

partners for care

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From Our Founder
Connie Cheren

There is a saying in Africa - it takes a village to raise a child. I can tell you it also takes many partners to reach those in need and to change their lives. PFC works with wonderful partners in the US and with dedicated partners in Kenya.

In this newsletter we share the stories of some of these partners. They represent many partners who help us reach thousands through our partner computer schools, mobility cart distribution, our sustainability programs, water backpack program, and malaria prevention through distribution of bed nets.

With the dedication and commitment of our partners PFC is giving the people of Kenya hope for a better future. We are grateful for each and every partner.

Connie

A Message from Sammy Wanjau

Executive Director
PFC Kenya

Our Spring 2021 newsletter featured some of our incredible US partners and underscored the importance of the work they help us accomplish. In addition to the resources and expertise partnerships bring to PFC, they help us extend the reach of PFC's work so we can change many more lives.



Sammy Signing the Partnership Agreement with Professor Njenga Munene of Zetech & Ms. Wairimu R. Thangate, Nairobi Prison Commander

This newsletter will introduce you to some of our Kenya-based partners. We love working with local organizations, nonprofits, schools and universities to expand the reach of programs like our sewing schools, computer schools, mobility carts, bed nets distribution, and water backpacks.

Working together allows our PFC staff to offer thousands of people all over Kenya, access to education, skills, and life-saving services that help improve their lives and those of their families. Our Kenya partnerships also help establish important relationships with local leadership, which are critical to sustainable life change within the communities we serve.

The PFC staff and I are grateful for all of our partnerships, in the US and in Kenya. It's a privilege to work together with like-minded organizations to change lives and bring hope for a better future to Kenya!

Sammy

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Honorable Martin Maskiko Moshisho Martine



Connie Cheren, PFC President/ Founder met Martin when he was the President of Mount Kenya Student Associations at Mount Kenya University (MKU). PFC was hosting a student team from Ohio State University and a team from MKU was joining us. Our mission was to treat jiggers in Marsabit, Kenya located about 10 hours by bus from Nairobi.

Martin was passionate about the mission and touched by the needs of the people he met. He treated jiggers and delivered water backpacks to schools. He went on to graduate from MKU with a degree in Business Management. After working for the university coordinating clubs and associations, Martin was elected as Deputy Governor in Kajiado County.

Soon after taking office Martin contacted PFC and helped fund the transportation costs for a full container of mobility carts. Martin remembered how people helped him when he was in need as a child and he now wants to help as many people as he can. PFC is proud to call Deputy Governor Moshisho our partner.



Martin Treating Jiggers

Kiambu County Disability Network



Partners for Care works with those who represent persons living with disabilities to help reach the people who need a mobility cart. One of these groups is Kiambu County Disability Network.

We were introduced to the Kiambu County Disability Network by Moses Ndichu, a PFC board member and

treasurer for the network. Registered as a Community Based Organization, the organization captures all sub county networks in the twelve constituencies in Kiambu County reaching over 330 groups that represent persons living with disabilities.

We have distributed over 900 mobility carts through our partnership. Through this partnership with Kiambu County Disability Network we hope Kiambu County will be the first county in Kenya to make mobility possible for all its citizens.



Moses Ndichu



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Joy Divine



Fred Mwaura is Founder of Joy Divine Children's Organization, a non-governmental organization that works in Mathare Slum, the second largest slum in Africa. Fred has dedicated his life to helping the youth in Mathare Slum not by handouts but by education and by helping

the physically challenged with mobility carts and coolers to set up small businesses.

Fred has raised funds to help with the transportation costs of the mobility carts. At Christmas he asked friends and churches to donate to his campaign "Let's Make Them Mobile." Fred has received 696 mobility carts through our partnership. The mobility carts have enabled recipients to go to school, work and even establish small businesses.

Connie Cheren, PFC President/Founder, had the privilege of helping assemble carts with Fred and his team when her son, Chris Eaton, and PFC Finance Director, Danny Kellenberger and his son Daniel, came to Kenya. It was a memorable experience both for Connie, her son, Danny and Daniel. It is a blessing to know Fred and his team of volunteers who have helped so many youth in Mathare Slum. We look forward to a continued partnership with Joy Divine.



Phanicey Foundation Computer School



Phanicey was from a humble background with no formal education but she raised six children on her own and made sure they all received a formal education. Phanicey died from cancer in 2009 at the age of 50. Her son, Bright, wanted to carry on her spirited fight to help others. Bright founded Phanicey Charitable Foundation to reach the community through empowerment programs by providing life skills for sustainable livelihoods.

Our partnership with Phanicey Foundation Computer School started in 2018. PFC donated 10 computers to Phanicey Foundation. To date they have graduated over 300 students. We are happy to help Bright continue the work of his mother. Her vision and warm heart continue to change the lives of Kenyans.



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HEART - Health Education Africa Resource Team



Connie Cheren, PFC President/Founder first met Vickie Winkler on one of her early trips to Kenya. Vickie is a nurse and she served as a missionary in Kenya with her husband. After the death of her husband, Vickie continued to serve the people of Kenya.

Vickie had been working in Kenya since 2000 and was experienced in how to help and not harm the people she served. Through the organization she founded called HEART (Health Education Africa Resource Team) a Christian humanitarian organization, Vickie was dedicated to empowering the people of Kenya to survive and thrive beyond the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Vickie was a good teacher

and mentor for Connie as she was establishing Partners for Care. Connie is grateful for Vickie's help and has been inspired by her work.

Part of Vickie's work through the Malaria Prevention Project is to help women learn to sew mosquito nets. PFC purchases these nets from HEART and distributes them to pregnant women, children 5 and under, the elderly, and those persons living with a disability. PFC has purchased over 4,000 nets from Vickie. One area where we distribute many of the nets through our program is Watamu in Kilifi County. During the rainy season, Kilifi County experiences a rise in malaria. The mosquito net prevents the bite from the mosquito that causes the deadly malaria. The nets have helped reduce the cases of malaria in Kilifi County.

We will continue our partnership with HEART and together fight malaria - one net at a time.



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Mama wa Maji

Honorable Wangui Ngirici wanted to help the people of Kirinyaga County. She knew they struggled with issues of access to safe drinking water. Many of the women carried water from the river in dirty jerry cans. Honorable Wangui decided to run for the position of woman representative for Kirinyaga County.

Honorable Wangui asked Partners for Care to help with her campaign. She purchased 800 water backpacks and branded them promoting her campaign. She donated the packs to women. The packs became “walking billboards” during her campaign. She became known as “Mama wa Maji” - Mother of Water for her passion to equip her community with safe water through the water backpacks.

Honorable Wangui won her election by a landslide. But the biggest winner were all the women who no longer used dirty jerry cans to carry their water.



Oasis Dynamo



Oasis Dynamo is a Community Based Organization established in 2015 to help communities through table banking. Their outreach has grown significantly since their inception.

Joel Alogo, Oasis Dynamo Operations Manager, learned about the work of Partners for Care through a newspaper story about PFC’s distribution of mobility carts in Isiolo

through the office of Governor Honorable Dr. Mohamed Abdi Kuti. Mr. Alogo contacted us to learn about other PFC programs and decided he wanted to help with the distribution of bed nets.

Oasis Dynamo partnered with PFC to distribute the mosquito nets in the informal settlements (slums) of Mathare and Kariobangi. To date they have distributed 2,000 nets to pregnant women, children 5 and under, the elderly, and people living with a disability.

Oasis Dynamo has an efficient and effective monitoring and evaluation for all its programs including the distribution of the mosquito nets. There have been no reported cases of malaria for any of the recipients who have received a net.

We appreciate the good work of Oasis Dynamo and hope to distribute even more nets through our partnership preventing many more people from dying from malaria.



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The Still Bridge Project



SoundHire is one of Partner for Care's sustainability programs. When the music team isn't using their music equipment, they make it available for others to rent. Part of the program includes the music team performing at weddings and revivals. They also record artists in the PFC recording studio located at the PFC House.

Since 2016 The Still Bridge Project has partnered with PFC both as a renter for their outreach events and by connecting other groups to the services of SoundHire.

Future plans include helping to identify young talent who can record in the PFC recording studio. As Kenya moves beyond the pandemic, music will play an important part in restoring joy and healing to the people of Kenya.

PFC SOUND & ENTERTAINMENT

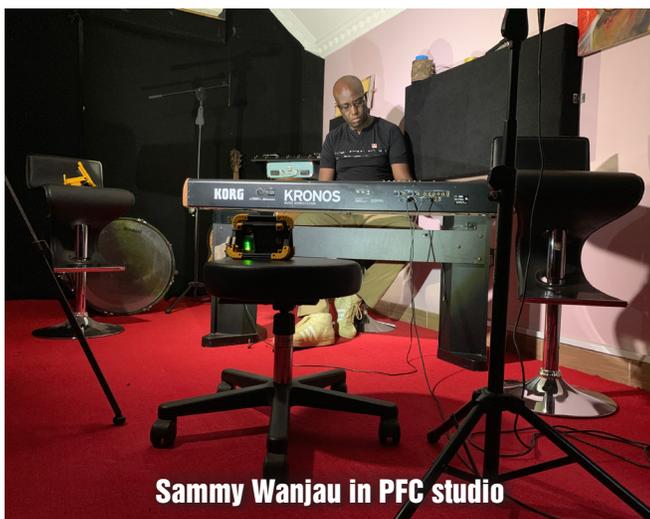
- PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM
- SOUND FOR LIVE BAND
- AUDIO RECORDING STUDIO

What we have includes but not limited to:

- | POWERFUL SPEAKERS: 12 | ACOUSTIC DRUMSET: 1 |
- | KEYBOARDS: 2 | GUITARS: 3 | AMPLIFIERS: 2 |
- | MIXERS: 2 | MICROPHONES: 8 | SNAKE CABLE: 1 |
- | CROSSOVER: 1 | EQUALIZER: 1 | DJ KIT: 1 |
- | POWER GENERATOR: 1 | TRUCK FOR TRANSPORT: 1 |

50-200 PEOPLE:	Kes 10,000
200-300 PEOPLE:	Kes 17,000
300-500 PEOPLE:	Kes 25,000
500-1000 PEOPLE:	Kes 35,000
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Sammy Wanjau in PFC studio



The PFC Music Team - Justus, Jeffa, David & Sammy



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Prison Computer Schools

Partners for Care partners with Zetech University and Kenya Prisons to train inmates on computer skills as a way of rehabilitation to help prepare them to join society when they have completed their sentence.

Through this partnership, five computer schools have been successfully opened. Partners for Care has donated 50 machines to the prisons with each class having 10 computers. The prisons that have benefited so far are:

- *Langata Women's Prison*
- *Kamiti Maximum Prison*
- *Nairobi West Prison*
- *Industrial Area Prison*
- *Jamhuri Prison*

Most inmates in these prisons serve a short sentence of 6 months to 2 years. Since inception more than 400 inmates have graduated from the computer classes.

Among the beneficiary is Moses Maina who secured a job in a local supermarket as a cashier after serving his time of 8 months. He was among the first class to graduate in Jamhuri prison. He expressed his gratitude saying the skills he learned in the computer school helped to change his life.



Lawy Afrik Technology Limited



Lawy Afrik Technology Limited is one of our new sewing program partners. The organization was founded by Amos Onyango and their goal is to help improve the lives of vulnerable persons through locally available solutions.

In March 2021, Lawy Afrik Technology Limited opened their sewing school with 10 PFC sewing machines. These sewing machines are sent to PFC in our mobility cart containers from Mobility Worldwide - MO Columbia. The used sewing machines are donated to Mobility Worldwide and two dedicated volunteers (Jim Sandfry and Jim Weisbrook) repair them and prepare them for shipping. To date we have received 239 sewing machines and have established 21 partner sewing schools like Lawy Afrik Technology Limited.

Lawy Afrik Technology Limited has enrolled 41 students who are learning sewing, fashion design and tailoring. One of the students, Wilson Robin Marwa, has already begun a tailoring business.

Amos hopes to train 240 students this year. That is 240 families that will be helped. Lawy Afrik Technology Limited is a strong partner and we look forward to seeing his program grow.



Tree House Computer School

Connie Cheren, President/Founder of Partners for Care met two young men, Nick Omondi and Charles Alulu, when she first started working in Kenya. These two young men grew up in Mathare Slum and had a passion to help those who lived in this slum. They started an NGO and later PFC helped them build a children's home they named Tree House.

Recently, Tree House became one of our partner computer schools. They have graduated 45 students and currently have 40 students enrolled. They are helping the children who live at Tree House as well as the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood to learn computer skills. These skills, along with their schooling, will help them find a job or start a business.

Connie is proud of Nick and Charles as they continue to serve and help others. They are an inspiration to others as they follow their passion to help change the lives of so many.



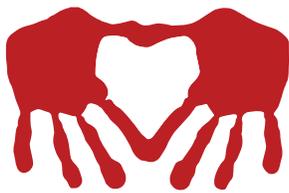
Tumutumu School



Tumutumu School for the Deaf is the only special school located in Nyeri County for students with a hearing impairment. It was established in 1970 by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

The school came to know about PFC through Charles Mathenge our Deputy Director who is from the same county. PFC donated 10 computers to the school in 2016 and since then over 100 students have graduated from the school. After PFC donated the computers, the area member of parliament purchased a printer and a projector for the school.

PFC has also partnered with the school to distribute bed nets and mobility carts. Charles is happy he could help the community where he grew up.



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Adam's Destiny
Better Chance Initiative
Bob Okello Foundation
Cerebral Palsy Space
Choromai Foundation
City of God's Delight International Church
Community Transformers
Covenant Chapel Ministries
Destiny Partners
Digital Opportunity Trust
Evangelism Meru Church
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First Lady Her Excellency Margaret Kenyatta
Garden of Hope Kibera
Gatongora Primary School
Gede School
Going Green
Great Gospel Visioners
Happy Villages
Heart of Service
Honourable Esther Passaris
Honourable Samuel Kinuthia
Honourable Soipan Tuyu
Honourable Fatuma Gedi
Honourable Kago wa Lydia Foundation
Honourable Kariri Njama Foundation.
Honourable Michael Muchira
Honourable Rehema Dida Jaldesa
Honourable Sankara Movement
Honourable Simon Kingara Foundation
Hope for Life
Humanitarian Connect
InooroTV
Isiolo County
Israel Embassy
Joy Town School
Kaitheri Polytechnic
Kajiado County
Kamaki Community Group
Karugwa Girls School

Kenya Police
Kenya Redcross
Kiambu County
Kikuyu Disability Network
Lions Club of Ruiru
Marsabit County
Marurui United Youth Group (Muyog)
Masters Empowerment
Mater Misericordiae Hospital
Mathare Disability Network
Ministry of Education
Miramar College
Mtalii Foundation
Mucii Waurata Polytechnic
Mukurwe High School
Nandi County
Nandi County
Ndumberi Disability Self Help Group
Oasis of Endless Hope
Pacemaker International
Phenomenon
Raymond Kuria Foundation
Redeemed Church Mwhoko
Rotary Club of Limuru
Ruiru Disability Network
Saint Francis Rehabilitation Centre
Saint John Ambulance
Saint Michaels Church
Saint Paul Githunguri Parish Church
Sam Kibui Muturi Foundation
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The Chosen Few Widows
The Future Generation
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