

Homes of Hope Newsletter

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER-THE SPRING EDITION

OUR COVID BEARS ARE MAKING HISTORY

give your bear a Badge of Honour

Remember the teddy-bear mania during the lockdown? Thousands of Kiwi kids put their teddy bears in windows to make a tough time fun.

Sadly, lots of Kiwi kids missed out on fun like this, because they were experiencing neglect or abuse.

At Homes of Hope our wrap-around foster care keeps siblings protected and together. Our therapeutic approach supports their healing, restorative journeys.

Partly funded by the government, in these pressing times, we need help now more than ever. Especially since we are building another new home for more children who are in need of care (see The Home of Hope further down this newsletter).

Will you help us fundraise by honouring your Covid-Bear with a special badge?



Building our children together
Manaakitia a taatou kura pounamu

A NEED FOR SATELLITE HOMES

can you care for a child(ren)?

We are expanding! We are now looking for families who are interested in fostering children in their own homes. Could your family provide a child with their own room? Are you patient, resilient, enjoy new challenges, want to make a positive difference in the life of a child and are open to understanding the needs of children who have experienced trauma? If you feel you have the above qualities and can open your home to a child we want to hear from you!

Please contact Amanda on 021 741 617 or email on socialworker@homesofhope.org.nz for more information.

GET YOUR BEAR BADGE HERE



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WALKING TOGETHER, WORKING TOGETHER

LATEST STATISTICS 2019

confronting child abuse in New Zealand

There are currently 6,590 children and young people in foster care.

On average one child dies every five weeks as a result of violence in New Zealand, children under 12 months old making up the majority.

More than two thirds of the victims were aged 2 or under.

Every 8th homicide victim in New Zealand from 2004 to 2019 was a child.

Of the cases where the killer's relationship to the victim was known, 27% were mothers, 24% were fathers, and 17% were de facto partners.

There are 14,000 substantiated findings of child abuse every year in New Zealand.



TAURANGA WOMEN'S REFUGE

a word from General Manager, Hazel Hape on COVID effects

"Children have a right to be loved, nurtured and supported. Unfortunately, family violence can have devastating and life-long physical, emotional and psychological impacts and we continue to be worried about the lack of specialist family violence and child centred responses to help children recover from their trauma".

At Homes of Hope we provide Child Centred Play Therapy (CCPT) to children within our homes and also to children within our community who are recommended to us by schools and specialists.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT CCPT](#)

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LATEST STATISTICS CONTINUED

*child abuse in New Zealand
continued*

**New Zealand has the 7th highest
rate of child homicide in the
OECD (out of 37 countries).**

**New Zealand Police respond to a
domestic violence call-out every
seven minutes.**

**Every year there are more than
150,000 Reports of Concern
relating to children in this
country.**

**The cost of child abuse in New
Zealand is estimated to be
around 3 percent of GDP -
approximately \$6 billion a year.**



DOLPHIN SEAFARIS

Cille and team, Nathan and Hannah

These amazing people rock the seas like no one else! Cille is donating to HofH a small percentage of her fares between now and Christmas AND taking all our tamariki and their caregivers out to experience swimming with the dolphins and to celebrate Christmas. Guess what.....we can't wait for Christmas this year.

Ahoy there sailor! Kai pai!



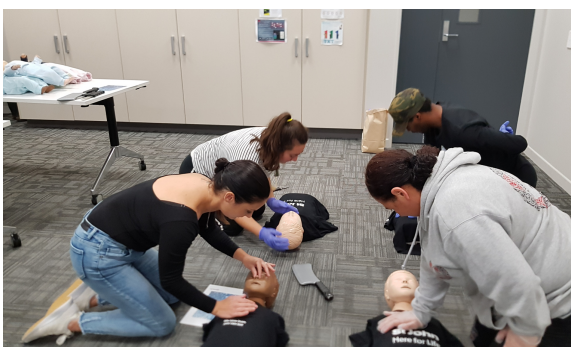
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FIRST AID TRAINING

keeping our babies safe

Members of the team spent a day recently at St Johns on 17th Ave being brought up to speed on First Aid Training for babies and children. Social Worker, Amanda (see image below), got a bit carried away with her rubber baby..... Whilst Amanda played, others were well into their day of training to ensure our babies are safe and well catered for if the need ever arises.



Mackay 
Strathnaver
TRUST

RATA BATHROOMS

MacKay Strathnaver Trust - heros!

Our wonderful friends at Mackay  Strathnaver Trust have made such a difference in the everyday lives of our young tamariki. This is a family based charitable trust founded on a legacy set up by Dorothy MacKay and Neville Ogg in 1989. Since their passing, their daughters Andrée Withington & Viv Hill have continued operating the trust with an independent Trustee, Rhonda Wisbey. These **ETERNAL ANGELS**, over many years, have been such a blessing to our children, having recently completed the renovation of two bathrooms within our Rata home for children.

The children are thrilled with their new surrounds. Bath time is no longer a chore! Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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CHOCOLATE OH SO DELICIOUS!

Otumoetai students know how to please the palate

Jake Miller along with fellow students of the Otumoetai College, NCEA Level 2 business studies, created a business with a unique product to take to market. Yes it is a blueberry and milk chocolate, and I can tell you it is **'to die for'!** Jake and friends are donating a portion of their profits to Homes of Hope. The chocolate really is **DELICIOUS!!!!** Did YOU just get the impression it is really good? If you want some, click the button below and Jake and friends will help you out.



[CLICK HERE TO GET YOUR CHOCOLATE](#)

MAYORAL VISIT

Mayor Tenby Powell, Deputy Mayor Tina Salisbury

What a great city we have here in the Bay and it was made a little better for us when both Mayor Powell and Deputy Mayor Salisbury called in for afternoon tea recently. We were able to tell them all about the work we do and bring them up to speed on the challenges our children face. We had such a good time with them, we forgot to take some pics! Oh well, we will just have to get them back again soon.



Z STATIONS

Kim and her team

What a wonder human! Kim and her team at Z Stations raised over \$1,600 for our tamariki through selling COVID bear badges in stores during July!!!

Thanks Kim.

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NAKU TE ROUROU NAU TE ROUROU KA ORA AI TE IWI
WITH YOUR BASKET AND MY BASKET THE PEOPLE WILL LIVE

#THEFRONTDOORSTEPSPROJECT *fabulous photographers with heart!*

Remember COVID lock-down? We were all doing our bit to keep everyone safe. Well five amazing photographers in both Auckland and Tauranga were out there, at a safe distance, walking their neighbourhood streets taking pictures of families for the history books. These amazing women, our super hero's, were asking people to give a small donation of whatever they could afford to Homes of Hope as their charity of choice. They raised a massive \$18,600 for our tamariki. Thank you Vanessa, Diana, Kelly, Sandri and Justa for your incredible mahi!



Diana Sanders PHOTOGRAPHY

Sandri Blom
P H O T O G R A P H Y



TECT

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the trust that keeps us strong

At the beginning of each and every financial year, we look at the HUGE task ahead of us for fundraising to make a lasting difference in the lives of our community of young tamariki from hard places. Every year our friends at TECT give us peace of mind that we are not alone. Their aroha and mahi is second to none. **THANK YOU TECT!**

We can't express our gratitude to you enough.

kellyohara.nz images



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THE HOME OF HOPE

HUGE HEART, HUGE HOPE

Chaplain Gordon Parker



We would like to honour Robbie and Valerie's Uncle Gordon William Parker for the funding he has given to Homes of Hope to help with the new home that we are building with Classic Builders for more children (see next column). Gordon was a Chaplain and Psychologist at three different prisons in the Auckland and Waikato Regions.

He and his wife were unable to have children so when he passed, Gordon's wish was to give to a Christian based Children's organisation. As executors, Robbie and his mother, after research, chose Homes of Hope now have gifted a cheque for \$35,000.00 to help with the new build of a new home for children on the same site of the existing children's homes. This will increase our capacity by 60%. We will be placing a plaque in Gordon's honour at the new house to acknowledge this wonderful kindness to keep him our hearts and minds forever.



THE HOME OF HOPE

Classic Builders are on their game!

This year, Classic Builders are back stronger than ever and this time playing to their own strengths. They are building Homes of Hope a brand-new home to support our on-going work to care for more trauma experienced children. Every cent raised will literally be putting a roof over the heads of these most vulnerable tamariki. The turning of the first sod has taken place and the \$25,000 that Classic Builders raised last year has provided a great foundation to kick start this enormous initiative. Now we need your help to bring this "Home of Hope" to life. We'll take you through the journey with us on our Facebook page, so please make sure you give it a like, and visit the Givealittle page to donate what you can: www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/homesofhopenz



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THE HOME OF HOPE**

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NĀ TŌ ROUROU NĀ TAKU ROUROU KAORA AI TE IWI!

OUR ELDEST MADE CAPTAIN OF HIS BASKETBALL TEAM!

he is very proud of himself, as are we!

What a champ! Our eldest at Homes of Hope is showing dedication and potential that is being recognised. Through the assistance that you give to help our tamariki on their journey makes the world of difference to what can be achieved in their world moving forward.



NEW KITTY CAT CALLED HOPE

so soft and cuddly

At Homes of Hope we have a new kitty cat called Hope. She joins Blackie Chan. The children adore her and she has settled in so very well. Here's a wee pic of her and Blackie Chan.



LABOUR LIST MP JAN TINETTI

a wonderful friend of ours came for a visit

Before becoming an MP, Jan was the local Principle at Merrivale Primary School where many of our tamariki attended school. We have a long and wonderful association with Jan and were delighted when she came to visit. Jan normally tries to visit once a year and we always have lot's to talk about with her. This time was no different. With the start of our training for Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) and how we are weaving this into our kete of powerful resources to care for our tamariki and importantly support their care givers, this news was well received. You can learn more about this new resource below.



**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
TBRI? CLICK HERE**

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LEGACY TRUST

ongoing wonderful friends of ours

Every year our friends at Legacy Trust are there to lend a hand. Even when times have been particularly tough for them with COVID hitting their funeral business extremely hard, they have still managed to dig deep. We are eternally grateful to you all. We look forward to inviting you out for a cup of tea and catch-up when our roofs get a lick of paint.



WAVE CREATIVE AND THE PROJECT - ROCKING IT!

Covie bear hits the bright lights

In these unprecedented times we have to get creative, this is when Glenn and Lucy, from WAVE Creative, volunteer their time and specialised skills to help Homes of Hope with our COVID bear idea for Badges of Honour (see story 'Our COVID Bears making History'). And so with a little bit of wizardry and brilliance on Lucy's part, we sent a 'very' BIG bear and a great pitch to TV3 The Project in the hopes they could tell our story. **It worked!**

While sitting watching The Project one evening up popped our very own BIG COVID bear in the audience. The Project through their audience named him 'Covie Bear'! How cool!

AND their producers got in touch to say as soon as they have some time and can safely travel to Tauranga, they are coming to do a story on Homes of Hope! We are too excited for words to get our story out there more so we can help more of our tamariki into the future.

THANK YOU WAVE Creative and especially you Lucy and Glenn for being wonderful humans!



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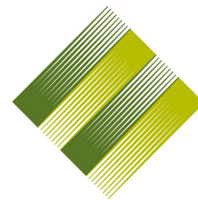
CASHMORES REAL ESTATE

Kirsty and Blair

Empowered by this dynamic couple, they leave nothing to fate, and when it comes to helping care for tamariki from hard places, they are there making their lives better with their actions at every turn. They remind me of a modern day Maxwell Smart and 99. They leave no stone unturned. You will hear more about this wonderful couple in our summer newsletter as they move heaven and earth to help fund The Home of Hope, our new home to assist more tamariki in need of restorative healing journeys.



CASHMORES
REAL • DIFFERENT



**Western Bay of Plenty
District Council**

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY RESILIENCE TRUST

helping children in our community

Child Centred Play Therapy is a wonderful therapeutic tool as we have mentioned previously in this newsletter. With COVID-19 having hit families hard, children can find their worlds turned upside down and need help to make sense of their changed world. Children are often the ones who are left behind and suffer immensely if help is not at hand to heal their sometimes unseen wounds.

Our friends at Western Bay of Plenty District Council have kindly supported this work we do outside of our homes in the community and have funded \$5,000 towards helping these children through the Community Resilience Fund.

We sincerely THANK YOU!



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SUPER HERO'S, SHOUT-OUT, YOU MAKE OUR
COMMUNITY ONE OF A KIND!



Each quarter we want to acknowledge
just a few of the wonderful volunteers
who do great things for our children.
THANKS TEAM! KA PAI!

DAVID WALKER



A super-duper hero - ensures our homes are
running ship-shape, from gardening, lawns,
fixing EVERYTHING, painting - you name it
David does it
each and every week, rain or shine!

TESS NESDALE

Every Thursday Tess
comes into our office
kitchen at Homes of Hope
and in a ridiculously small
oven turns out the most
yummy baking for our kids!!



LEX SPENCER

Lex has just won Volunteer of the
Year, TECT Award 2020 and fixes
all our children's bikes!



TAMMY LUCA

Makes the most DELICIOUS
meals for our children once a
fortnight and brings them in
hot! Dessert too....



DR VAUNE ALEX

Every week, for YEARS, has
brought in a 10 kg bag of chicken
legs in for the children's meals!
Outstanding!



ANNA JACKSON

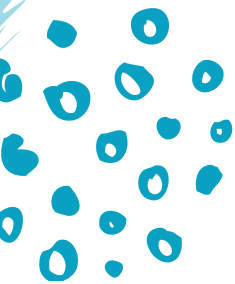
During lock down Anna got creative
and came up with lots of online
materials to keep our children
entertained. Awesome work!

Boredom Busters;
110 Fun At-Home Activities

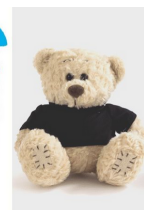


Our Supporters

YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO US!
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Tauranga City



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BRAND IT LOVE IT PROMOTE IT

Another huge supporter who is always coming to the party. Brian is always right there to lend a helping hand. BIG SHOUT-OUT!



The Anstiss-Garland Charitable Trust, proudly managed by Perpetual Guardian

Me hikoi kotahi tatou. Walking together, working together.