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Te Whare Awhero will be closed from the end of the business day on Friday, December 17, and we will be reopening again on Monday, January 10.

From the Te Whare Awhero team, we wish you a safe and happy holidays!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CAREY EWING

2021 has been a year of moving, reflecting and reviewing, ensuring that Te Whare Awhero - Hope House has a stable foundation to help us move into next year with direction and confidence while also always thinking about "what's next."

With support from our local Community Board, we now have funding to continue our school-based counselling support, run parenting programmes and provide a community drama connection group, as part of our growing partnership with Gilberthorpe School.

Furthermore, with the support of the wider Hope Presbyterian community, we have been able to move ahead with our plans to provide a Community Support Worker, starting in early 2022. This role will be available to assist anyone in need within the local community and will greatly enhance our ability to respond to further challenges we expect COVID-19 will bring.



**Names have been changed for this story.
The children in this image are also not the children mentioned in the story.*

MEMORIES TO TREASURE

It can be tricky being a kid in a family of 9 kids with another one on the way. Sometimes, food runs low and there aren't enough toys to share. Mum and Dad definitely don't have the capacity to take the kids out for treats or cool experiences. That's why for Lucy and Jack*, the chance to join the Horizons Oscar October holiday programme was such an amazing opportunity. Mum was also very thankful that Lucy and Jack could join the fun!

Jack was glad he went. He enjoyed his first ever visit to Inflatable World and was really excited about going to the Silky Otter movie theatre. His eyes lit up when he described all the yummy food he ate at Horizons OSCAR: honey toast, crackers, biscuits and berry ice cream!

Lucy loved being with friends she knew and making a new friend at Horizons OSCAR. For her, it was a chance to have a break from being "little Mum" to her younger siblings and have some fun herself. She thought the Silky Otter was pretty flash and really liked the LED lights there.

Lucy really appreciated the Horizons OSCAR leaders too. She spoke about how all the work they did for her meant a lot. Marie picked her up and dropped her off each day; Zak played lots of games and puzzles with her; and Kelly gave her morning tea and breakfast.

As a Mana Ake Kaimahi in the Hornby area, I feel extremely grateful that Te Whare Awhero can help this family join the holiday programme. I loved hearing about the great time Lucy and Jack had at Horizons OSCAR.

To most kids, these might be normal experiences. To Lucy and Jack, they are new, exciting and what memories are made of. These children have now experienced some of what Christchurch has to offer. They have enjoyed extra attention from safe, caring adults and they have lots of new stories and memories to treasure.

By Tania Taylor

COVID RESPONSE

We have been working with a number of our local community partners for our response to COVID-19. To date, this has focused on supporting the vaccination roll out by providing transport support and working with the CDHB to set up local pop-up clinics.

Looking ahead, we will be establishing a COVID-19 Hardship Fund and we are seeking financial donations to support this. We expect those to be the hardest hit when COVID-19 arrives in Christchurch will be the poorest of our local community.

This fund will be used to support local people in the south-west of Christchurch who will be directly impacted, particularly those required to self-isolate. This will enable us to provide care packs, support with kai, medical costs and/or needs,



Carey Ewing with Wigram MP, Megan Woods and residents of Wigram Lodge

as well as dealing with other unexpected costs when unwell and isolated from the community.

If you would like to learn more about this, please give Carey a call on 022 533 4415 or email director@hpct.org.nz

To make a donation, use the account number 03-0767-0454390-00 and write COVID in the reference. Thank you.

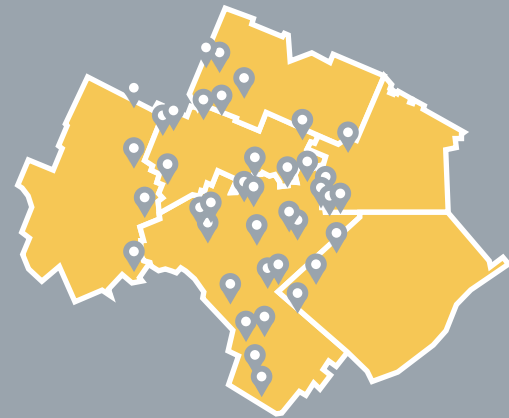
NEW TO THE COMMUNITY?

It has been a busy year for Community Development at Te Whare Awhero! Vicky took on the role of Community Development Worker in late November 2020 and since then, 41 residents have been welcomed to the area with a gift pack.

Residents have noted that the welcome packs and visits from Vicky have made them feel "a part of Hornby" and the experience was a "beautiful gesture."

It's been wonderful to hear how excited and impressed people are about the range of services, community groups and events happening in the Greater Hornby area.

New to Hornby or its surrounding areas? Know someone who is? Contact Vicky Reid on 022 469 5157 or send her an email at communitydevelopment@hpct.org.nz for a chance to know more about the awesome community you've moved into and how you can be a part of it!



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Welcome to Hornby packs, given to new residents in the Greater Hornby Area

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