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The United Appeal for Mission is at the very heart of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. As a Church we are making big differences here in Ireland and all over the world.

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*“As a manager of a Home I look to the staff in Assembly Buildings for support, advice and guidance with regards to different issues that we encounter on a day-to-day basis. We are very strongly supported by the Council for Social Witness staff, through the Personnel Department, the Finance Department and IT. It is a collective thing, they all come together and play their role and that assists me to maintain a high standard of care for our residents in the Home.”*

Ann Anderson, Head of Home, Corkey House

Thanks to you, United Appeal for Mission supports many other mission projects. To find out more watch the video at...

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The United Appeal for Mission funds the Taking Care programme and provides support towards the centralised Executive and Administration costs of the Council for Social Witness (CSW). **CSW oversees the work of our church in providing residential/nursing/day care and supported living to some 370 people** and our ministry to the deaf community through the Kinghan Church.



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# mission together



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## Building *a caring fellowship*

Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's Kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

*Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.*



Sharing stories of our Church's mission...

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## Caring in Kenya

Stephen and Angelina Cowan have been serving in Northern Kenya with PCI's partners, The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA), since 1986.



Along with their Kenyan colleagues, the Cowans are engaged in helping people to help themselves through training and skills development, whilst also sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and nurturing those who have come to faith.

The Cowans are working in a challenging environment, amidst a culture that promotes female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage for girls. HIV and AIDS are also rife amongst young people, along with a stigma to be tested, resulting in early deaths.

With 84% of Samburu county below the poverty line and 94% of people illiterate, girls are particularly disregarded when it comes to education. Part of the Cowans work supports Tuum Secondary School for girls, where work is being done to encourage girls to know that they do not need to live with restrictions but instead can have life in all its fullness.

Thanks to United Appeal the Cowans can be salt and light to the people of Tuum; living as physical expressions of the gospel, ministering to those in darkness.

*"Spiritual change is often unnoticed but is at work, the invisible God being revealed... Girls refuse circumcision, men marry women rather than girls, young men are delivered from addictions and lives are transformed, evident to those around them."*

Stephen Cowan

## Caring for older people

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland oversees the operation of nine residential units for the care of older people.

The members of staff in the homes place great emphasis on meeting the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of their residents. Every home has a Christian ethos and residents are encouraged and helped to exercise their Christian faith. Residents receive spiritual support and regular worship services and fellowship times are held within the homes.

*"We have a prayer meeting every week and it is lovely to go and listen to people praying out loud and hearing all the things that are going through their minds – it is beautiful. It's wonderful what it does for people."*

Ellen Murphy, age 99, Corkey House resident.



Around the world the United Appeal for Mission supports...

**Adelaide House** is situated on a mature site in south Belfast and can accommodate permanent and respite care.

**Ard Cluan House**, on the outskirts of Londonderry, has a large, private, walled-in landscaped garden. Ard Cluan House welcomes people from all denominations.

**Corkey House** is a purpose built residential care home for older people in north Belfast.

**Harold McCauley House** is situated in a secluded, tranquil setting close to the town centre of Omagh with views of the Camowen River.

**River House** enjoys a quiet coastal setting between the sea and the Mourne Mountains.

**St. Andrew Bungalows** provide sheltered housing accommodation for older people in Newtownabbey.

**Sunnyside House** is on the outskirts of Bangor,

close to shops, churches and transport links.

**Tritonville** is a complex of sheltered accommodation for older people. A selection of single and double flats are set in private and spacious gardens in the Sandymount area of Dublin.

**York House** is situated in the seaside resort of Portrush with picturesque views of the North Antrim coast, taking in the Skerries and Portrush East Strand.