



Take care of our children, take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel. For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa. - Dame Whina Cooper

We start the year with a full house – currently 18 families are living with us, 27 adult and 49 children.

As always we work hard to provide a safe, warm, secure home.

### A Home at De Paul House

Unit 1 has just been made ready for a family of 5. Mum, dad and three children have been transient for 5 months. The children have not attended school over this time. The family will arrive to a unit which has been beautifully prepared. The beds are made up, the cupboards stocked and the children's wardrobe even has "dress ups". It is these details that make the difference.



**1010 families have been housed at our facilities since 1986**

#### FAMILY FEEDBACK:

Feedback from the 79 families who have been rehoused by De Paul House from June 2016 to November 2017.

- "The open hand and heart the team offered upon arrival. The loving, the caring and the warmth I felt during my time here"
- "knowing that there are good people out there"
- "for someone who was constantly rejected it was great to come to De Paul House. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you. Keep up the good work"
- **We thank the staff and volunteers who have taken on increased work to manage the doubling of our accommodation over 2017.**

During their stay with us the children will be enrolled at school and in our early childhood centre. Staff will work to ensure that the children have clothing, shoes, school bags and lunch boxes, for their first day at school. The lovely playgroup staff will offer fun, learning and morning tea. Homework Club will give these children access to computers, internet and student mentors. Our social work team will work tirelessly to ensure that the family is housed in either social housing or a private rental. When they move, this family will have access to furniture, bedding, linen and household goods from De Paul House to ensure that they can set up their new home without incurring debt. Moving into a new home is expensive! This family will leave knowing that they can return for support or advice if needed.

**This is what we can do with your support. Your donation is vital. Together we make a difference, one family at a time!**



In September 2015 De Paul House took over management of a property owned by the NZ Dominican Sisters Trust Board. We offered a savings scheme to a hard working and determined family who had been through our emergency residential programme. They have now saved a deposit with our savings programme and have just been advised that they have been successful in achieving finance towards buying their own home. It is a huge credit to the commitment of these parents, desperate to make a difference for their children's long term future. We are extremely proud of this wonderful partnership with the NZ Dominican Sisters Trust Board and the NZ Housing Foundation who are building the family's new home. They will be moving in May 2018 into a new home of their own.

*Jan Rutledge*

**JAN RUTLEDGE**  
Manager

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