



Dear Friend,

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action. – MOTHER TERESA



We would like to introduce “our places”.

We all know the importance of having our own place to call home. De Paul House’s success is that our quality emergency accommodation offers a sense of home and a feeling of security and belonging. We are excited to announce that we are expanding into our local community with four additional houses.

With the support of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, we have just opened three new properties locally. Two homeless families have moved in already and they were overwhelmed with the quality of the housing.

First family moves in...

Three generations of one family are now living in one of our new houses. Their previous ‘home’ was an unused warehouse which they shared with 22 other people. There, they had to sleep on the floor, had no cooking facilities and only one bathroom. Mum earns minimum wage and has two jobs to make ends meet. As she works such long hours, she relies on her elderly parents to care for her four children. Mum is hard working and her children are cherished and high achieving. This family is the face of Auckland’s housing crisis. 🌍

De Paul House quick facts...

100

FAMILIES HOUSED AT DPH ANNUALLY

4

NEW LARGE HOMES DOUBLING OUR CAPACITY

24%

OF FAMILIES LIVING AT DPH ARE WORKING.

90%

OF FAMILIES HAVE AN HONEST, WORKING BUDGET

WITH THE EXPANSION, COMES EVEN GREATER NEED FOR FUNDING TO ENSURE THE QUALITY AND SUCCESS OF OUR SERVICE IS NOT COMPROMISED.

GENEROUS PARISH SUPPORT

Maria Assumpta Parish, Beach Haven has gifted us a warm, family home to use over the next three years.

This property is opening in June and we have a family of six waiting to move in. They are delighted. This is an outstandingly generous gesture from Maria Assumpta parish, in recognition of the immense housing need in the community.

The new accommodation will have access to our wrap-around support services, including transport to De Paul House central. All families will have access to the many opportunities available with our

learning centre and Early Childhood Centre. We cannot do this without your help.

You may recall that we opened a property in Blockhouse Bay in partnership with the NZ Dominican Sisters Trust in 2015. The family living in the property is using our 'rent to buy' scheme. They have shown a lot of determination over the last two years and have managed to save so well, that we are now looking at home ownership options for them. This is what our innovative services can achieve, along with a lot of hard work from our families.



OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Together with our 89 regular volunteers who have loyally worked and helped De Paul House over many years, we also receive tremendous help from the wider community. Donated goods arrive daily - everything from teaspoons to double beds, toys to tinned foods, clothing and linen.

We have three community organisations who supply fresh baking, fresh veges, bread, café food, jams and preserves. We take great heart from this invaluable and practical support.

We need your ongoing support. You are a huge part of the reason we can provide our services and develop innovative responses to homelessness. Thank you.

JAN RUTLEDGE
Manager

A New Van

We sing the praises of the Rotary Northcote Glenfield club who fundraised and supported the purchase of a new van to transport our families. Our old van was 20 years old and had clocked up over 200,000 km. It is an excellent example of community partnership and we are very appreciative of this wonderful asset.

Yes, I would like to help families to succeed.

I'd like to make a contribution:

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