

# Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE SPRING EDITION 2021

## HERE'S WHAT'S IN YOUR NEWSLETTER

*thanks must go to ALL our friends, there's just so much you do to help, so much we achieve together!*

- Hilary Price, Co-founder and CEO
- The Home of Hope it's now home and it is BEAUTIFUL!
- A Night of Stars - celebrating our community
- A few words from our new Practice Manager Carena Grant
- Welcome our new Social Worker - a few words from Jen Tito
- Before and after - Matai home, it looks so shiny and ship-shape!
- CCPT room renovations are just about completed
- Welcome our new Rata house parents Nick and Sian
- Students from Tauranga Girls College doing the Mahi!
- Big thanks to the volunteer crew
- Super heroes shout-out
- Our incredible supporters



Classic Builders team with Hilary Price



Cashmores with Classic Builders team members and Robyn Walker



In memory of Chaplain Gordon Parker who made a substantial gift to the new Kauri home

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HE WAKA EKE NOA -WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

## HILARY PRICE, CO-FOUNDER & CEO

*hope is alive and well*

Goodness, it's been a marvelous first half of 2021! Our new home, Kauri Whare, now open and operational, our most recent House Parents comfortably settled in Rata Whare, and our experienced and professional Social Work team is on board the waka. Most importantly, the children in our care continue to flourish!

As I write this, and as you read, we remain unified, with a common purpose, to do those things within our sphere of influence, capability, or capacity to help make a meaningful and positive difference in the lives of the wonderful children we are privileged to care for, for a season. Children who have enormous potential, gifts, and skills. For example, one of our children recently won a top spot in the Battle of the Bands, an enormous achievement!

The work of our team and of the countless volunteers who give of their time and energies – baking, meal preparation, gardening, maintenance, serving at our thank-you event, businesses using their resources....the list goes on and profiles to leverage support for us. We are many parts, but one body. Kotahitanga – together as one! How magnificent!



*hope is alive and well continued...*

As Matariki draws to a close, we are energized by the new season, the new year, the exciting prospects of the year ahead, the growth planned, the services extended, the many more children and their families we look forward to serving. Thank you for your part in all of this.

With this strong supportive community building strong relationships – whanaungatanga – and our strong, professional and capable team, there is context and time for the children to heal from their trauma, to grow in confidence, and to thrive to become great New Zealanders.

Two things happen at Homes of Hope – lives are changed and our community becomes a better place. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi. Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

Blessings,  
Hilary

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KO TE AHUREI O TE TAMAITI ARAHIA Ō TĀTOA MĀHI  
LET THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CHILD GUIDE OUR WORK

## THE HOME OF HOPE IT'S NOW HOME AND IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

*it's now a home and our children have named it*

And so the end of the new home build is complete and the beginning of new lives lived well, begins to flourish. Children have moved into the new home and they are very proud of their new digs!' The house looks incredible, with much thanks going to Harvey Norman who came to the party to help furnish this incredible home.

So much thanks and gratitude goes out to Classic Builders and their family of tradesmen and sub-contractors, Cashmore Real Estate, Sutherland Self Help Trust, and Chaplain Gordon Parker for the parts they played in bringing this all together. Once the new home was completed, we moved some of the children over from the Rata Whare into their new home with their house mum, Aunty Mars.

These children witnessed the home being built, knowing that they would move into it to make room in the Rata Whare for more tamariki, this has been such a rewarding experience for them.



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## A NIGHT OF STARS - CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

*drum roll please.....*



Ah, such a wonderful event was held with all the great friends of Homes of Hope. Check out the photos below from the evening and thanks must go to Graeme Elvin from Mackenzie Elvin Law for being an excellent MC at the event!

We are very fortunate to have such an incredible community here in Tauranga that supports this mahi for children from hard places. Through no fault of their own, they have endured challenges and we are deeply respectful of the journeys they and their families are on. If you are reading this, then you are one of our friends who give us the support that we need to continue our work. Please send this newsletter to others you think would like to know more about Homes of Hope, we often hear that many in our community are unaware of the work we do. Do know that we appreciate each and every single one of you for your support.

As Carena (our Practice Manager) says in her article below? "He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!"



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## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR NEW PRACTICE MANAGER, CARENA GRANT

*hitting the ground running.....*

Ko Aoraki te Maunga, Ko Avon te awa, Ko Takitimu te waka, Ko Kai Tahu te iwi, Ko Grant te whanau, ko Carena Grant ahau. I have been a Social Worker for the last 15 years in both Government and Non-Government roles. Prior to working at Homes of Hope, I was the Practice Leader for a residential whare for teenage girls through Youth Horizons. Previously I have worked for IDEA Services, New Zeal Foundation and what was then Child, Youth, and Family (now known as Oranga Tamariki). I was also a member of St John from the age of 9 until a couple of years ago where I held various roles within their youth programme. Over the next year, I see my focus as being on ensuring our processes and training are further developed to meet the changes in care standards and ensure that our people at the forefront of our mahi are well supported to fulfill their role. I would also like to expand the services we offer, so we are able to better support the tamariki we currently serve and opening the opportunity to walk alongside more tamariki and whanau in our community. As part of this I want to strengthen and develop strong partnerships with other agencies and services in our local area to ensure that we can best support our tamariki to flourish and grow. I am passionate about strengthening whanau and breaking intergenerational cycles and believe that if we work collectively as a community, we will be able to achieve this. "He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!"

## WELCOMING OUR NEW SOCIAL WORKER, JEN TITO

*passion and dedication*

Ko Jen toku ingoa. My name is Jen and I am the new social worker, joining the team at Homes of Hope. Prior to coming to Homes of Hope, I spent 3 years as Foster Parent Social Worker at Open Home Foundation. I am excited to be part of such an experienced team and look forward to what I will learn as I carry out my new role. I hope to further develop my knowledge and understanding of supporting children who have experienced developmental trauma and are not currently living with their whānau. Building relationships with the tamariki, being able to ensure their voices are heard, as well as working to maintain their connection to their whānau and culture, are just some of the important aspects of my role. It is an honour to be part of the team!



Kapa Haka group at the A Night of Stars celebration from Te Wharekura o Mauao (school)

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HE ORA TEWHAKAPIRI, HE MATA TEWHAKARIRI  
THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY, DEFEAT IN ANGER



## BEFORE AND AFTER - IT LOOKS SO SHINY!

*Matai has had a make-over*

Matai Whare is our grand old lady, she has been in need of some TLC for a while, and thanks to some successful grant applications we have been able to complete roof repairs and repaint and full external house paint as well! Now looking sharp, shiny, and new!

Our houseparent and tamariki are delighted to be living in a home that looks warm and inviting from the outside.

**We cannot thank Legacy Trust and Pub Charity enough. Also, huge thanks to NZCT for the repairs to the roof prior to painting taking place.**

Since completing this project, Legacy Trust came out for afternoon tea and we showed them around our pod of homes. They have since given a further \$10,000.00 to support our mahi!

Legacy Trust is incredible, they distribute all profits generated by Legacy Funerals. Grants are made to local charities and worthy organisations in our community, providing ongoing benefits to residents and creating a lasting legacy for future generations. Since its inception, **Legacy Trust has donated over \$3.4 million to community groups and not-for-profit agencies.** By choosing Legacy Funerals, you are increasing the funds available for distribution.

LEGACY  
TRUST



## CHILD CENTERED PLAY THERAPY - CCPT RENOVATIONS, NEARING COMPLETION

*Hugh Green Foundation have been marvelous!*

What a difference a day makes! The old CCPT rooms have been dismantled and temporary rooms set up while the new CCPT rooms are being developed. This will enable more children from within the community to seek the help they so desperately need. This has been a mammoth effort for volunteers and tradesmen to complete but will be so welcomed for both children within our homes and children that live outside of Homes of Hope, as these services are so badly needed within our community. As Carena (Homes of Hopes Practice Manager) said "*there are very few therapeutic interventions available to children under the age of 11.*" Schools and specialist services are continuing to recommend children and their families to our services and it continues to grow month by month. The new rooms will be a welcome addition along with the new CCPT practitioners and Interns that have come on board.

**It is with gratitude and thanks to the Hugh Green Foundation** that has made this important mahi able to proceed and there will be many families and children who will no doubt be indebted to them, just as are we for their incredible support. Watch this space in the next newsletter for images of the completed rooms.

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## WELCOMING NEW RATA HOUSE PARENTS

*Nick & Sian*

Once the new home Kauri was opened to children, Rata house parent Aunty Mar's moved into Kauri with some of the tamariki who had been with her in the Rata Home.

New house parents Nick and Sian then moved into Rata Home and are well and truly ensconced there now. Nick has been with Homes of Hope for a long time as both a Caregiver and Kaitakawaenga (Cultural Advisor).

We are so fortunate to have such quality house parents throughout all of our homes and are thrilled that Nick and Sian are with us.

The enormous value that Nick and Sian bring to the whare and to Homes of Hope overall is a real blessing. They are the first to say that being at Homes of Hope is where they are meant to be right now and that tamariki have been their lives, having been brought up with many children always around them, this is just a continuation of who they are.



## STUDENTS FROM TAURANGA GIRLS COLLEGE DOING THE MAHI!

*Teresa and friends*

A lovely group of girls from year 12 business studies completed a school project which raised awareness and fundraising for Homes of Hope. They raised \$100 through selling Covid Bear Badges and Tie Dye T-Shirts.

We are grateful for every dollar raised at Homes of Hope as there are always many needs for which we can use funds to ensure the lives of these children are enhanced in a number of ways.

Today in Aotearoa NZ over **6000** kiwi children are in foster care due to significant neglect or abuse.

Despite best intentions, they can change families up to 3 times a year and can be separated from their siblings.

We help stop that.





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A LIMITED ADDITION OF STARS!

## BIG THANKS TO THE VOLUNTEER CREW

*a night of stars*

Huge thanks go to the crew who came and supported us as volunteers to serve our wonderful family of friends and supporters. With your support and mahi, we made it!

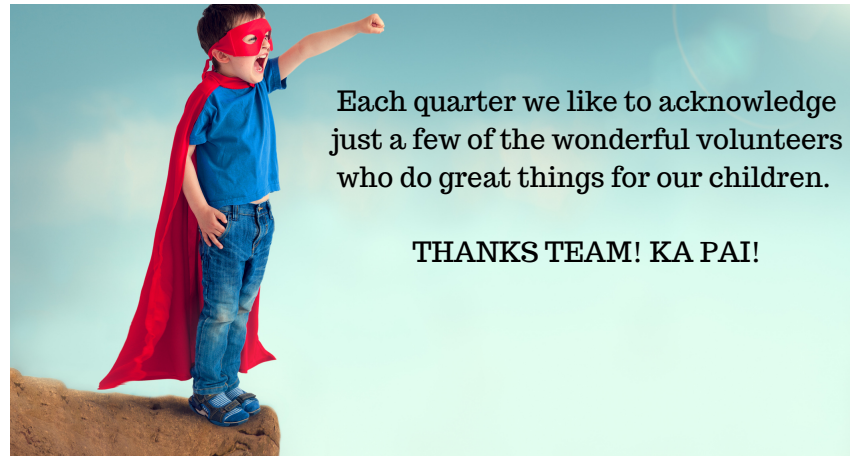
THANK YOU ONE AND ALL





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



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

THANKS TEAM! KA PAI!

## JAMES PEOPLE

James from James People was instrumental in bringing on board our new social worker Jen. When he heard that we were looking, he was only too willing to do the mahi as his gift to Homes of Hope. Thank you James, you are a special person!

## FIX & FOG

We received a call from Fix & Fog to ask if we would like their peanut butter. Well of course the answer was YES! Ever since, they have been sending us peanut butter for our 'peanut butter nutters' at Homes of Hope. Much appreciated!

## HEREFORD KITCHEN

We contacted Hamish after the black tie event where Hereford Kitchen had catered for this event and asked him if they could cater for our 'A Night of Stars' event. Not only did he do so, but did this at a greatly reduced cost. Thanks Hamish, we love your work!

## SHERIE BBQ QUEEN

Sherie contacted us out of the blue and wanted to raise funds for our tamariki. She has since held many BBQ mornings at Mega Mitre 10. What an effort and what a great human being!

## SALLY & GREG

This wonderful couple were moving home and didn't need their outdoor furniture any longer, so they donated it to our new home Kauri. It is, to say the least, LUXURIOUS!

## ROGER WILCOX

Roger has been coming to help with jobs around the homes and very generously gives of his time. He is such a great handyman and we really enjoy him coming and just making things happen. Thanks so much Roger for your mahi!

## CILLE FROM DOLPHIN SEAFARIS

Cille has been an amazing support to our children and over the past year and tours. I cannot recommend her dolphin tours. I cannot recommend her tours strongly enough! We went with the children on her amazing boat and it was the best adventure EVER! Thank you Cille :-)



# Our Supporters

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

