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## COMMUNITY SEWING PROJECT GETS MOVING!

TCF Ormoc is pleased to announce that a second freight of supplies is headed to the Philippines!

This project, which collects sewing donations from across Western Australia to ship to Ormoc, was started in 2007 by The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of WA (TCFWA) and Business and Professional Womens Clubs of Belmont & Western Australia (BPW).

The TCF Ormoc project achieved fantastic results during 2008 that included 21 community sewing centres being established, and 130 men and women starting their own micro sewing businesses. The project now helps locals develop their creativity and produce evening wear, children's wear, uniforms, and home wares. Following on from the success of last year, plans are in place for skills training and taking the project to the next level.

The TCF Ormoc project proudly thanks those who have donated the much loved sewing machines and sewing haberdashery which provides such practical outcomes to the community of Ormoc.

The project has attracted international support from the international Ammado Foundation, Otto Energy, Nor Asian Energy, Rotary Clubs from Ormoc Bay, Ormoc City, Malaysian designer Hideaki, as well as Adam Barralet from Metro Modelling Academy in Perth. In July 2008, Adam volunteered to train some 160 young teenagers in Ormoc in modelling to enable the staging of local fashion shows.

Donated goods for the project can be delivered 9am-5pm - Monday to Friday to TCFWA at the Belmont BEC, 7 Fairbrother St, Belmont.

Deadline for the receipt and packing of goods is July 10th, 2009.

For more history and information on the project please log onto: <u>http://www.tcfoc.blogspot.com</u>

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