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Te Whare Awhero (Hope House) will be closed from the end of the business day on Friday 23 December, and we will be reopening again on Monday 09 January.

Our team wishes you all a safe and happy holidays!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CAREY EWING

Welcome to the last quarter of 2022 with the growing excitement of holidays to come.

This has been a busy time for us at Te Whare Awhero (Hope House). Our Counselling sessions have increased in numbers, Horizons OSCAR has been seeing more families returning, Mana Ake staff have been supporting children across the community and our Community Support work has been getting busier each week.

Over the last school holidays, I went to Willowbank with the Horizons OSCAR School Holiday programme. We had great fun feeding fat eels and finding quiet kiwi – though one of the boys in my group was disappointed to not see the elephants he had been led to believe would be there. The goal of Horizons OSCAR is to create an affordable, safe and fun place for children from our lower decile schools to be. To support this, we have created the Horizons OSCAR Creating Opportunities Fund so we can sponsor children from low-income families to have the chance for a special trip out for the holidays.

We recently released our latest report regarding the development of our Longitudinal Whānau Support Project entitled Whānau Voice. This has come from interviewing a range of whānau members across the Hei Hei and Broomfield communities to learn about what is working, what challenges they are facing and how we could support them to be the very best they can be. This will feed into our final proposal on how we can support whānau over the long term.

LONG-TERM SUPPORT GUIDED BY LOCAL WHANAU

In June of this year, Te Whare Awhero (Hope House) released the first Longitudinal Whānau Support Project report which covered the literature review as well as insights from community professionals in the Greater Hornby area that have informed the basis of the project.

Since then, we have had Fiona McKay, a University of Canterbury Bachelor of Social Work with Honours student in placement with us to build on these foundations. Following on from the previous LWS report, Fiona conducted interviews with whānau from the Hei Hei and Broomfield communities to gather their thoughts about the various ways we can support them to be their best.

On October 27th, Fiona presented her findings in the Longitudinal Whānau Support Project: Whānau Voice report. The report identified that the meaning of thriving is highly personal to each participating whānau. It also highlighted the connectedness of the Greater Hornby community as a great strength that creates a strong sense of pride and safety for the participants.

On their thoughts about the long-term whānau support service, participants saw the significant value it could bring to the community, especially with its long-term approach and having a 'go to' support person in the community that can help them access services.

To read the full Longitudinal Whānau Support Project: Whānau Voice report, head to tewhareawhero.org/publications or come by our office for a physical copy.





Hornby invitational team with Hornby High's Senior Boys A basketball team

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One of the inspiring activities for the year has been working with other community organisations and Hornby High School to ensure the Senior Boys A basketball team was financially supported to attend the Secondary Schools Nationals in their grade. The team had already performed well in the South Island semi-finals which ensured they could compete at the Nationals to be held in Palmerston North. The only question was whether the team members could raise the money to attend.

Te Whare Awhero (Hope House) was immediately on board to ensure this happened by organising a group of interested individuals to help get the team to Palmerston North, ensuring all costs were covered and no one left behind.

We helped team members find sponsors and organised a promotional page in The Star - Western News with a photograph of each team member alongside their company logo. There was also an accompanying story about the team.

We also organised a basketball match between the basketball team and an invitational team which included a member of the Canterbury Rams.

With all the funds raised, the boys were able to attend the games in Palmerston North and played some great basketball with the best secondary schools across the country, finishing 8th in their grade and placing in the top ten for the whole of New Zealand.

For several boys, the ferry trip to get from the South to North Island was their first time being on a boat at sea. They bonded together over this time, celebrating with each other on the last night, talking and laughing over their experiences.

For us at Te Whare Awhero (Hope House), it was wonderful to be involved in such a positive and life-enhancing experience for the boys.

By Jan Titus

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