



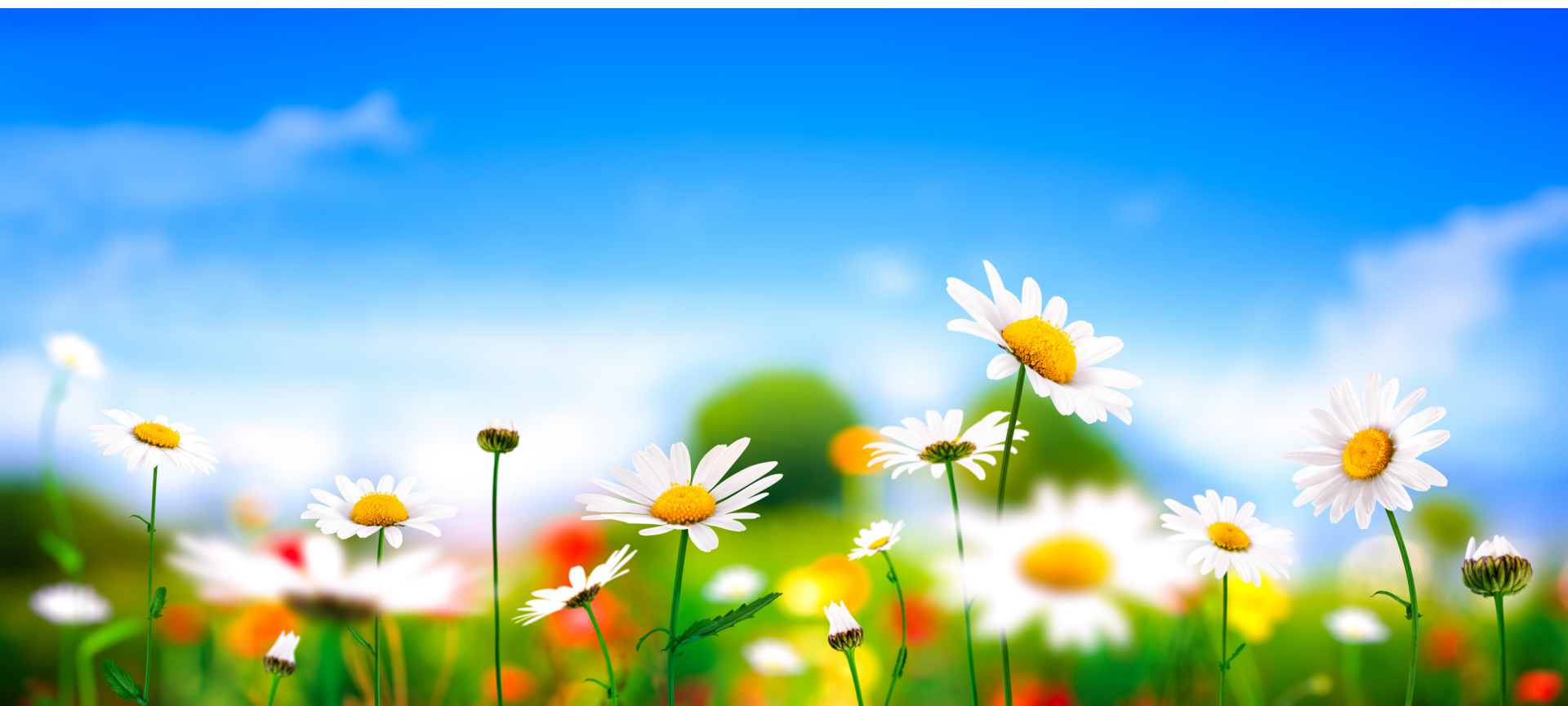
Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

A message from our CEO

Latest tamariki updates

Appreciation for our wonderful community



Our People

Have you wondered what it's like to face the terrors of someone's anger with no apparent reason? To witness violence and be helpless to intervene? To be abused and voiceless? Wondered what it would be like to be taken away from your real home and placed with strangers? Not to see your brothers and sisters? To have your home, school, and neighbourhood relocated without warning?

To become a stranger in a strange world?

Child abuse and neglect remains a sad reality for an average of 1 in 4 children here on our 'sunny' doorstep. That is two children suffering abuse every hour – an average of 20% of our child population! As a result, when they are removed from these abusive situations 49% are found to have behavioural, emotional and/or psychological challenges. 88% are found to have unidentified medical needs! If unsupported they could become hurting adults, and hurting adults can create more hurting children – unless we get involved.

Twenty years ago, on June 29, 2003, we opened our first home. And now, over 300 children later, we remain unified to do those things within our sphere of influence, capability and/or capacity to help

to make a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of the children of Aotearoa.

Children who have enormous potential, gifts, and skills, though yet unrealized. In this newsletter, you will read of the many things we are doing on a daily, weekly, monthly basis, to see them flourish.

To ensure that they will go on to live their lives well.

But we cannot do this alone. At present, our greatest need lies in the financial realm. So, if you can give financially, in any way big or small, we will be eternally grateful, not to mention greatly encouraged.

As Matariki draws to a close, and we face the new season, the new year, and the many exciting plans we have for the year ahead, extending our services to many more children and their families,

we hope you will join us.

With a strong supportive community - whanaungatanga – we can create space and time for these children to heal from their trauma, to grow in confidence and to thrive to become great New Zealanders.

Two things can happen here at Homes of Hope - lives can change and children can flourish.

Thank you for your part in helping to make this possible.

Blessings, Hilary



Our Mahi

Tamariki Achievements



The tamariki at Homes of Hope have recently finished up their Rugby and Basketball seasons. One of our tamariki represented her school in a Rugby tournament recently. We have also had some of the tamariki learning conferences at their school, and are very proud to hear that they are doing so well academically! We are so grateful to each of their kura for the support and relationships they hold with us and the tamariki, to enhance educational and other aspects of their wellbeing.

Black Ferns Kelsey Teneti and Tysha Ikenasio contacted us, keen to give back to the community and impact the lives of the future generations. They have now come on board to hang out with our tamariki every Wednesday afternoon. Their first visit was full of fun, laughter and a very serious game of hide and seek.

Thanks Kelsey and Tysha for reaching out to us! We know the tamariki at Homes of Hope will flourish and grow with positive role models like both of you in their lives.

Holiday Time!

The school holidays are upon us again, and we are all excited to get out and enjoy the weather that is starting to warm up!

We are even starting to look towards the end of year Christmas holidays, coming up with plans for activities over that long holiday period. If that is something you might be able to help support us with, please get in touch, so that we can start to create a summer the tamariki at Homes of Hope will never forget!



Our Community

TECT continue to be extremely supportive of us, and again this year, they are among our major funders.

We wouldn't be able to continue this important mahi without their incredible support, so a HUGE thank you goes to TECT! This funding goes to operational and living expenses, keeping our team, whare and the tamariki warm and well cared for!



This winter Curate and Stoney Creek partnered up for the Kids Winter Warm-Up, they held an amazing FREE Kids Winter Warm-Up Party for over 5000 local tamariki with loads of yummy food, and fun activities, and presented each child with a Stoney Creek polar-fleece clothing pack that included a beanie, overshirt and pants! It was an incredible gift, and great to see the tamariki at Homes of Hope kitted out in their warm gear, which they loved and we all appreciated so much!

Thank you Curate Church and Stoney Creek for such incredible generosity!



KIDS WINTER WARM-UP



For our people

Western BOP Community Matching Fund has approved funding to go towards our operational expenses! With the rising cost of living, and our fast growing tamariki, this funding is incredibly valuable to us! Thank you so much Western BOP District Council for providing funding for those of us doing the important mahi in our local communities!



Acorn recently came to visit for morning tea, and soon after, provided us with funding towards our operating costs, as well as a contribution to our Child Centred Play Therapy! This means that we can continue to provide much needed play therapy services for local tamariki from the community who are referred to us, as well as helping with the increasing costs for our ever growing tamariki here at Homes of Hope. Thank you Acorn, your support is hugely appreciated!

Thank you



Christmas is fast approaching and we have a gift idea just for you. Our wonderful friends at Scentsy Australia and New Zealand have selected us as the New Zealand recipient of their latest charitable cause for their "Heart to Heart" warmer. Not only is it gorgeous, but from 1 September 2023 to 29 February 2024 a portion of each warmer sold goes to us to support the important mahi we do. So if you are looking for a beautiful gift (or just to treat yourself), that also has the feel good factor of supporting a local charity, click on their logo.

Thanks again to Scentsy for your awesome support.

We appreciate you loads!



The team at:



**Western
Bay of Plenty**
District Council

**For our
people**

Thank you to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council staff who selected Homes of Hope to receive the proceeds of their Wednesday Baking Fundraiser during June this year! Your support is greatly appreciated!

In June this year Mackay Strathnaver Trust provided funding for us to repaint one of our original whare, which was well overdue for a freshen up! Thank you Mackay Strathnaver for your valuable support! Click on their logo to see all of the amazing ways they are supporting organisations in our community.



Kiwanis®

We are looking forward to evening dinners on the deck this summer protected from the sun thanks to the generosity of the amazing people at Kiwanis. Our team and tamariki have already taken advantage of this since the shade sails were installed. Summer has never looked so good!

NOM™

Earlier this year, we were donated 5 cartons full of snack size packets of NOM Double Dipped Almonds! These were a delicious addition to tamariki school lunch boxes, thanks so much to NOM and to James Crisp Brand Managers for getting in touch! Link to the NOM website on their logo above.



The wonderful Stephen and Ben from QualiFire came out and generously donated their time and fancy new smoke alarms. They installed these in our whare and office to replace our older versions and ensure that we are kept safe with the latest in fire protection. If you have fire protection needs, check out QualiFire's Facebook page (click their logo above). It's a great way to support a local small business that has a heart for their community around them. Thanks again Stephen and Ben! We appreciate you both loads!



Trustpower, now Mercury, has provided us with funds towards the cost of installing 2 shade sails over the deck of our newest whare, Kauri! These look great and will keep the area much cooler this summer!

Mercury has also recently distributed a grant for whare expenses, plus 2 new dryers to replace our very old ones that broke down over winter.

Thanks Mercury!

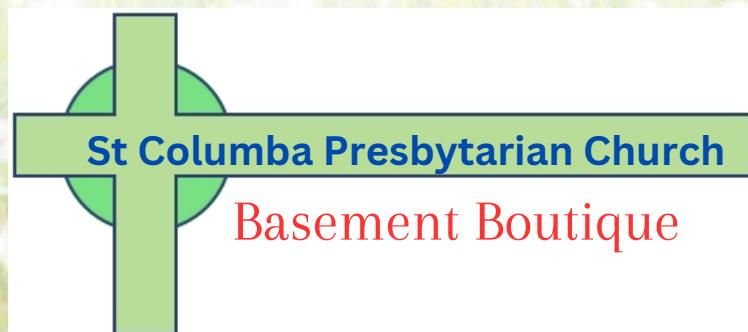
Althorp Village Knit and Natter group

These amazingly talented knitters have have yet again provided the tamariki at Homes of Hope with some beautiful, warm, hand knitted items. Thank you so much for choosing us to benefit from your beautiful knitting!



We recently received a grant from Aotearoa Gaming Trust which will go towards helping our awesome team in one of our whare continue their important mahi .

Thanks so much to you all for your support!



The Basement Boutique at St Columba Presbyterian church nominates 4 Tauranga charities to donate to, and we were the very lucky recipients of their amazing \$500 donation! Thank you so much for supporting

Homes of Hope!



Pub Charity has provided some amazing support for our fuel bills for the whare vehicles, which, as you can probably imagine, get a lot of use!

Driving tamariki to and from school, after school and weekend sports and activities, and at times, to and from visits with whānau. We appreciate your support with the increasing costs of fuel

Pub Charity!