

**John 1:9**

**“The true light, which gives light to everyone,  
was coming into the world.”**

# *Homes of Hope Newsletter*

THE CHRISTMAS EDITION 2022

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# Our People

## ***Introducing Our Board Member Julie Waaka***

It is an absolute privilege to be part of an organisation who cares for and advocates for our tamariki. Our team work with heart and passion and are an inspiration for all. It is my honour, as a board member, to serve a well-needed kaupapa under amazing leadership, where our tamariki are loved and have opportunity to thrive.



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## ***Meet our Social Worker Lisa-Marie Paretovich-Wright***

Lisa-Marie is Croatian/Māori and affiliates to Tainui Iwi. She has a background working with teenagers prior to completing her Bachelor of Bi-Cultural Social Work. Lisa-Marie is passionate about empowering our tamariki to be the best versions of themselves and enjoys being able to spend time with our tamariki at Homes of Hope. Lisa-Marie married her long-time partner last month in a beautiful ceremony overlooking Mauao. Congratulations Lisa-Marie! You looked stunning and incredibly happy! The Homes of Hope whānau wish you a lifetime of happiness together.



**Isaiah 7:14**

**"Therefore the Lord himself will  
give you a sign; The virgin will  
conceive and give birth to a son,  
and will call him Immanuel."**





Matthew 1:21

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

*Our Mahi*



VOYCE thanked the tamariki at Homes of Hope for participating in their research project by giving us a brand new volleyball and net, and setting it up for them in the back yard! They were so excited to get home from school and out to play now that the days are getting longer and warmer. We are all looking forward to playing some volleyball games over the summer holidays (kids and adults included!) Click their logo to find out more about what VOYCE are doing in the community and how you can help support their mahi.



**ST-ENOCH'S**

***BREADMAKERS HAVE BEEN GIFTED TO OUR WHARE!***

We have been very generously donated Bread Makers for our whare. The tamariki have been so excited to arrive home from school to freshly baked bread, as well as getting involved in trying out recipes to make different types of breads, and doughs, even some Pizza bases for dinner!



St Enoch's Presbyterian Church have dropped off food donated by the congregation regularly to our whare after the Sunday services. Thank you to all the wonderful people at St Enoch's.

**FORTY THIEVES**  
ALI'S BARBERSHOP

Ali from Forty Thieves Barbershop kindly provides haircuts for the tamariki throughout the year. We are so grateful and the tamariki love the experience and having really cool hairstyles! Thanks so much Ali! Check them out [here](#)

**Lions Club Magic Show**

HUGE THANKS to the Tauranga City Sunrise Lions Club who provided Homes of Hope with tickets to take the tamariki along to the recent Magic Show at Bethlehem College. The caregivers and tamariki thoroughly enjoyed themselves! The Lions Club also delivers firewood to our whare each year, and we appreciate them so much! Click their logo to see how you can support all of the amazing work they do for charities such as Homes of Hope.





# Our Community



*Exciting things have been happening over the last couple of months at Homes of Hope.*



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You may have seen in the Weekend Sun that we have been upgrading our old office Kereru to transform it back into a whare. Thanks to the generous support of our community, we are now in a position where we are opening a fourth whare to care for tamariki who cannot be with their whānau at this time. The tamariki from Matai whare have moved into Kereru and we have new tamariki joining us in December. It is thanks to the generous support of people like yourself and our community, that we can meet the need and provide further support to tamariki in our community. As the old saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child", and we are grateful to have you as part of ours.

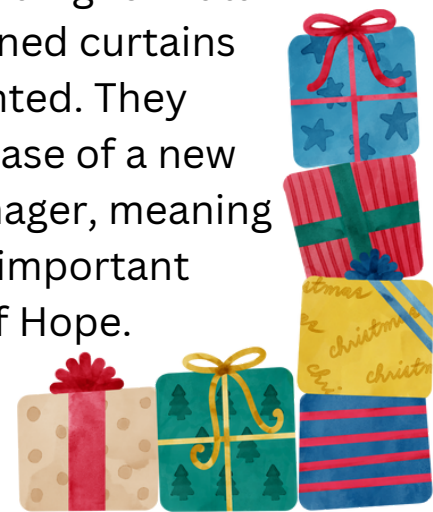
We wish to share our appreciation for the ongoing, incredible support that TECT provides Homes of Hope – funding that ensures we can keep doing all that needs to be done for the whare and the tamariki within. From maintaining the homes, covering monthly expenses such as groceries and power and much more, your support means the world to us all, thank you!



We want to give a huge shout out to the 2 year 10 sewing classes at Otumoetai College who have created amazing personalised Christmas presents for each of our tamariki! Thank you for your incredible creations, you are all very talented!



A Massive THANK YOU! for Grassroots Trust, who has provided funding for Rata whare to get new thermal lined curtains and have the interior repainted. They have also funded the purchase of a new laptop for our practice manager, meaning she can continue to do the important mahi she does for Homes of Hope.





# Our Appreciation

## St Luke's

We are so grateful to St Luke's Church Tauranga for providing Homes of Hope with grocery vouchers for families using our services. These grocery vouchers were gifted to the families in the local community through our Child Centred Play Therapy service here at Homes of Hope.



Colliers Bay of Plenty very generously donated enough boogie boards and fishing supplies for each of the tamariki, plus funds to cover the cost of a Christmas Party, including catering and hire of some fun outdoor activities! The tamariki and caregivers had such a great day, and we couldn't have done it without your incredible support. Thank you so much Colliers Bay of Plenty!



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Curate Church Mount Maunganui arrived in their big truck to drop off huge beautiful boxes full of groceries in early

December, which our whare caregivers and CCPT whanau were so grateful to receive. Thank you Curate for your wonderful gifts.

The Homes of Hope whanau would like to wish you all a blessed, safe and Merry Christmas, and express our immense gratitude to all who have supported us throughout 2022, some of whom are mentioned here, with many more to come in the next issue of our newsletter.

## John 3:16

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

