

Homes of Hope Newsletter

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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.

1 Corinthians 6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.



Our People



Introducing Rebekah Armstrong, our newest trustee on the board

Rebekah has recently returned to Tauranga after almost 20 years away! She's married to Chris and has two children - Ayla, 2 years old and Jack, 7 months. Rebekah is the Head of Advocacy and Justice at World Vision New Zealand and has a human rights law background. She has previously worked at the NZ Human Rights Commission and United Nations in Iran as well as in other government and NGO positions. All Rebekah's roles have involved working for and with children and upholding the best interests of children. Rebekah believes Aotearoa's tamariki are its greatest taonga/treasure and that good care and protection of children in formative years leads to greater outcomes and potential of children as they mature and become adults.

Rebekah admires Homes of Hope's model of care and the other strategic therapeutic interventions it offers to children. She is thrilled to be able to put down roots in Tauranga and serve on the Homes of Hope board.

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Meet our Caregivers Tame and Jordene

Meet our two epic Caregivers Tame and Jordene. Tame has played an impressive 400+ games for his beloved club Huria over the years and also played two seasons of rugby in Wales! He is the Junior Rugby Coordinator for Huria which is where he first met most of the tamariki at Homes of Hope. Jordene is Arataki born and bred and affiliates to both Tauranga Moana and Te Arawa. She was a hairdresser for 17 years and currently works at Mauao Adventures providing stand up paddle boarding, waka ama and cultural hiko experiences. Both Tame and Jordene love being in the great outdoors and keeping fit. They love their whānau and friends and look forward to summer beach vibes.

Tame loves a good boil up, while Jordene is in her happy place eating either Thai or seafood. They are both highly valued and liked by the team and the tamariki they care for, and have made huge impacts on the lives of all who have spent time with them here at Homes of Hope.




Our Mahi



Tamariki Achievements

The tamariki at Homes of Hope have recently had their learning conferences at school. Our social worker Lisa-Marie was brought to tears with pride, hearing the amazing feedback from each of their teachers about how well many of the tamariki are doing academically. A number of the tamariki are reading at age levels well above expectation, many are achieving much higher in Maths, and one of the youngest tamariki is the top Maths student for his year level. We are all so proud of the hard mahi the tamariki are putting into their education! We know that the caregivers and house parents have also spent a lot of time focusing on homework with the tamariki, including reading and maths, and we are so appreciative, seeing all of their efforts paying off. We would also like to acknowledge the incredible support and work of the NumberWorks'n Words team who continue to support our tamariki in this space. We appreciate all you do!

Holiday Time!



The school and Easter holidays are upon us, and so far, we have been blessed with the great weather we have been waiting for! The Homes of Hope caregivers and tamariki are looking forward to a few weeks of getting out to enjoy activities around the Bay of Plenty, soaking up the last of the sunshine at pools, beaches and playgrounds.



Thank you to Bunnings Warehouse Mount Maunganui for providing school bags, pencil cases, drink bottles, pencils and lunchboxes for the tamariki at Homes of Hope! It was perfect timing for the tamariki heading back to school at the start of this year, to have all the equipment they needed!



Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last

Our Community

At the end of March, Matrix Traffic and Transport Data sponsored the Transportation Conference, with a dinner on the 30th of March. They chose Homes of Hope as one of the three charities for the dinner guests to place their 3 tokens each worth \$10 into a jar for the charity of their choice.

Thank you Matrix Traffic and Transport Data for choosing Homes of Hope, and thank you Harding Consultants and Harding Conferences for organizing the conference and liaising with us.

Click their logos to find out who they are and what they do.



Harding Conferences



Late last year the BTKiwiArmy reached out to Homes of Hope, wanting to support us for their recent GiveaLittle fundraiser. They managed to raise an amazing \$1205 through this! Much of which came from their members, both the Kiwi branch and worldwide. Thank you so much BTKiwiArmy and their overseas counterparts, we couldn't do what we do without incredible support such as yours. If you want to find out more please click on the BTKiwiArmy logo.



Some of our supporters have won awards in the recent NZ Most Trusted Business Awards, and we wish to congratulate you! These include the following:

Creative Kitchens and Interiors- Tauranga Most Trusted Kitchens and New Zealand Most Trusted Kitchens, both 5 years running!

Burnett Piper Insurance Brokers- Tauranga Most Trusted Insurance Brokerage, 3 years running!

Awnings and Covers- Bay of Plenty Most Trusted Awnings and Covers

