

How Can You Help?

- Sell Pal Craftaid products at your church's alternative Christmas market, women's group or other events. Consignment orders are available year round from **distribution@palcraftaid.org** or visit our web page at **www.palcraftaid.org**.
- Invite friends and neighbors to your home for coffee, wine and cheese, or potluck meal and share the ministry.
- Donate to Pal Craftaid ministries through Pal Craftaid.

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Any amount is welcome, but some specific needs are listed below:

ATTA

3 hot meals per week for a month
for an elderly person\$72
Diabetes testing strips..... (\$1 each in Palestine)

Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children

Hearing aid\$400
School lunch program per day for 300\$200
Batteries for hearing aids\$10
School uniforms\$35
School bags.....\$10

Rawdat El-Zuhur School

Contribute to the fine arts curriculum\$100
School lunches.....\$50/month/child for lunch

YWCA

Plant an olive tree\$20
Scholarship for a young woman\$100

To donate to Pal Craftaid, contact a member of the board, visit www.palcraftaid.org or mail your gift to Pal Craftaid, 3520 N. 30th St., Tacoma, WA 98407

Pal Craftaid operates as a 501(c)(3) organization and is related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Gifts are tax deductible.

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When you purchase a piece of olivewood sculpture or needlework, remember that behind each piece is a face, a family and a critical need—a need you can help meet.

For more information about Pal Craftaid, its ministries and the artisan products it sells, please visit www.palcraftaid.org.



*“As you did it
to one of the
least of these...
you did it to me.”*

Matthew 25:40

Pal
Craftaid

*Compassion,
Hope
& Healing
for Palestinians*

Founded by the Rev. Elizabeth Knott and rooted in the peace and justice work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1993, Pal Craftaid is a volunteer, non-profit ministry of compassion, hope and healing for Palestinians. By purchasing skillfully wrought olivewood and embroidered crafts, you help Pal Craftaid provide much needed income to artisans who carry on the ancient skills of their people in the face of an oppressive military occupation. Pal Craftaid supports families, schools, elderly groups and community cooperatives in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

Palestinians are poor. Most families are living on \$2 per day or less amid high unemployment. The cost of living is at First World levels; thus the little income that Palestinians earn buys very little. For this reason, Pal Craftaid purchases olivewood sculptures and traditional Palestinian needlework from Fair Trade



organizations which buy their supplies in Palestine from Palestinians. These items are sold in churches and other venues in the United States, with

profits distributed to Palestinian Christian organizations. This process benefits both the artisans and the Palestinian economy.

Pal Craftaid supports the following agencies, organizations and schools in the Palestinian Occupied Territories:

Aid to the Aged (ATTA) serves the elderly in the Old City of Jerusalem and in the West Bank. Many older people are isolated from their families due to the Wall and travel restrictions for Palestinians. With a small

staff and a trained corps of volunteers of all ages, ATTA provides hot meals, medications, transportation for medical appointments and errands, socialization, spiritual comfort and even house cleaning services. Pal Craftaid has helped fund this work plus many home repairs and improvements in the Old City. In all these ways, ATTA ministers to vulnerable and isolated older people.

Rawdat El-Zuhur (www.Rawdat.org), a secular elementary and kindergarten school in East Jerusalem, is based on Christian moral principles with Christian leadership. Pal Craftaid funds are used to enrich the holistic and character-building curriculum with French, drama, music, art, and dance classes. This is particularly important for the students and teachers who endure the daily stress of getting to and from school, made difficult and time-consuming by the Wall that divides East Jerusalem from the West Bank and by harassment from Israeli Defense Force soldiers at checkpoints.

Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children, Gaza (www.Atfaluna.net) serves about 300 children, ages 3 to 18, in their education program for the deaf. These children are from families who are living below the poverty line. With generous love, Atfaluna teaches children and adults academic and social skills, helping to

break their sense of isolation. Craft programs staffed by the deaf and their families provide income for 72 women on site and 300 women working from their homes. Creating beautiful needlework, woodworking, and ceramics provides income which helps families survive the economic blockade imposed by Israel.

Arab Orthodox Society (AOS) is a Christian women's organization. Through AOS, Pal Craftaid has provided financial support for medicine and clothing, food for individuals and families and has supplied three families with \$25 per month since 2003.

The YWCA of Palestine

(www.ywca-palestine.org) at its three sites in the Occupied Territories – Jerusalem,



Ramallah and Jericho – empowers women through vocational training and access to employment opportunities, promotes women's rights, and provides youth leadership training and civic engagement. The YWCA operates businesses which provide needed income and develop confidence and skills for women. In refugee camps, they provide educational programs for women and children which stress creative learning, critical thinking, identity strengthening, and recreation. They host youth leadership training events, youth exchange programs, and youth cultural and sports programs. In cooperation with the YMCA, they plant olive trees where orchards have been bulldozed by settlers.