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This year, Te Whare Awhero (Hope House) is continuing to move ahead with the development of new community support services.

Our collaboration with other local community groups to provide an 0800 HORNBY Covid-19 helpline carries on providing support to people in isolation or need. In March, we added a Community Support Worker to our team who is available to support anyone in need across the community.

Thanks to The David Ellison Charitable Trust, we will be employing our first dedicated (just part-time for a start) core whānau support worker. This role will directly support the ongoing development of the Longitudinal Whānau Support project, of which we plan to have the full proposal ready for consideration by the end of this year.

All of our plans are guided by a simple principle: let's do something meaningful. Something that can create the possibility for real, sustainable change. This principle guides the development of all our projects, in particular the longitudinal whānau support project, which has the aim to allow all children of our community to be able to realise their full potential and expand their horizons of what is possible. If you would like to join us in this work then please, drop me a line for a coffee and chat.

LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

At Te Whare Awhero, we are committed to supporting young people and families in our local community.

When young people, especially children have access to support at this early stage of their lives, it can build strengths and help realise potential as they go through life.

This has led to the development of a Longitudinal Whānau Support project - a 15-year long project that'll journey with families from when their children begin school, to the end of high school and beyond.

Our aim for this project is to support 100 families who have it the hardest in the Hei Hei and Broomfield communities, to create opportunities for their children and to help bring generational change in their own communities.

We began the process of developing the longitudinal whānau support project by determining what value it would bring to the community and what it needs to make for the best outcomes.

As a first step in this process, Lucy Bowden and Tayla Sowden, two University of Canterbury Master of Social Work students in placement with Te Whare Awhero, conducted a literature review and interviewed community workers across the Greater Hornby area.

On June 8th, Lucy and Tayla presented the findings from their research. The presentation was held in Te Whare Awhero to a room of community professionals and stakeholders including those from the Hornby Community Centre, NZ Police and Wayne Francis Charitable Trust.

Looking ahead, our next steps will be reaching out to the families in the Hei Hei and Broomfield communities to identify what they would want and need from this project.

To read the full report into the longitudinal whānau support project, head to: tewhareawhero.org/publications



COMMUNITY & COVID-19 SUPPORT

When we conducted the Greater Hornby Area Community Survey report last year, its findings reinforced the need for a Community Support worker that will provide timely help to those in need in our local community in Hornby.

The work here ranges from welcoming new residents to Hornby with a chat and a welcome pack; assistance with housing, finding employment or accessing health services; delivering food parcels; or just lending a hand to anybody who knocks on Te Whare Awhero's doors, asking for help.

Early this year, we also launched the 'Need A Buddy?' service in partnership with the Hornby Community Centre, the Greater Hornby Residents' Association, Salvation Army Hei Hei, Citizens Advice Bureau Hornby and 126 On The Corner. The service offers an 0800 HORNBY helpline to support people who are isolating due to Covid-19.

Through community support work and the 'Need A Buddy?' service, we continue to help individuals and families seeking support, to know that they are not alone in their struggles and to help them see a way forward.

Community support worker, Ingrid Ewing-Daff has this to say about her work:

"

I've been honoured to work with some wonderful Hornby folks (...) doing community support. We've had some great laughs and worked to help during some hard times too.

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UPSTREAM UPDATE

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