



I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people. MAYA ANGELOU



Unsung Heroes

There are many 'unsung heroes' at De Paul House. Our volunteers, staff, our supportive community and you, our wonderful donor supporters who ensure that we deliver a service that truly makes a difference to New Zealand families.

At De Paul House our aim is to help families find an affordable house. Our point of difference is that we are able to provide families the foundations to create a home. We offer families a 'hand up' with furniture, linen, kitchen and household goods – all the basics to set up a new home. These donated goods are also needed to equip our

24 residential units and ensure that they are always comfortable and welcoming. Families have told us that when they move out, they greatly appreciate the help they receive to set up home.

This takes an enormous amount of work from Mike and Conner, our maintenance staff. Together they collect donations of furniture and goods from our local community. This is a huge, physically demanding job - collecting, moving and storing all manner of household furniture, beds, dining suites, lounge suites, drawers, cots, prams and more.

De Paul House quick facts...

This Year

141

FURNITURE PICK UPS

34

FURNITURE LOADS GIVEN OUT

40

HOUSEHOLD STARTER PACKS

73

HOURS PER WEEK OF VOLUNTEER TIME

A mum recently expressed her overwhelming appreciation of De Paul House.

"I wouldn't be here without you. You have given me my family and life back, we love our new home. The furniture you provided looks fantastic"

Every week our volunteers work tirelessly sorting through mountains of clothing, shoes, bedding and boxes of household goods.

Everyday household goods like cutlery, kitchen utensils, dinner sets, cups, glasses, storage jars, baking goods, casseroles sorted and stored. Linen and towels checked and folded.

Having access to good clothing and shoes is a struggle for our families. Children grow but our family's incomes don't and new clothing is a luxury. All of these goods make a tangible difference to the quality of our children and parents lives.

Our families are the ultimate unsung heroes.

Everyday challenges arise from homelessness. Homelessness includes living in a garage, a carport, shifting continually between friends and family, or sleeping a car. They are courageous, resilient and we are astounded that they have capacity to face each day. The poverty they experience includes food, clothing, health and always housing.

Family Story

Michael, Sarah and their new baby are typical of many of our young families. Michael has worked for over two years in a factory, yet he still only earns the minimum wage. This is not enough to pay rent so they have moved between

family and friends. They had already spent several nights in their car, following tensions with relatives. Sarah a new mum lacks family support and confidence. Sarah would wait in the car daily for Michael to finish work.

They had applied for social housing and were on the wait list, In the current shortage of housing this can mean an extended wait. Despite their many hardships, Dad continued to work. They were brave enough to ask for help.



Please support our families in their journey to independence. De Paul House is acknowledged as a compassionate and effective service, your donation ensures that our services go to those most in need.

JAN RUTLEDGE
Manager

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