

Team Pathways Fair Trade Service Project

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FAIR TRADE builds right relationships between buyers and sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity and solidarity. St. Jude's youth ministry has been involved selling Fair Trade products since November 2011.

Fair Trade:

- respects human dignity
- promotes the common good
- advances economic justice
- empowers disadvantaged people
- connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- cultivates global solidarity

We partner with Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade program to purchase product through Equal Exchange at the wholesale case price. Equal Exchange has worked with small farmer organizations since its founding in 1986. Equal Exchange sources from over 40 small farmer organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United States. Team Pathways is selling Equal Exchange Fair Trade products as a social justice action project. We are not actively making a profit but selling product at wholesale price to support the Fair Trade farming community.

For every purchase made, Equal Exchange gives a generous donation to the Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Fund. The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates an opportunity for us to bring core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers — choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Catholic Relief Services works with small-scale farmers around the world. The Fair Trade fund is used to invest in projects that strengthen cooperatives, improve access to markets, and support education initiatives for small-scale farmers. Every time an Equal Exchange product is purchased, thousands of small-scale farmers that Catholic Relief Services works with every day are supported. By purchasing fairly traded products, we act in solidarity with small farmers who feed their families, strengthen their communities and preserve their environment with our help.

For more information regarding Equal Exchange and Catholic Relief Services visit:

<https://equalexchange.coop/catholic-relief-services-thank-you>