

# Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE SUMMER AND BACK-TO-SCHOOL  
EDITION 2023



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**Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens**





**1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms**



## *Our People*

### **Introducing our long standing Board Member and newly appointed Chairperson Emil Verster**

It is a joy to introduce you to our incoming Chairman who has taken over from Andrew Warren. We are so grateful for Andrew's service over the past six and half years and wish him well. We both acknowledge and thank him for his wisdom and expertise in his time on the Board. He and his wife, Liz, will always remain good friends of Homes of Hope.

Emil has lived in Tauranga since 1997 and is married to Lisa with six beautiful children. He has supported Homes of Hope as a Trustee on and off over the last 16 years, and more recently has served as Vice and Acting Chair. Emil has always been an impassioned supporter of Homes of Hope and we are so delighted to have his expertise as a high performing business leader with a track record of success in entrepreneurship and management of organisations in a range of sectors both internationally and in New Zealand.

Emil has core Judeo-Christian values that are enduring, including being family-oriented, altruistic, responsible, and ethical, with these expectations for himself and others. These core values give his life meaning and satisfaction, and in his view, success means more than money and prestige. With strong desire to help others grow and develop Emil finds value in work beyond just financial, especially when it aids others. He is an 'encourager' openly sharing his appreciation for others and tending to have the welfare of others frequently in mind. His friends call him 'dependable'.



### **Meet our Support Caregivers Sanita Ranapia-Anae and Bryan Papalli**

Sanita is Māori Samoan and affiliates to Ngati Awa Iwi in the Eastern Bay and Maleala Village in Samoa. Bryan is a New Zealand born Samoan from Auckland, who affiliates to Palauli Village in Samoa. Sanita and Bryan work as Support Caregivers in our whare, looking after the tamariki when our House Parents have a break. They have six children, some of whom they whangai. In her spare time Sanita runs her own party planning business. Bryan works at one of the local primary schools and is well respected by both his colleagues and the tamariki. Sanita and Bryan are passionate about empowering, encouraging and guiding tamariki so they can be the best versions of themselves.



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# Our Mahi



The tamariki at Homes of Hope have spent lots of time swimming at the beaches in Mount Maunganui and Raglan. They have absolutely loved using their new boogie boards they received for Christmas. Many thanks again to Colliers Bay of Plenty!

## **BACK TO SCHOOL!!!**

The tamariki are excited to head back to school over the next few weeks! Our caregivers and staff have been busily preparing everything the tamariki need for the start of term 1 of school, with equipment, stationery, new school uniforms and shoes for the fast growing tamariki! If you would like to help, the tamariki really need some new lunchboxes! Please email us on [office@homesofhope.org.nz](mailto:office@homesofhope.org.nz) if you can assist!



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INC.

Our caregivers have been presented with gift vouchers for some very well deserved pampering from Features INC. This is another initiative supported through Go Generosity. Go Generosity enables companies such as Features INC. to pay-it-forward to organisations and their community.

Thank you Features INC. and Go Generosity for enabling our hard working house parents and support caregivers to take some hard earned time out for themselves to relax and rejuvenate!

Click on their respective logos to check out their websites.



Rain Bar and Restaurant in Papamoa have been regularly providing meals for our whare through Go Generosity, to pay it forward within the community. Click on their logo to see their website, where you can learn more about their facilities, menu, and how they are supporting and empowering others to support the community through Go Generosity.

Thank you Rain Bar!

The General have been donating delicious kai through Go Generosity for our whare, which is collected each week and brought back for the tamariki and caregivers.

Thank you so much for providing tasty and healthy kai for the growing tamariki! Click on their logo to find out more about their eatery and menu.

Thanks to The General!

**John 4:37 This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests.**



# Our Community

## Whitcoulls

Towards the end of 2022 Whitcoulls Bayfair collected donations of this season's Whitcoulls Christmas teddy bears to gift to Homes of Hope. This meant we had the opportunity to get out in the community sharing the bears among a large number of other organisations and community services around the Bay. Thanks Whitcoulls Bayfair! Click on their logo to see their current back-to-school specials!



During December, Bayfair held a Breakfast with Santa, with proceeds from the ticket sales being given to Homes of Hope in the form of a Bayfair voucher! With so many great things to choose from at Bayfair, we were able to use the voucher to purchase groceries, clothing, toys, books and school holiday activities! Click on their logo to check out what's available and what's happening at Bayfair.



Just before Christmas a group of amazing residents in Althorp Village contacted us for a list of the genders and ages of the current Homes of Hope tamariki, so they could begin putting together a collection of Christmas presents for them! The tamariki were so excited on Christmas morning to find all sorts of wonderful gifts under the tree. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make Christmas special for the tamariki!

## Paper Plus

The team at Paper Plus Mount Maunganui provided Homes of Hope with dozens of children's Christmas books that their customers had purchased for donation. These beautiful books were able to be gifted to the tamariki for reading over the school holidays. There were 4 different books in the collection, shown to the left. Click on their logo to go to their website.



**Luke 6:38 Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.**



# Our Appreciation



We were thrilled to hear from David at The Lakes Four Square just before Christmas. David had banana boxes full of frozen goods, and a collection of coins that had been building up over the last few months from the donation box on their counter.

Thank you so much David and Vanessa for your ongoing support of Homes of Hope over the years!



Courtney from Ruthy's Coffee Lounge in Tauriko contacted us to say they had been collecting presents for the Homes of Hope tamariki in the lead up to Christmas! Thank you Ruthy's and their customers for the amazing gifts, which brought smiles to the tamariki on Christmas morning! Click on their logo to find out more about Ruthy's Coffee Bar and Eatery.



In January Zhanellé from Fulton Hogan reached out to us, asking how they can support Homes of Hope. She has rallied together with other Fulton Hogan staff members to provide Homes of Hope with two much needed microwaves! Thank you so much Zhanellé for reaching out to us, and thank you Fulton Hogan and your team for your generous donations towards the microwaves!

Each year Little Big Events puts together their community focused Christmas in the Park event in Tauranga, with gold coin entry, food and presents donated by the attendees. The Tauranga community are entertained with performances from many well known names! This also gave the Homes of Hope staff an opportunity after the event, to get in and help out, by sorting the impressive amount of donations from the public!

Thank you to Little Big Events for all of your incredible hard work each year planning this event. Thank you also for the opportunity to not only be a recipient of the generous donations from the public, but also to be able to help out such an awesome event that benefits lots of local community groups and charities who are working with tamariki and whanau.



**1 Thessalonians 1:2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.**