



TUMANAKO TE ORA

Catholic Family Support Services Official Newsletter



KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

Catholic Family Support Services is the Social Service arm of the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. We provide a very unique wrap-around service that puts into practice the leadership of Pope Francis, working alongside and creating a safe environment for the poor and vulnerable families and whānau in our communities.

Our ultimate goal is to empower families and whānau to regain control of their own lives. We are committed to fostering independence and confidence. It is not about a "hand-out" but a "hand-up". We welcome and work with everyone.

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MANAGER'S CORNER

Ngā mihi o te tau hou - (Greetings for the New Year)

Welcome to first edition of Catholic Family Support Services Tūmanako te Ora bi-monthly newsletter for 2021. Our newsletter has been revamped and we hope you enjoy it the new look.

Our team are back onboard planning, meeting, visiting many of our families, whanau in our community including organising our up and coming Whanau Gala and Cat Show to be held on 20 March 2021 (more information below). At the end of last year we farewelled Janinne Thomas (Financial Mentor). We wish her and the whānau all the best in her future endeavors.

I would like to extend a warm welcome and introduce our newest member to Catholic Family Support Services team, Graham Driver. Graham has been appointed as a Financial Mentor and will be working out of the Hamilton Office on a Friday. Stay tuned to Graham's blurb below.

At this time of year many of our family and whanau are focusing on children returning to school, paying for school uniforms, school fees, activities and stationary. Many of our families and whanau are either struggling financially, emotionally after the Christmas and New Year break, but with the ongoing support of our wonderful team here at Catholic Family Support Services, family and whanau are helped and supported through these times.

Christmas Hampers

In October-December 2020 Catholic Family Support Service asked for help and donations to sponsor a Christmas Hamper for families, whanau experiencing hard and tough times during the festival joyful season.

We received an amazing response from Hamilton and Tauranga parishes, schools and individuals. We provide 52 families/whanau with either large or small Christmas Hampers. With the donations received from Tauranga, 10 families/whanau received hampers. Donations received from Hamilton area, 42 families/whanau received hampers. Compared to 2019, where we provided 20 Hampers for 20 families and whānau. The number of people in the families and whanau ranged between three (3) to eight (8) with the children out numbering the adults. While this is trying time for our families and whanau, it was even more so for one family who lost their home due to fire just a couple of weeks out from Christmas. But because of all your generosity and kindness some of their stresses were eased and all the families and whanau were so grateful.

I sincerely thank you for your help and donates to the Catholic Family Support Services Family Christmas Hamper 2020. Christmas was made easier and enjoyable for the families and whanau in need. Thank you all. On that note:

The Catholic Family Support Services, wish you all a great, healthy and safe year.

Ngā manaakitanga (with best wishes)

Renee Rewi



SERVICES

FAMILY SUPPORT

Our team of Social and Whānau Support Workers providing intensive family support to families and whānau facing challenges in their lives.

SUPERVISED CONTACT

Our team provide a safe environment where children can have contact with their parents, family and whānau.

FINANCIAL MENTORING

Our team of Financial Mentors working with individuals, families and whānau to help manage and achieve their financial goals.

BFC KAHUKURA

Our team provides a holistic approach to build financial and social resilience. This service acknowledges financial issues are not in isolation of individual's social welfare and needs.

BASIC RESOURCES

Our team has access to and can provide food, clothing and other basic essentials individuals, families and whānau need.

PROGRAMME

Our skilled team run money management programmes.



EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

WHĀNAU GALA AND CAT SHOW 20 March 2021

Catholic Family Support Services will be holding a Whānau Gala and Cat Show. Our gala is to bring together the community in which we live and work in. Connecting and collaborating with our parishes and schools. We are excited about catching up with familiar faces and meeting new friends.

Stalls are available (limited spots) where anyone can register with us and set up a trestle to sell your crafts for a small fee. We are also taking cat show registrations (limited numbers) for a small fee.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN

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WHĀNAU GALA & CAT SHOW

BOOK YOUR STALL NOW
REGISTER YOUR CAT NOW

20 MARCH 2021

TE ARA HOU VILLAGE
100 MORRINSVILLE RD
HAMILTON
(07) 856 3760
events@cfss.org.nz

9AM-2PM

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MUSIC STALLS HANGI FUN FOOD

WHĀNAU GALA & CAT SHOW

9 AM 2 PM

Saturday 20 March 2021

Te Ara Hou Village Green
100 Morrinsville Road
Hillcrest

BOOK YOUR STALL TODAY

PH: (07) 856-3760 or
EMAIL: events@cfss.org.nz

REGISTER TODAY
(LIMITED NUMBERS)

ENTERTAINMENT
FACE PAINTING GAMES
BARISTA COFFEE

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REGISTER TODAY

WHĀNAU GALA & CAT SHOW
20th March 2021

Te Ara Hou Village, Silverdale, Hamilton
PH: 07 856 3760
WEBSITE: <http://www.cfss.org.nz/whanau-gala.html>

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WHĀNAU GALA & CAT SHOW
20 MARCH 2021

Phone: 07 856 3760
Visit <http://www.cfss.org.nz/whanau-gala.html>

2021 Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for our upcoming Quiz Night event in September. For more information visit our website [cfss.org.nz](http://www.cfss.org.nz) or follow us on Facebook



Meet the Team

INTRODUCING

GRAHAM DRIVER



Kia ora.

I was born in Auckland, attended Primary School at Kerikeri and High School at Rotorua. I graduated from Massey University with a B.Ag.Sc. and was employed as a Soil Conservator for 13 years. For 9 of these years my wife and I lived in Ruatoria. That time provided a foundation in my life which has enabled me to specialise in providing support for predominantly Maori in various roles over the years.

We lived 29 years in Hamilton where I worked mainly for Private Training Establishments in teaching, management, financial administration and as a Support person for young offenders. I trained as a financial Mentor 4 years ago and was supervised by Dianne at C.F.S.S. I am still working part time at Desert Spring Ministries and am thrilled to be working at C.F.S.S. 1 day per week.

Single Mum Success

Catholic Family Support Services has been working with a single mother who is raising her three children, after the sudden death of her partner. As a result of the stress, anxiety of losing her partner she gave up work to care for her children. Prior to her partners death, they had both taken out a high interest loan. The weekly repayments put considerable financial strain and hardship on her weekly income but she made sure that these payments were made on time and in full each week.

She had applied for Kiwisaver Hardship twice but was turned down. After exploring other options, such as selling her partners vehicle, it appeared that the vehicle needed extensive repairs and the costs in the repairs far out-weighed the sale of the vehicle.

For a third time (with the assistance of our team member) it was decided to try Kiwisaver hardship one more time. Third time lucky notification was received that the application was successful and that the funds would be released to her.

The single mother was able to pay off her loan and repairs as well as the children's fees. With this debt gone, she is able to plan to pay off smaller debt and provide for her children without having to rely on others.

This family continues to meet and have the ongoing support support and assistance from our small team at Catholic Family Support Services.

Di
Team Leader - Financial Mentor





CURRENT VACANCIES

FINANCIAL MENTOR PART TIME

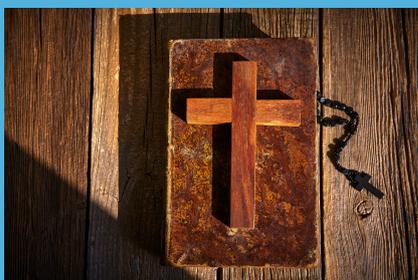
The role involves providing financial mentoring and budgeting advice to people who need support to work through their financial difficulties. Monday-Thursday 30 hours per week. Training provided.

BFC KAHUKURA FIXED TERM (UNTIL JUNE 2022)

The role of the BFC Kahukura is to provide specialist financial intervention and navigation support (family support) to clients, families and whanau with complex need through intensive and individual case management, navigation and co-ordination of client needs and capability building of Clusters of BFC Provides. Monday-Friday - 37.5 hours per week. Training provided

For a job description and application form, please contact Theresa on 07 856 3760 or admin@cfss.org.nz

Visit our website: <http://www.cfss.org.nz/job-vacancies.html>



Family and Whānau Support Referrals

Catholic Family Support Services is currently taking referrals for those looking for family and whānau support. This is a home-based service that offers intensive wrap-around support including:

- Help with parenting advice and information
- Accessing other services;
- Advocating on behalf of family and whānau with managing behaviour and care of children;
- Support for extended family and whānau caring for children; and
- Access to counselling service



Financial Mentoring Referrals

Catholic Family Support Services is currently taking referrals. Do you need support with your budget? Are you finding it hard to make ends meet?

Our Financial Mentors can help you:

- deal with debt;
- advocate;
- support you in speaking to other agencies and organisation about debt; and much more



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WE CAN HELP YOU

CALL US TODAY

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