

Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE AUTUMN EDITION 2022

HERE'S WHAT'S IN OUR NEWSLETTER

bringing you the news from a quarterly moment in time

- Dave & Vanessa – 4 Square at The Lakes, what champions!
- CCPT fence made with aroha and the help of one of our tamariki
- All Black 7's came to play in our backyard – what a blast!
- TCC match funding success!
- Sisters & Co, Rodelle and team are super supportive friends!
- Children's Christmas holidays
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- Thanks for your support

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WHANGAI KA TUPU KA PUAWAI
THAT WHICH IS NURTURED BLOSSOMS THEN GROWS



DAVE & VANESSA - 4 SQUARE AT THE LAKES *such champions!*

We had a great day at Dave and Vanessa's 4 Square at the Lakes recently. It was the first anniversary of owning their beautiful store. They are such an awesome family with their two boys, Brock and Noah (above).

Their boys were there to help out on the day and Dave provided everything we need for a BBQ with all funds raised going to Homes of Hope, Vanessa also provided a jar full of lollies for kids to guess the number and win the lot! Ali's son Harry was the lucky winner and he decided in all of his growing goodness, and with a little persuasion from his Mum and sister, to give half of the lollies to our tamariki, how kind!

It was an incredible day and such an awesome community feel there at the Lakes. Do get down and see them when you get a chance, it is just a great place to hang with the playground and the lake right there, and Dave and the team serve a great coffee and slushies for the kids.

Thanks also to Rebekah who volunteered (above) and did an excellent job with the BBQ tongs and made life really easy on the day! What an incredible community!

CCPT FENCE MADE WITH AROHA *and with the help of one of our tamariki*

The eldest tamaiti at Homes of Hope has become a great version of Bob the Builder but is younger, more agile, better looking, and has the best smile! Check out this awesome fence he helped to build with volunteer David.

Together on a Saturday, they worked away until the final product was standing tall. At Homes of Hope, a contract has been drawn up for this tamaiti, who gets a payslip and the ability to save money for extra items he wants to save for and buy.

The fence sits next to the new CCPT room upgrade supported by and thanks to the **Hugh Green Foundation**. We are so proud of this tamaiti and know that he is proud of himself. This is what we call..... SMASHING IT OUT OF THE BALL PARK!!!!



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ALL BLACK SEVEN'S CAME TO PLAY!

in the back yard!

Such an exciting end of year Christmas party for our tamariki, no less than 20+ team members, coaches, and the manager came to play ball, sing, and have a great afternoon on what was a sunny fun-filled adventure for tamariki who were at first rather bewildered (to say the least), but after warming up, they had the best day! Some new up-and-coming team members were discovered in our whānau and I am sure the coach will be keeping an eye out for them as they grow into strong, tall, confident humans.

Thanks must go to Nikita Hall, the Personal Development Manager who is a great friend of Homes of Hope for organising this special treat.

Here's wishing the men's and women's teams the very best for the important year ahead in 2022. Let's hope Covid plays ball and gives them a break.

Below is a picture of a few of the boys, we have hearts in front of tamariki to ensure their privacy is respected.



TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL match fund success!!!

In the past few years, TCC has supported the mahi of Homes of Hope through both the building of our new home for children and the upgrade of the Child Centred Play Therapy (CCPT) room with their match fund.

Their support allows us that little bit of leverage to get pre-build requirements underway (for the new home) and tidy things up at the end (for the CCPT room).

Their support cannot be underestimated and we thank the council sincerely for their support!



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MANAAKITIA A TĀTOU KURA POUNAMU.
LOOKING AFTER OUR PRECIOUS TREASURES.



SISTERS & CO

Rodelle & the team continue to be incredibly supportive!

Rodelle is a beautiful woman and runs a VERY busy lifestyle, yet she never forgets our children. You will often hear her asking, "what can I do to help?"

Prior to Christmas Rodelle (owner) and Heidi (CFO) invited us to speak at a luncheon for some of their wonderful friends and clientele. What an incredible event and amazing talented bunch of (mainly) women that attended. They all seemed to know one another, and a fabulous time was had by all! Such a great community.

Rodelle presented us with a generous cheque to support our mahi and announce that her Sisters Swap Store will be giving 5% of all clothing sales to Homes of Hope.

Thank YOU Rodelle, your generosity is humoungously appreciated!!!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

out 'n about 'n loving life.....

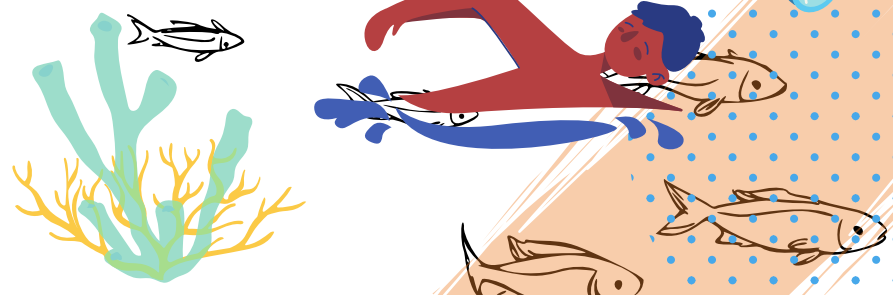
Over the Christmas holidays, our children did lots of swimming; this is a favourite pastime for them with Pilot Bay at the Mount being a preferred location to chill and swim.

Once home, the backyard has a slight hill at the Rata home and is often set-up with a water slide for hours of fun slipping and sliding to keep the heat of the day at bay.

A small holiday (four days) was part of the fun, the children went off on mass to Hamilton where again, they did (guess what) loads of swimming! Their house parents also took the tribe to the Hamilton Zoo one day, Raglan for another day and on the way home they stopped off at Hobbiton which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The tour guide was so impressed with their manners and his instruction, he said they were the BEST tour group he had EVER had!

Whilst the children were away **with the help of NZCT funding**, we were able to have painters come in to paint our Rata home. This was in dire need and looks just splendid! **Thank you NZCT for all your incredible support over the years!**

The rest of the holidays were relatively low-key as we wanted to keep our beautiful children as safe as possible with Covid looming. So, movies, sports games, lots of playing in the yard, BBQ's, going to the local playground andyou guessed it, swimming was enjoyed by all.



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

2022 THE YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS

the year is ahead of us and we can't wait!

The children are back at school with one child having been selected for the Athletic Development Programme at his school which he is very proud of.

Ripper Rugby is just around the corner, one or two are preparing for the rugby season and others are well into Number Words and Works which has been worth its weight in gold to bring many of our children up to speed with their peers. We also have mentors for some of our children who we feel can benefit with one-on-one time.

We are continuing our journey in bi-cultural practice. We have several members of our team who are confident and competent regarding Te Ao Māori and their guidance and support in this area has been helpful in supporting the growth and development of other members of our team.

Our Practice Manager continues to work alongside Oranga Tamariki to ensure our tamariki have the right information related to their identity and our house parents continue to support each of them to grow in confidence in the space of Te Ao Māori, while also ensuring they stay connected to their whānau

This provides a layer of accountability to ensure that investigation into wider whānau, hāpu and iwi options for tamariki Māori occurs as traditionally this has not been the case. This also protects tamariki Māori from being disconnected from their sense of identity and belonging, which are known factors to Māori being over represented in our nation's worst statistics.



Currently, we provide away from home care for tamariki, particularly sibling groups, within a community setting. The recent changes to the way Oranga Tamariki practices in line with 7aa Quality Assurance Standards (recently new legislative requirements) give us the opportunity to better meet the needs of our community.

To actively engage and meet this opportunity, we are restructuring our offices and children's homes to be able to include a pilot for a new way of working with both tamariki and their whānau into the future. This will provide an opportunity for more children to stay within their whānau, rather than be placed in care.

To ensure that Homes of Hope can continue to provide outstanding services, we need to ensure that we are meeting the current need of both tamariki, their whānau, Oranga Tamariki and the Treaty of Waitangi principles.

This way of working is encouraging Homes of Hope to step up and deliver even greater outcomes for tamariki and their whānau over the coming years. We will be able to update you more with this pilot in the coming months.

We know through experience that tamariki generally never want to leave their homes. Sometimes this is not possible to ensure their safety. At Homes of Hope, we are committed to finding new ways to work towards better outcomes for both tamariki and their whānau.

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CARE DAY WITH LOVE

an independent advocate for children in care

Friday was Care Day and our tamariki had an awesome afternoon with some of the team from VOYCE-Whakarongo Mai celebrating in the backyard with pizza, masks, nail painting, and a water slide.

VOYCE does an outstanding job of ensuring tamariki and rangatahi in care have independent people they can speak to about their experiences. We love the strong, collaborative relationship we are building with VOYCE and our tamariki look forward to their visits every fortnight.

DUNCAN FROM COLLIERS

every Christmas there is a treat in stall

Duncan and the team at Collier's are a community-spirited team of people and do a grand job at ensuring the lives of our tamariki are just a bit more beautiful than they would have been without their help.

Every year recently, Duncan has led the charge and we are grateful in so many ways.

We are always building our community of caring people so that we can do as much as possible to assist both tamariki and their families towards living their best lives.

Thank you Colliers for your thoughtful mahi!



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UPDATE - CHILD CENTRED PLAY THERAPY - CCPT

from Hilary our co-founder and CEO



Te Whare Ukiuki is serving its purpose magnificently! (I attach the meaning behind the name, which expresses so much.)



We have 5 therapists serving the needs of children now, two fully qualified and three interning.



It has been difficult managing consistent sessions as we journey through the Covid restrictions, illnesses and isolations, and we very much look forward to a time when we are beyond this pandemic.



The power of the process for tamariki journeying through the play therapy process is one which brings deep internal resolution, coming to terms with, their trauma, be it grief and loss, vicarious violence, violence, abuse or neglect. The person-hood of the child is helped to heal, not by didactic means, but by supporting the child's own resourcefulness within a deeply trusting relationship.



We **are so extremely grateful to have the support of the Hugh Green Foundation** which enables us to provide this beautiful therapeutic modality for children and their families. The needs are great, and there are so many who cannot afford to access this support. **Thank you, sincerely.**

BECA FUNDRAISER FOR CHRISTMAS

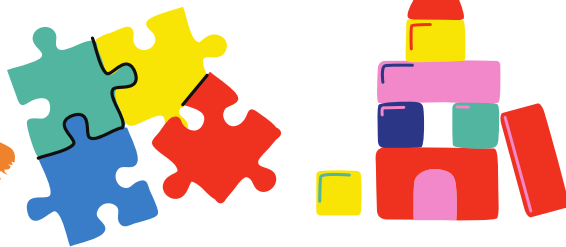
creators, planners and problem solvers in so many ways!

Veleska who works with Beca contacted us right out of the blue to let us know they wanted to make us one of their three charities of choice for Christmas.

Their partnership with us through their clients was totally unexpected and couldn't have come at a better time with funding arriving prior to our children preparing to go back to school, with all the costs of uniforms and books etc. we appreciate their support more than you can imagine.

It has been a challenging end to the second year of uncertainty, with Covid restrictions impacting us in a variety of ways, this wonderful gift allows us that little bit more security going forward.

Beca....you're the best!



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COVID HAS MOVED IN - MOST UNINVITEDLY!

children's whare's have an unwanted house guest

I guess it had to happen, Covid has made its unwelcome presence into all three of our whare, but it will get a short shift, as soon as we can get our steel-capped boots on and show it to the door!

Our children and their caregivers who have contracted Covid are comfortable and happy and 'cross fingers' OKAY TO DATE! Over 90% of our team and tamariki are vaccinated.

This unwelcome guest has made its presence known throughout the world and we are only too aware that it will likely affect you and your family and friends at some point.

We wish you all the very best at these unprecedented times - blessings to you all.



KIWIANIS

and thanks to Mike and the team for your support

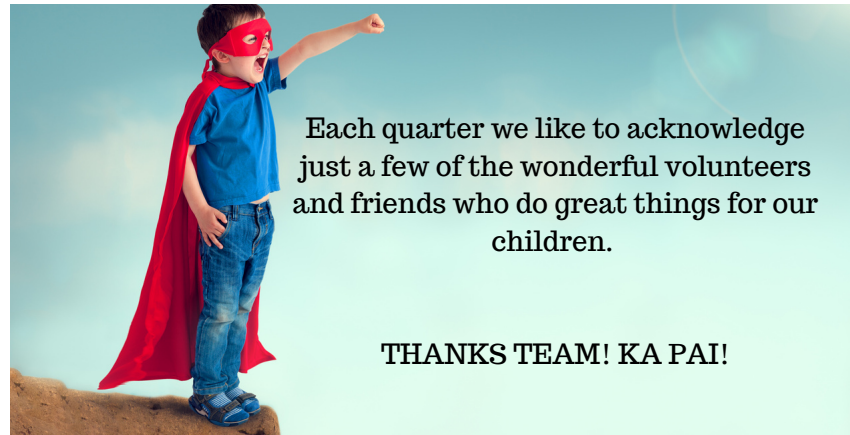
Mike and the team at Kiwianis have been doing their darndest to help us secure some funding to part pay for a shade sail for one of our children's homes. It has taken some time and planning but together we have made the first part of this journey happen.

This awesome club has been around for a very long time and has worked hard to help children throughout New Zealand and internationally both with funds and hard practical work ethic. Thank you Kiwianis!



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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
and friends who do great things for our
children.

THANKS TEAM! KA PAI!

POINTMADESTUDIO

Madeline at pointmadestudios (check her out on instagram) donated half of all her earnings from Christmas illustrations to our tamariki. Her illustrations are incredible and we thank you Madeline for making us your charity of choice.

REBEKAH

Rebekah is a nanny who has some spare time, she has spent it helping out at Homes of Hope doing all sorts of odd jobs, office work, sausage sizzles and gardening. What a champion!!! Thank you!

JEREMY REDMORE

so Jeremy was the frontman for Midnight Youth and has now developed a beautiful childrens book called 'Sing Like A Unicorn', it is just yummy! His sister Kat who works at Classic Builders donated one to our children at Christmas time. If you don't have it yet, it's a must for the kids.

ROGER

We would like to thank Roger who was a volunteer with us for some time both out in the yards of the children's homes and with many home handy man jobs around the homes. Roger has gone on to other projects and we want to wish him the very best moving forward.
Ngā mihi nui.

HANNAH

This lovely woman has been a beautiful addition to our team. She has helped us with Facebook posts and ideas for some time now. Recently she has secured a dream job working on the environment and sustainability. We want to thank her sincerely for the time she spent on our social media and hope to see her soon!

CLASSIC BUILDERS

A little birdie tells me that these awesome friends are up to lot's of good things again. What that might be? Well, we may have to wait and see, but hey, be sure, it will be massive! It always is with these eternal angels of Homes of Hope. Thanks dream team!
After all, you dream it, they build it!

Kay

This beautiful woman was a part of the Datacom team that helped to build a new CRM for Homes of Hope that ensured security going forward is optimised. Kay continues to volunteer time to us to help with CRM updates and how-to's when needed. It is always great to see you Kay and we hope you will continue to make our world that much easier as we move forward.

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HE WAKA EKE NOA!

