023  
Wallis Cinema Mitcham

Funds raised will provide training supplies for the visit to our partners Dorcas Creation Kenya, by a team from Seeds Uniting in 2024. For details call Deb Mugford on 08 7225 7175 or email office@brightfutures.com.au

**BRIGHT FUTURES PICNIC IN THE PARK 2024**  
5.00–7.00pm, Sunday, 10 March 2024

Tusmore Park, enter via Stirling Avenue, Tusmore  
BYO everything – chair, food, drink, rug and hear about the latest on Bright Futures projects overseas.

**SANDY RUNNING FESTIVAL 2024**  
Saturday, 6 April 2024

It's on again! Last year 290 runners and walkers traversed the Adelaide coastline covering a range of distances – 5km, 10km, 35km & 68km – raising over \$30,000 to support vital health programs for mothers and babies in Northern Uganda and South Sudan through Bright Futures partners. To get involved in this year's event go to [www.sandyrunningfestival.com.au](http://www.sandyrunningfestival.com.au)

