



THE KIWI FOCUS

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Its winter again and out come all the warm clothes! This year we launched our food truck service to take food out to all the hard workers in Christchurch working towards re-building our city. It is a challenge to get the mix right in terms of the right products, businesses that want our service, getting the kitchen operating smoothly, building clientele and contending with the councils rules and regulations, which would choke you if you had to eat them! Let's not serve that up to our workers! The intention of this new service is to raise more funding to support the ever-growing needs of our community. It has also employed two people and one volunteer. People are very happy to buy off us when they find out that the profits are going right back to the Trust. As the government is cutting back on funding community-based organisations, we are forging ahead funding our own. It's not new to us, as we are not government funded, so its business as usual. A huge thank you to Northwood Warehouse Stationery for nominating us for support from The Warehouse Foundation! The next project that we are focusing on is the firewood saving scheme. There is a lot of people out there that find it hard to buy enough firewood for the winter. We have a fire wood saving scheme that people who qualify can participate in, to save for next years firewood supply from a certified firewood yard. We also look for support by way of sponsorship to obtain firewood for those who need it now and would use the opportunity to save for next year's firewood. The details are on the final page of this newsletter.



"Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier." Nelson Soper Trustee

NORTHWOOD WAREHOUSE STATIONERY PARTNERING WITH KIWI FAMILY TRUST!

The Warehouse Group Foundation works to assist organisations supporting families and young people across New Zealand. They have funds set aside specifically for groups which fit this criteria in helping the people of Christchurch rebuild their lives and their city. They recently asked their team employed across Christchurch to nominate local community organisations who they felt The Foundation should support. The team from Warehouse Stationery in Northwood nominated Kiwi Family Trust ! They have assisted us with a grant which we have been able to utilise to assist our youth and families who are struggling, and are not eligible for assistance elsewhere.

We have noticed an increase in hardship which can hold back youth development, family communication and places huge stresses on the family. Thanks to the Warehouse Foundation and Northwood Warehouse Stationery's nomination, we can assist those most in need with products, services and access to activities for youth that make the world of difference to the recipients!



Thank you to The Warehouse Foundation & Northwood Warehouse Stationery for helping us to help people to help themselves!

Upcoming Events

Youth Camp Boys Peel Forest
6th—10th July 2015

5 Day Empowering Positive Change
Christchurch 4,5,6th August & 12th & 13th August 2015

Youth Camp Boys Peel Forest
21st—25th September 2015

Youth Camp Girls Marlborough
Sounds 28th Sept—2nd Oct 2015

Programmes & Support Services

- ◆ Life Skills Courses
- ◆ Empowering Positive Change
- ◆ Empowering Our Youth (Prison)
- ◆ Empowering Our Youth (Camp)
- ◆ Parenting Courses
- ◆ Cyber-games in schools
- ◆ Clear Communication
- ◆ Life Coaching
- ◆ One-on-One Mentoring
- ◆ Budget Advice
- ◆ Staff Conflict/ Stress Management
- ◆ Grandparents & Families In Need
- ◆ Knitting for Plunket & Community
- ◆ Firewood Savings Fund for 2016
- ◆ Food Bank Service

Office & Other Services

- ◆ Laminating
- ◆ Colour Copying
- ◆ Brochures
- ◆ Fliers
- ◆ Scanning
- ◆ Training Room Hire

Pop in and see us at 420 St Asaph Street, Christchurch.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH CAMP SPONSORS

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EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH CAMPS 2015

On Sunday the 12th April, we packed up the van, and started our journey with 8 girls and 4 leaders. We stopped for the first night in Kaikoura. We got up bright and early on Monday morning, and trekked off to our first activity, which was swimming with dolphins. We dutifully stuffed ourselves into wetsuits, watched a safety briefing, and then off we went. It was an amazing experience, both on the boat and in the water, to see the dolphins swimming and playing around us!

After clambering out of wetsuits and into dry clothes, we were off again, stopping on the way for a look at the seal nursery just outside Kaikoura. Our next stop was Whatamango Bay in the Marlborough Sounds, which was our home for the next week. We spent the night settling in, and then on Tuesday we headed out to Picton, where we caught a boat over to Lochmara Lodge Wildlife Recovery & Arts Centre. We spent an awesome day checking out the attractions, including watching eels being fed, and being able to get into an enclosure with Red Crowned Kakariki and have them feed out of our hands! Wednesday brought us an Easter Egg hunt, and in the afternoon fun with makeup, where the girls got very creative.

Thursday saw a fishing trip, where everyone caught at least one fish, and we ate some of our catch for tea. Yum! In amongst the activities, we had plenty of time to enjoy fishing off the jetty belonging to the house we stayed in, as well as kayaking and rowing about in the dinghy, and of course lots of swimming and snorkelling. On Friday morning, we packed up, and 8 girls and 4 leaders piled our gear and ourselves back into the van and headed home. A fantastic time was had by all. Roll on the next camp!



EMPOWERING YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are one of the recipients at The Warehouse South City! When you shop at The Warehouse South City store, and purchase plastic bags, you will be given a disc that you can place in the voting container to say which of the three local community organisations the store is supporting .



At the end of each six month period, funds raised are given to each of the store community partners according to their percentage of total votes. So please vote for Kiwi Family Trust to help raise money for our Empowering Our Youth Camps!

Thank you to The Warehouse South City for selecting us as recipients!

A LITTLE HIGHLIGHT MAKES MY DAY

Bella presenting a community award to Moorhouse Ave PAK' n SAVE - Brad Spence.

Barbara made morning tea for the staff. A huge thank you for all the support for the youth camps, we couldn't do it without you!





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KNITTING FOR PLUNKET & THE COMMUNITY

Winter is here...and I have been busy handing out knitting around the country. So far this year I have given away approximately 2300 garments!

My latest visit was to Auckland where I visited North Shore and Counties Manukau Plunket. Recently I was in Tauranga, Te Puke, Rotorua, Te Awamutu, Palmerston North and Wanganui Plunkets. We have also sent knitting to Takaka via Lynnette Edwards, who is one of our volunteer knitters. Thank you Lynette, your help is really appreciated.

As knitting keeps coming in I will get it to more areas. I was very glad to get it down to Dunedin & Invercargill then to Wellington and Christchurch earlier this year.

My big thank you is to all our volunteer knitters. We have approximately 200 of you around the country. Also thank you to Anne & Don Burte, Eileen Martin, Alison Gray, Anne Grady & Jan Goodwin. Without you I couldn't do this!

Thank you to Countrywide Yarns, Woolyarns, Wentworth Distributors and everyone else who has donated wool and funds towards our goal of keeping Kiwi kids warm.



Kath Lawrence, Community Services Leader for BOP/Lakes Area Plunket



Celeste Pon, Associate Charge Midwife Manager, Waikato Hospital

GOLDEN BAY LIONS CLUB



Helen Bracefield, the Golden Bay Well Child and Public Health Nurse, & Derry Kingston, the President of Golden Bay Lions Club.

We received this lovely letter from the Golden Bay Lions Club.

At the Board Meeting last month for the Golden Bay Lions Club, we were all astounded and most appreciative of the generous four cartons of knitted garments that were given to Lynette and Lincoln to bring back to Takaka. We have always been aware that knitted garments do come back to the community, but the quantity and quality of the knitting was beyond what we had expected. Supporting the Kiwi Family Trust is a very worthwhile part of our Club's Fundraising, and as you will be aware, four of our Members also donate and knit for the Trust. Our President is delivering these beautiful knitted items to Helen Bracefield, the Well Child Nurse, Golden Bay Community Health. And as in previous years, I am sure these will be very gratefully needed and received. Would appreciate it please, if you could pass on our grateful thanks to all those that contributed to this generosity.

Warm regards,

Janice McCann
Secretary
Golden Bay Lions Club



Kate & Priza, Plunket Nurses from Rotorua



Palmerston North's Helen Sneddon, Community Services Leader and Andrea Hayes, a Parent Educator



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LOOK WHO'S TALKING: OUR PEOPLE, OUR STORIES

**BARB WHIPP:
THE MULTI-TASKER**



In June 2000, I suffered a back injury that I had to have surgery for. I had to eventually retrain, as my previous job as a caregiver with the elderly was no longer an option. I started my journey with KFT on the 1st June 2004, and haven't looked back

since. To be honest, the relief of having a job again was so huge, I don't think I even thought about how long I expected to be here!

Having a back injury can put people at risk of long term unemployment. So I don't think I had any expectations as such, but I have to say I'm really happy to still be here 11 years on. Most of our staff have been here long term, so we have evolved into an extended family, in the best sense of the word. And a lot of us have disabilities. Not too many employers want to take on staff who are in less than perfect health, and I love the fact that the Trust will provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities. I think the thing I enjoy the most is the variety of work I get to do, from doing my fundraising work, to training to learn how to facilitate programmes, as well as being a Camp Leader on our camps, and being involved with our youth group.

**GAYLE TAYLOR:
THE KIND-HEARTED PANTOLOGIST***



Gayle is one of our newest employees, and has really embraced our working culture. She is kind-hearted, a team-player who is always ready to help, with a beautiful smile! We are truly blessed to have her

as part of our team. Here's what she had to say about working here: I have known about Kiwi Family Trust and the good work they do for a number of years. I jumped at the opportunity to work a few hours a week for the Trust in December 14. With a broad management base, the role that is evolving is ideal for my methodical approach to quality. At the moment my main focus is writing policies and procedures for the Trust. Course/workshop co-ordination, conference room hire, project co-ordination, and funding applications add to the mix. My work focus is to be in a role I enjoy and work with an organisation that actively gives back to the community. Kiwi Family Trust meets that focus – I love the work we do in the community and the people I work with. The Trust actively puts people first every day.

*A Pantologist is a 'jack of all trades'

FIREWOOD SAVINGS SCHEME 2016!

For those on pensions, low incomes, or suffering hardship, we provide a solution to being able to obtain firewood!

Households save with us weekly for **next** year's firewood, and for every \$3.50 saved, they will get \$1 added to their total! Households can save what they can afford, and have the pressure of choosing and co-ordinating a firewood supplier removed, as we do it all! We arrange for payment and delivery through approved firewood companies that have high quality, properly seasoned firewood, and are looking for sponsorship to provide a wood supply to those in need for this winter whilst they save for next year's firewood.

This service is available in Christchurch, North Canterbury, Ashburton and Hokitika at this stage; we are hoping to be able to expand on the areas we can provide this service to as this service grows.

If you know someone who may require this service, or wishes to sponsor a household for this year's firewood supply, please ask them to call Natasha on 0508 543 375.

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