

Homes of Hope Newsletter

THE SUMMER EDITION 2021

HERE'S WHAT'S IN OUR NEWSLETTER

there is just so much you do to help, so much we achieve together!

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THE HOME OF HOPE - BUILT WITH LOVE

progress update on our new home for children

Classic Builders are underway with our new home which will give up to 6 more tamariki at any one time the safety they so badly need and deserve. The house blessing was a time when Kaumatua, Caregivers, House Parents and Children came together to celebrate this incredible time. Since then, it has been all 'hands-on-deck' with subbies and tradies who work with **Classic Builders** coming to the party to donate time and product! The floor is down and the house is starting to rise from its foundations. We are so grateful to you all!

Cashmore Real Estate have also come to the party by throwing a party, YES, a black tie event on the 10th April 2021 that will see all the 'who's-who' of Tauranga get their glad rags on, spit 'n shine their shoes, and come to hear Nigel Latta speak. Bid for some exceptional auction items up for grabs! It really is all happening for our 'babies'. If you would like tickets please email info@homesofhope.org.nz or view the invite, later in this email.

HE WAKA EKE NOA --WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



Whakanoa te whenua - Blessing of the Land

By local Kaumatua Tamati Tata of Ngai Tamarawaho, in preparation of the new build, blesses the land and clearing the energies so the new build will flourish.

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KO TE AHUREI O TE TAMAITI ARAHIA Ō TĀTOA MĀHI
LET THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CHILD GUIDE OUR WORK

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

*this is the best way to see our oceans wildlife - **Dolphin Seafaris**, our children will never forget....*

If you were a child from a hard place, what do you think would be a dream come true? Well for our children it was seeing the ocean's wildlife and plenty of it! They literally saw a hundred or more Dolphin and two pods of Orca!.....and to top it off, they saw Funky Monkey and Pickles, two Orca they learned about at school. Pickles' sister was there too and Mumma's and their Bubba's were frolicking right in front of the children in the water. This was such a treat for us all and we cannot thank Cille (the Skipper) for treating us all to this spectacle. We cannot recommend this amazing opportunity highly enough, to see all sorts of wildlife right here on our doorstep! Do support this incredible tourism company by taking your children or grandchildren out or just yourself, you won't be disappointed.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ROCK!

creating life long experiences

Every year we treat our children to a Christmas to remember by taking them on holiday to see other parts of NZ. For many, this is a first and we are privileged to see the priceless looks on their beautiful faces. This Christmas we took them to Taupo and Napier to experience places such as Splash Planet, Lick This Ice-Cream Parlour, 3D Art, Ngātoroirangi Mine, Bay Maori Art Carvings and AC Baths, to name a few. After four hours of swimming at the AC Baths, all they wanted to do once out, was swim more!! Our tamariki came back relaxed and full of beans to continue their holidays (with lots more swimming) and are now ready to get back to school. Such wonderful times they will never forget, AND memories that will go into their Life Books that they take with them when they leave for their forever homes.



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LAVAL PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

Vanessa is a very good friend!

Vanessa has consistently been here for our children and for us as an organisation. She is a wonderful part of our greater team and we are ever so grateful to have her volunteer her valuable time. Here are a few of her shots from a recent shoot. Thank you Vanessa, you are ever so precious to us! We love your incredible mahi.



LAVAL
PHOTO & VIDEO



NEW WORLD, BROOKFIELD, BRENDON GOOD

he's one of the good guys!

I love what I do, there is never a day that I 'work'. I get to meet beautiful people like Brendon at New World, Brookfield. He is the owner/operator there, and when I first met him, he was down on his knees brushing up a spill on the floor, as a good manager would, anything he asks his staff to do he is prepared to do himself!

Well, after my visit, Brendon was 'on to it'! He is in boots 'n all to raise funds for our tamariki. In the months of March and April our Covid Bear Badges (see above) will be front and centre for customers to buy to support Homes of Hope on the the 1st Anniversary of NZ going into levels 3 & 4 lockdown. Brendon is also bringing on-board other New World and Four Square stores to support this initiative so please do support their stores and buy a badge for your bear who did us all proud, and retain a piece of history for our children and grandchildren. It's a great talking point!

COVID BEARS 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

\$5 each in store
All proceeds go to Homes of Hope
Children's Charity

For more information go to:
www.homesofhope.org.nz
www.facebook.com/homesofhopenz

When it mattered, in a historic time never to be forgotten, your Covid Bear was there. Give your bear a 'Badge of Honour' for making lockdown fun – you will be helping abused and traumatised children in the Bay of Plenty who need your help.



GET YOUR BEAR A 'BADGE OF HONOUR'



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HE ORA TEWHAKAPIRI, HE MATA TEWHAKARIRI
THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY, DEFEAT IN ANGER

CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME?

some more about Covid Bear Badges and their 1st Anniversary!

Can you believe it will be a year in late March since we were all in lockdown levels 3 & 4? Well, Matt at Pac 'n Save can, and he is giving us a couple of days in his foyer on Cameron Road to sell our bear badges (see image on prior page) on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th March. We are in need of some volunteers to give a few hours of their time to help us. If this could be you, please email info@homesofhope.org.nz and tell us what day you could assist and how long you would be keen to participate, along with a contact phone number, and we will be in touch with you. It's a great way to help if you have some time. Or jump on the website www.homesofhope.org.nz and send us your message.

A NEED FOR SATELLITE HOMES

can you care for a child(ren)?

We are expanding! We are now looking for families who are interested in fostering children in their own homes. Could your family provide a child with their own room? Are you patient, resilient, enjoy new challenges, want to make a positive difference in the life of a child, and are open to understanding the needs of children who have experienced trauma? If you feel you have the above qualities and can open your home to a child we want to hear from you! Please contact Amanda on 021 741 617 or email on socialworker@homesofhope.org.nz for more information.



HUGH GREEN FOUNDATION

we continue to be truly blessed!

Brianna is a granddaughter to the late Hugh Green and she has become a beautiful young mother for the first time just recently. She and her cousins have a heart of gold just like their grandfather Hugh. Recently Brianna approached us with a view to help in some manner and because of her (along with her cousins and family) commitment to community giving, we are now in a position to help more children and their families through Child Centred Play Therapy (CCPT). This will assist families that cannot afford this incredibly powerful therapeutic modality, within our community, not just our homes. It will ensure more children and their families get the help they so desperately need and deserve.

As Hazel Hape, Manager, Tauranga Women's Refuge believes since the COVID lockdown spike, it is the children who are not getting the therapeutic care they deserve from their traumatic times, there are not the services there to provide: *"Children have a right to be loved, nurtured and supported, unfortunately, family violence can have devastating and life-long physical, emotional and psychological impacts and we continue to be worried about the lack of specialist family violence and child centred responses to help children recover from their trauma.*

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN ABOUT CCPT](#)

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DATACOM

super professional and friendly folks

Let me tell you....these amazing people are taking weeks off our work lives every year so we have more time to spend with our babies and make their worlds the very best they can be whilst in our care. AND this edition of our quarterly newsletter is the first that you are getting from the new Dynamic CE - our new CRM installation is now nearing completion and we cannot be more ecstatic to be sending this out to you in this way. We also cannot thank Datacom and the awesome team who have become very dear to us. I think we will just set up a desk so they can come work from our office every now and then, just so we don't miss them too much!

We also would not have been able to do this without the help of the Lotteries Community Internship Programme Funding we received last year. Thank you ALL!!!!!!



STEPPING-UP TO BRIDGE THE GAP

Sutherland Self Help Trust steps-up

New Zealand has such an incredibly giving nature and for all the tough times we have endured making the best opportunities for children from hard places, it's people like Ben and colleagues at the Sutherland Self Help Trust that step forward to help where they can. We received a large donation towards our new home. More babies in need are just around the corner!



LIGHTING UP OUR WORLD

Trust Power lighting up young lives

So we placed an application with these wonderful friends to seek funds for a new drier for one of our homes. When they contacted us to tell us the good news, not only were they giving us funds for the drier, but some extra funding to help out with other needs at the homes. Trust Power you know how to make our day shine! It has been a difficult year 2020 but with all the wonderful support from so many, it has made it a fabulous year over all. THANK YOU! 2021....here we come!

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THE BLACK TIE EVENT OF THE YEAR

the biggest event in town this year

Such exciting times and the word on the street is that tickets are going fast. Hot off the printer is the invite (below). Huge thanks go to Cashmore Real Estate, Kirsty, and Blair for all their incredible mahi to pull this together.

Also a BIG thank you to Farmer Auto Village for holding this event at their place and Classic Builders for bringing their community together too.



WATCH THIS SPACE!

our website is getting a facelift

Well, it won't be long and we will have a new look website. Karen and Ron at Bravesight have been working away like elves in the background preparing our new look.

Keep an eye out for it when it goes live. It will be much easier to navigate and to receive all the latest and greatest news and updates from us here at Homes of Hope.

Karen has looked after our website for a very long time and has always done a wonderful job. We can highly recommend their services!



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SUPER HERO'S, SHOUT-OUT, YOU MAKE OUR COMMUNITY ONE OF A KIND!



Each quarter we like to acknowledge just a few of the wonderful volunteers who do great things for our children.
THANKS TEAM! KA PAI!

ROBYN DOWDLE

A super-duper hero - Robyn continually brings in fruit and veges and sometimes meat for our babies' dinners. She is so special to us, thank you, Robyn!

CAMILA at SCRIBBLER

Camila wanted to do something different a 'Feel Good Friday and Charity Monday' – where she donated 10% of every online sale to Homes of Hope. Then, for the month of December gave away 10% of every sale to us as well. What a wonderful business! Thank you Camila.

MRS SANTA CLAUS

Every Christmas, for YEARS, Helen McKeown has brought presents for the children. She often shops all year for just the right presents. This is a beautiful lady with a heart of pure GOLD!

BAKING BITCHES

Makes the most DELICIOUS cakes and biscuits for our tamariki. We are always so spoilt with their variety of goods. Yummy, yumm!

Duncan Woodhouse

For Christmas this year Duncan Woodhouse at Collier International also decided to do something a little different. Instead of giving presents to their clients they decided to make it an extra special time for our children. Thank you so much Duncan and friends.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR

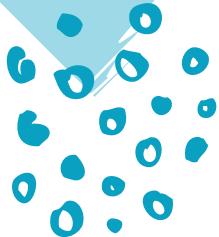
Most of us know about this incredible organisation and the hard mahi they put into our community. Well they are here for us also. We are provided with goodies every week and it really does take the pressure off our house parents and their food budgets. Brilliant!

ROBOTIC'S PLUS

For Christmas these TALENTED people gave our children not one, but two PSA4 Play Stations to make Christmas holidays go that little bit better. Thank you so very much for thinking of our children. We really are very spoilt!

Our Supporters

YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO US!
HE WAKA EKE NOA



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