



Kiwi Family Trust

"Tia Kina Tika Te Whanau O Aotearoa"
"Helping People to Help Themselves"

THE KIWI FOCUS

A WORD FROM THE TRUSTEES

Welcome to the January edition of Nelson's Column, the purpose of which is to provide information about our activities and to answer any questions that the kind and generous people of New Zealand who have donated to our Trust may have.

Nelson's Column



January 2010

This year is shaping up to be a very busy year. We have been working away at streamlining the way our organisation operates.

With the addition of new technology we can cut our phone costs and increase the number of programmes that we facilitate in the community. Last year was our busiest year to date. As we get more and more known, more opportunities present themselves. The challenge, of course, is to maintain the level of service to the community and to maintain the ability to gain more funding. This is always a balancing act. If it wasn't for the great staff that work with such passion at the Trust, and the loyal and generous donors that support us, this would be impossible to do, let alone maintain.

The future is looking good, with five schools confirming their participation in our "Kool Kidz" Self-awareness/Anti-bullying programme. This programme has been very successful and will continue to be in demand. We have four Parents-to-be programmes booked this year so far; this programme is starting to gain momentum. We will be running our four-day personal development programme once a month, so there will be plenty of opportunity for people to pick the month that suits their timetable.

The Trust is looking for bigger premises at the moment so that we can create our own training room. This will save costs and also be a lot more efficient in delivering these programmes to the community. Our database and phone system are being updated which will allow us to be more effective and make considerable cost savings.

"The future belongs to those who live intensely in the present".

Nelson Soper
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Food Bank Drive 2009 - 2010

We have delivered over 1,000 food items already to our four chosen food banks: St Vincent De Paul, City Mission, Methodist Mission and the Salvation Army. Originally the food bank drive was to end on 12th December 2009, but we had such an influx of food donations we decided to extend it. Classic Hits FM has jumped on board, and are running a movie premiere, 'Elvin & The Chipmunks', and collecting food for the food bank drive at the premiere on 23rd December 2009. This means that our food banks will get more food delivered to them in the new year, which is also a time where families need assistance.

The team at All About Plumbing Ltd and Kiwi Family Trust would like to thank the following organisations for their food donations and for encouraging their staff to donate some items:

Classic Hits FM, Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead, Presbyterian Support, Marshland Primary School, Partnership Health, Pegasus Health, PHC from Burwood Hospital, What Now, Super Grans for spreading the word! You are all awesome and thank you so much for your generosity!

If you would like to donate some food items, please give us a ring on 03 9638030, as our food banks appreciate any assistance given and are dealing with high demand in the New Year. Remember, they provide every client with Budgeting Advice and other assistance also, and trouble-shoot to enable their clients to get on with their lives independently!



Richard from All About Plumbing handing over some food to Michael Gorman from Christchurch City Mission.

Please note we have changed our postal address!

The Plan For 2010

In 2009 we experienced a huge influx of advocacy clients, families needing one-on-one support, and the highest demand ever for our programmes! This is exciting because it means that more people are reaching out for assistance, and more people are wanting to strengthen communication levels within their family units. Our Anti-Bullying Programme has been in the highest demand, which means our young people and their schools are aware of what is happening around them, and willing to do something about it. Nelson has been in his element, running courses, mentoring, providing one-on-one support, and the compliments about him have just been flooding in! We have a fantastic network with other organisations from throughout NZ, which ensures that those who come to us for assistance can be referred to other organisations that can help, in their area.

The KFT team wishes to thank you, our donors and supporters, for continuing to support the work we do and for responding to our Plunket and Food Bank appeals in 2009. We wish all of you the best for 2010, and we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break!

Yours Gratefully,

Kiwi Family Trust Team

Business Sponsorship Package

As a business, it is important for you, and your customers, to know where your donations are really going. Who really receives the benefit from your generosity? What impact does this have on their lives, and the lives of those around them? Here at Kiwi Family Trust, we understand that these questions need an answer, for your peace of mind, and also so our customers can see that our enterprise is committed to making a difference in the community.

For children, social interaction is one of the major factors in their development. It teaches them how to communicate with different types of people, which is essential to their success later in life. As well as school, it is important that every child has the opportunity to interact with other children in different environments. Kiwi Family Trust developed "Kool Kidz" camps to provide this opportunity, as we understand that it can be difficult for some families to provide such an opportunity due to finances, work commitments, or other unforeseen circumstances. These camps represent not only social time, but also actively assist with helping young Kiwis develop into mature and confident adults. It also gives Mum and Dad a wee break from the demands of juggling parenting and working, even if there is a family breakdown in progress.

We are constantly reading about negative things our young people are doing, but has anyone actually thought of actively encouraging our young people to be positive? This is exactly what we do. We initiate a very dynamic thought process, which has these young Kiwis thinking about the environment, rediscovering their dreams, and being positive and contributing members of our society!

If your business is interested in helping young Kiwis develop into awesome adults, please give us a call on (03) 9638030, or email natasha@kiwifamilytrust.org and we will send you a copy of our Business Sponsorship Package, that tells you exactly where your donation goes, and what your business gets in return!

"There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self" – Aldous Huxley

KFT Knitters!

We are almost ready to deliver our next supply of knitted goodies to Plunket Family Centre. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's dedication, and by the wonderful donations of wool we have received. Please keep the wool coming on in, so we can keep Kiwi babies warm!

Thank You

to Diane Badman from Stokes Valley who is knitting some beautiful woollen goodies for us!



Left: Barbara putting the finishing touches on a lovely woollen jersey!