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Message from the Practice Manager

Ko Maungatere te maunga, ko Rakahuri te awa, ko takitimu te waka, ko Ngāi Tahu te Iwi, ko Ngāi Tūāhuriri te hapū, ko Maahunui II te whare, ko Tuahiwi te marae, ko Kai Whakahaere a Tikanga te mahi, ko Carena Grant ahau.

Kia ora koutou. I'm Carena and I have the privilege of being the Practice Manager at Homes of Hope. As I sat down to write this message, I couldn't help but reflect on the season we have been in since 2020. Little did we know, as we embarked on a new decade, the world as we knew it would fundamentally shift and we would be a part of one of those "big events" that would be recorded in history forever.

Four years on, we are still feeling the aftereffects of the history making event of the global pandemic. It was not only a particularly tough time for us as a nation, but also one for those of us working in Social Services who were essential workers. We have seen firsthand the impacts that continue post the pandemic for the tamariki, rangatahi, and whānau we are privileged to serve.

But it is not all doom and gloom. One of the privileges of doing this mahi is that we get to journey with tamariki, rangatahi and whānau, as they heal, find hope, self-belief, new skills and discover who they were truly created to be so they can become the cycle breakers for generations to come.

This year particularly, we have seen transformative change on a different level in the lives of both the tamariki we care for, and also, as we expand our services, parents and wider whānau we work with. The impact of this change will not only transform the lives of the people who are part of our services but also has a flow on effect to the wider community around us.

We see daily the positive impact that walking alongside people in their hardest moments and arming them with the tools and skills to live a life they desire really has.

For me it is not just a job, but a passion and the reason I get up every day and look forward to coming to work. We have an incredible team here at Homes of Hope, our Caregivers, Support staff, Therapists, Social Workers and office team.

And of course, there are all of you wonderful people out there who support us with donations and other practical support so we can continue to do the important mahi we are tasked with.

Thank you for being a part of our village of change. Your investment into the future generations is invaluable and is appreciated more than you could ever know.

And on that note, I leave you with a whakatauki from my Iwi. "Mō tatou, ā mo kā uri ā muri ake nei. For us and our children after us". Ngā mihi nui ki a koe whānau (many thanks to you).



Our Mahi



The tamariki (and many of our caregivers) at Homes of Hope are now well into their winter sports season, with some playing Rugby and Netball. Others are doing martial arts, dance and gymnastics which they do throughout the school year.

As you can imagine this means a LOT of running around after school and on weekends to practices, games and other activities. Our incredible team do an amazing job of coordinating their transport, and standing on the sidelines to cheer them on for their weekend games, despite the weather getting pretty cold now! Our Child Centred Play Therapy Hub Te Whare Ukiuki, now has capacity for two therapy rooms since relocating to another of our buildings. We are also able to provide whānau support to parents while their tamaiti is in the play room, ensuring a holistic wrap-around service.

Since the relocation and increase in rooms, we have been able to support more tamariki and whānau within our community.



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