

Homes of Hope Newsletter

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER-THE AUTUMN EDITION

SUPER PROUD - HOUSE PARENT WINNER - 2020 EXCELLENCE IN FOSTER CARE WARDS

Maraea Ranapia

We are so, so proud of Maraea, known to our children at Homes of Hope as Auntie Mars (see image below). She is one of 10 foster carers nationally who was honored within NZ for this award held at Government House last month. Maraea has served with us for 8 years and has a HUGE heart, she is such a hard worker for our young tamariki. This award is in recognition of her tremendous love, attention and ongoing, never-ending support. You are a true hero for our children.

Me hikoi kotahi tatou.
Walking together, working together.

A little birdie told me that last year, another of our House Parents Auntie Perry won the same award! The Aunties are ROCKING it!



Building our children together
Manaakitia a taatou Kura pounamu

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF COVID 19

a note from CEO Hilary Price

Kia ora koutou katoa

Hello to all of you wonderful supporters and champions. In these unprecedented times as together we face the Covid-19 virus, we want you to know that we are all doing well. The children in our care are safe and sound. Our house parents and support caregivers are well briefed and well prepared. Our social workers have excellent planned support in place. We have a strong Business Continuity Plan. Our office team will be working from home effective Tuesday 24 March 2020. We are completely distance/cloud capable and the team are all familiar with this mode of operating. We are in regular, daily contact with our whare and people. I am grateful beyond words to have such a strong, committed, professional team to weather this extraordinary time together. This too will pass, and in the meantime we send our love and prayers to you for safe keeping, and ask that you pray the same for us.
Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manana nui.
Be brave, be strong, be steadfast.
God bless. Hilary.

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STOP PRESS STOP - STOP - STOP!

ACORN ENDOWMENT FUND

ready, get set.....GO-GO-GO

When you consider your will, your family and loved ones come first, of course. Maybe you also want to make a difference in your community too? But don't have the cash flow? Have you thought of leaving a small gift that keeps on giving?

CHECK OUT
HOW YOU CAN



LOCAL HERO AWARDS - SEMI FINALIST IN NZ!

founder Hilary Price

Our ridiculously, big hearted, Hilary made it right through from the top 20 recipients in each region to the top 10 semi finalists nationwide for the Kiwibank New Zealand Local Hero Awards for 2020. We are so, so very proud of her. Her passion for our tamariki is second to none for 17 years! Hilary's unwavering commitment for the 250+ children who have been through our homes. Well, she deserves a medal!

DATACOM'S ROCKING OUR WORLD!

such professionals!

So last year we mentioned we were granted a **NZ Government Community Internship**. Well, **Datacom** have started 'working their magic'. The bus has left the station and the view is looking awesome! Their enthusiasm to help us with this dilemma is fantastic!

Watch this space as we bring new solutions into the mix in the next wee while.



STOP THE BUS!

thanks CBK



What a month February was. The stars aligned for burgers on Red Square Tauranga. As the lucky recipients of CBK's donation of 5 buckaroos for every burger sold on a Monday night throughout February...well we are just very grateful for every burger eaten in good faith.

I know with Coronavirus upon us, that we cannot support wonderful businesses like CBK right now, but once this is over, lets all go forth and eat CBK burgers!!!

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WITH YOUR BASKET AND MY BASKET ALL WILL BE WELL
NĀ TŌ ROUROU NĀ TAKU ROUROU KAORA AI TE IWI!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS? AWESOME!

thanks to our incredibly generous donor



Our amazing little humans had the time of their lives over Christmas holidays in Auckland. Such excitement prevailed prior to going. They visited Sky Tower where they were all FAR too keen to step on the glass floor! They haven't stopped talking about Rainbows End and Auckland Zoo was an absolute favourite for the little ones. An extremely warm thank you to our wonderful donor who would prefer to remain enonomous.



RATA HOME RECOGNISED AS A KAUPAPA MAORI HOME

it is important for tamariki to know who they are

We are grateful that our service is now recognised as working from a Kaupapa Maori Framework. We have our own Kaitakawaenga (cultural guide), Nick Connal, to assist and further inform our practice. So what does it look like? Firstly in the little things, for example, meeting as a whanau morning and evening for chats and prayers. Saying prayers before kai time, like this one we say each evening. Learning waiata (songs) and whakatauki (proverbs) and tamariki learning their pepeha, connecting to their whanau, hapu, iwi and whenua.

LITTLE-BITS ABOUT HOMES OF HOPE.....

interesting tit bits

- Over the past 5 years more than 33500 bed nights have had little dreamers occupy them.
- 90% of our young tamariki are boys
- 250+ children have made their homes with us over 17 years!
- Our therapeutic wrap-around care, means that the children are able to remain in one placement with us for as long as is needed to ensure they have the opportunity to work through the trauma they have experienced. It is with this internal work and growth, with our support, that sets the tamariki on a pathway for future success. Research indicates that 12-18 months produces better, more consistent outcomes for them.
- Less than 50% of required funds come from Oranga Tamariki. We are constantly looking for new ways to raise funds.

E te Atua
Whakapainga
ēnei kai
Hei oranga mō ō
mātou tinana
Whāngaia hoki
tō mātou wairua
ki te taro o te
ora
Ko Ihu Karaiti
tō mātou
Kaiwhakaora
Ake, ake
Amine

Lord God
Bless this food
For the
goodness of
our bodies
Feeding our
spiritual needs
also with the
bread of life
Jesus Christ,
our Lord
Forever and
ever
Amen

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TRUST BASED RELATIONAL INTERVENTION - TBRI

*taking the ripple effect to a
seriously new level*

We are excited to be positioned to take TBRI training out to our caregivers in Term Two 😊

You may remember from the last newsletter that our Social Workers had completed extensive training to become qualified. TBRI is a therapeutic model that trains caregivers to provide effective support for trauma-experienced children.

We know only too well, if we want the best for our tamariki, we must provide only the best for our caregivers who support them. We can't wait to start TBRI in Term Two!

THE HOME THAT LOVE BUILT

*extra wee feet will feel the love
this year, the birds will sing.....*

Tickled pink! **Classic Builders** are our inner angels at work again this year. The team are ever so awesomely divine, we cannot express just how much they mean to us. Once again they, with their community of amazingly generous suppliers, are coming together to build a new home for our young tamariki.

classic
builders®



The stars are aligning, watch this space to see the bricks and mortar appear. If you would like to help with funds for this incredible project please:

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CHOPPITY CHOP CHOP

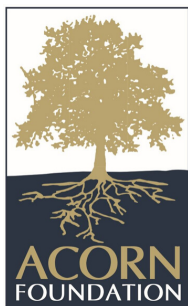
it's haircut time

Our children love to have a haircut and why wouldn't you? Take a look at some of the styles on offer. These boys (not our children) are modelling some of the preferred styles our tamariki choose, they love to have the latest styles and a bag of lollies each time they sit down for a redo!



Our Supporters

YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO US!
HE WAKA EKE NOA



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