

Together in Service Hands-on Project for Children in Puerto Rico

PW Pillowcases

Presbyterian Women can demonstrate love, concern and prayers for the children affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. PW, Inc. is partnering with the three presbyteries on the island of Puerto Rico to create personalized pillowcases and distribute them through Presbyterian churches and schools. PW will send personalized pillowcases to the PW of the Synod of Puerto Rico in August 2019. We are hoping for at least 100! How can you help? Create a special pillowcase for a child!

Purchase a “blank” pillowcase and . . . get creative!

- Create a pattern with fabric paint or dip-dyes and stencils or stamps. Glue on buttons, felt or ribbons.
- Embroider designs or use iron-on appliqués. Stitch on lace borders or a crocheted edging.

Or make your own pillowcases!

- Sew, quilt, crochet or knit a whole pillowcase with fun colors.
- Choose child-friendly designs; skilled sewers can make them reversible!

Be sure to include a message.

- Write a note telling a child in Puerto Rico that you are sending love and care with the pillowcase.
- Send a prayer or special bible verse; send a picture of yourself, your church or your PW group.
- Sew in a label that identifies the group or shares a word of hope (perhaps in Spanish).

Make it an intergenerational project.

- Invite a young person to decorate a pillowcase with you; use the time to teach a new hands-on skill.
- Talk about the importance of mission while you're working.

Or, you may choose to donate craft supplies

During Presbyterian Youth Triennium in July 2019, we will use the PW exhibit space to create pillowcases.

We need the following supplies:

- Pillowcases, fabric glue, appliqués, fabric markers and stamps

Where to send completed pillowcases

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Send pillowcases with youth who attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University July 16-20, 2019. They can deliver the pillowcases to PW in the Exhibit Hall

Where to send donated craft supplies

- Presbyterian Women, Attn: Cheri Harper, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
- Or order supplies through Amazon (use AmazonSmile and donate a portion of your supplies to PW in the PCUSA—win-win!) and have them shipped directly to Louisville

Going beyond

- Together in Service is PW's hand-on mission program, supported, in part, through financial gifts. Send your contribution of any size to PW, Inc., Remittance Processing, PO Box 643652, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3652; or give online (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>). Indicate the project name in the notes line of the check.
- Share your pillowcase ministry online! Visit the PW Facebook and Pinterest page and post your ideas!

For more information, contact PW's mission associate, Cheri Harper, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org. To give to this Together in Service project, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/tis.



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