

# Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE AUTUMN EDITION 2021

## HERE'S WHAT'S IN OUR NEWSLETTER

*there is just so much you do to help, so much we achieve together!*

- THE Black Tie Event – of the Year!
- The Home of Hope update
- Kauri – our children have named their new home
- CCPT Rooms enlargement/upgrade is looking good! What this means to the community
- Why status quo is just not enough
- Do you know anyone who has some time to volunteer?
- Datacom CRM and Bravesight website – looking good!
- TECT – our eternal angels
- The Wright Family Foundations icing on the cake
- Trish Rae and Greg Brownless from Legacy
- The good guys at New World and Four Square

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE BLACK TIE VIDEO](#)

## THE HOME OF HOPE -BLACK TIE EVENT speechless.....

Thank you Kirsty and Blair Cashmore from Cashmore Real Estate – WOWZA – They know how to PARTY and 'make hay while the sun shines'! Actually they 'made a great deal of funds' for the new home for more children from hard places who desperately need our help, a total of \$97,426.00!!!!

What an awesome night it was. Thanks to Mike and Carol Farmer who held the event at the Farmer Autovillage and all the team at Cashmore Real Estate who helped out, especially Taylor and Beck's who along with Kirsty and Blair put many long hours into making this an incredible, sold-out, night.

Such a great team! The auction went off with a bang, the Champaign flowed, Nigel Latta was a treat to hear speak and Blair not only excelled as an auctioneer, but also showed his talents as the best MC for the night. He really has missed his calling! We cannot thank the community enough for coming out in force to support our children and the work we beaver away to make the Bay of Plenty THE BEST!



Images on the night taken by our good friend Vanessa from Laval Photo & Video, thank you Vanessa!



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LET THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CHILD GUIDE OUR WORK

## THE HOME OF HOPE - BUILT WITH LOVE

*and a genie or two - progress update on our new home for children*

So the team at Classic Builders and their Tradies, Subbies, and friends have all been putting in a massive effort to see this dream home come true for more children in need.

As I type, the walls are getting a lovely lick of paint inside and the deck is being built.....and, the children are beside themselves with excitement about this new home and seeing it quickly coming to life!

On a Friday afternoon recently, we were inundated with many of the managers from Classic Builders. It was just like we had rubbed a teapot and they were there, BOOF! Just like genies without the carpet (that's coming later).

What a great bunch of blokes and boy, did they motor through some work. Thank you Classic Builders and of course your incredible community that is working with you to make this happen.

Does Hilary look like a dwarf in this picture? Or are they just really big blokes....it is definitely the latter.



## OUR CHILDREN HAVE NAMED THE NEW HOME

*drum roll.....Kauri*

Ah, so wonderful! Our children, along with their House Parents and Caregivers, came up with an array of names for the new home and whittled them down to a final three. After voting for their favourites, Kauri was the stand-out winner!

The children are just so ecstatic about this new home build, they cannot wait for it to be finished. Below is a video that has been crafted by our wonderful friend Vanessa from Laval Photo & Video on the build to date.

You may see some words pop up during the video. These words came from the children when they were asked, 'what words spring to mind about living at Homes of Hope?' This video just makes my heart sing!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE VIDEO UPDATE - THE HOME OF HOPE](#)





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## CHILD CENTERED PLAY THERAPY CCPT ENLARGEMENT/UPGRADE

*out into our community to help struggling families*

What a long journey it is for some families who dearly love their children through all the challenges that are presented to them in many differing forms.

We are delighted that we will soon be in a better position to assist more of these dear children and their caregivers.

With the help of the Hugh Green Foundation, we have been able to start the upgrade to an onsite garage to allow for the development of suitable rooms for children to come to from outside of Homes of Hope and receive the therapeutic care they so badly need and deserve. This has been a long time coming.

Because of this development, we have been able to engage a third CCPT trainee therapist who will (over time) be able to assist more children through traumatic times.

We are ever so grateful to the Hugh Green Foundation for their ongoing support for these precious tamariki.



## WHY THE STATUS QUO IS NOT ENOUGH

*over 6500 children in care here in New Zealand*

We love what we do, because we see such great change for children. There are of course hard days and sometimes weeks and months, but compared to the children we care for, we have it VERY EASY.

These children from hard places sometimes leave their homes in the middle of the night with just the clothes on their backs.

Every child loves their Mum and Dad, this is often all they know about life and when they have to leave, because of the levels of abuse, it is extremely traumatising. But, this is not the end for many, they are often separated from their siblings and all alone in their little worlds with no one that they truly knows them or understands what they have and are going through.

They get placed in a home where they feel alone and scared. But, this is still not the end for many, they can go through many foster care homes in a year, never settling or building bonding relationships. Some never return home, some may not see their siblings, some end up as statistics.

One child in these types of situations, is just one too many.





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## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS TIME ON THEIR HANDS?

*volunteers for yard work and handyman  
initiatives needed*

David Walker has been a stalwart of Homes of Hope as a full-time volunteer for many years now. But you know what, he isn't getting any younger, and a little help around the yard with some handyman bits and bobs wouldn't go amiss.

If you know of someone who has a few spare hours on their hands every now and then, do get in contact at [info@homesofhope.org.nz](mailto:info@homesofhope.org.nz) we would love to spread the load for David.



## DATACOM & BRAVESIGHT - LOOKING GOOD!

*we are 'all stations go'!*

Boom! It is all action around the office with the excellent work that Bravesight has completed on the upgrade of our website, check it out at [www.homesofhope.org.nz](http://www.homesofhope.org.nz) it is looking rather good these days. The ultimate professionals made this an easy ask.

Along with the above work, there has been the wonderful folk at Datacom beavering in the background on the new CRM, a bit like wee elves. These elves have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make sure we are humming away with our community.

We were very fortunate to have the government come to the party with some funding to make this happen and we are just so thrilled with the outcome. We will be saving weeks every year in office manpower, or should I say women-power!

**We can highly recommend both these organisations if you  
are in need of IT work.**

**CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**



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## TECT OUR ETERNAL ANGELS

*aren't we lucky to have this organisation here in Tauranga?*

Let me tell you something we don't normally talk about too much, but it weighs on our minds, each and every year. Each time the clock ticks around to 1st of July.....and away we go again at Homes of Hope, on the merry-go-round, raising funds for our homes to provide the best care we can possibly provide for both our children from hard places and our caregivers to ensure top quality wrap-around care.

After all, if you are not looking after the caregivers, how can they possibly be in a great space to provide for children in need? We know how important this is.

And, that is where our Eternal Angels, TECT come forward, to care for us.

Every year, they are the first organisation that we receive funds from, and every year, we can breathe a little.....

**You mean the world to our every day being, THANK YOU**



# TECT



## THE WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE

*loving Tauranga all over again!*

When the world turns for children, it turns for a brighter future.

At Bay Trust, they care for so many in our community, this makes them hero's for us all.

But in our (very) humble opinion, there can be no greater cause than to look after your young, your elders, your sick, and your disabled and animals.

If you are able to focus your attention on these areas, your world can only be brighter by the moment.

We are so very fortunate to have this wonderful organisation, Bay Trust, who has the vision to make this, and so much more happen.



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## LEGACY TRUST -ALWAYS STANDING ALONG SIDE

*a part of Legacy Funerals*

Such exciting times are happening at Homes of Hope and here is another one that you, our community, are helping to make happen.

Our homes have become quite tired and in desperately in need of a lick of paint. Along with The Pub Charity and Lion Foundation, Legacy Trust topped up the fund to help get this spruce-up completed. The painters are in full swing right now and the homes are starting to look like they are loved once again.

Thanks so much to Trish and the team at Legacy Trust and of course Greg Brownless who started Legacy Funerals and gifted it to the city to benefit the community. What a man!



## THE GOOD GUYS FROM FOODSTUFFS

*New World & Four Square*

Well, we talked about Brendon from New World Brookfield in our last newsletter but we cannot go without telling you about the 10 New World and Four Square owner/operators whom all came to the party to support us with Covid Bear Badges, and of course many of you who have brought the badges in remembrance of the 1st anniversary of COVID-19 lock-down.

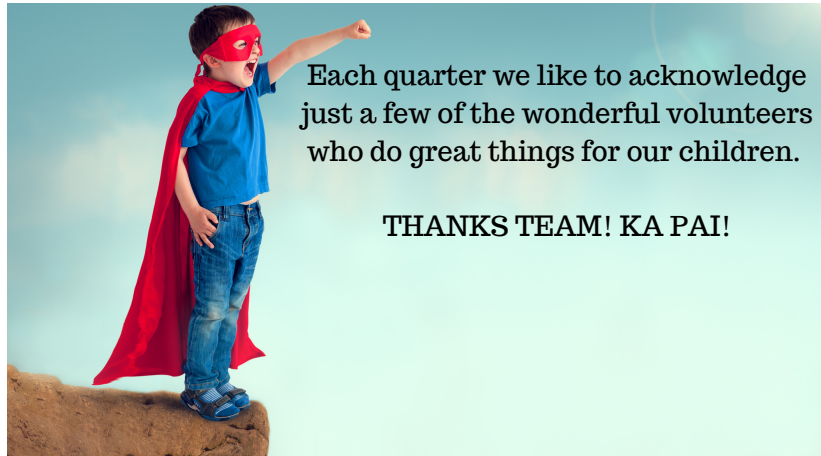
These great people didn't hesitate when asked if they would help with our promotion and went the extra mile to make it happen. Please if you can support these local heroes, you will be helping other charitable organisations too, as they are always helping out with charities like ours. Thank you:

- **New World Brookfield**
- **New World Gate Pa**
- **New World Mt Maunganui**
- **New World Te Puke**
- **New World Whakatane**
- **New World Kawerau**
- **Four Square Cherrywood**
- **Four Square Ohope Beach**
- **Four Square The Lakes**
- **Four Square Papamoa**



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



Each quarter we like to acknowledge  
just a few of the wonderful volunteers  
who do great things for our children.

THANKS TEAM! KA PAI!

## GOOD NEIGHBOUR

This awesome organisation has been a part of our community for many years now and has always been a great support with food on a weekly basis for our homes. Thank you so much team for all you do to help.

## FARMERS AUTOVILLAGE

When the Cashmore's went all out to raise funds for our new home, Mike and Carol from Farmers Autovillage were right there with them throwing out (very nicely of course) the luxury cars to make room for the party of the year. Thanks Mike and Carol.

## TRUSTPOWER

OMGoodness! We are so very blessed and, you know what, people like Brigitte at Trust Power know just how to make our day end with a big smile. Twice this year these wonderful people have voted to give funds towards, wait for it:  
A drier, 12 mattresses and a new stove for one of our homes.

## LAVAL PHOTO & VIDEO

We talk about this gorgeous woman all the time as she is such a big part of our team these days. She has such a big heart for both children and animals. Thank you Vanessa, from the bottom of our hearts, you make us look good!

## LOCAL LEGENDS

Yes! We made it to Local Legend status, What a great way to begin 2021 and to get some great equipment for the children to play around at the end of the school holidays when they were starting to need some new adventures. Our community is so blessed~

## HUGH GREEN FOUNDATION

This incredible family are so humble and so sincere in their wanting to help others. We were very fortunate to have them approach us with help. You can read a bit more about them under the CCPT article in this newsletter.

## KIWIANIS FOUNDATION

Having approached Kiwianis just recently, they came back with a big YES to help to make children's playground safe with some softfall. It is the little things that often make such a big difference. Thanks to Mike and the team.

# Our Supporters

YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO US!  
HE WAKA EKE NOA!

