



The good you do them will not end with their time here. St Vincent de Paul

De Paul House makes a difference in the lives of NZ families, improving their futures. Our focus is to continually look for innovative ways to 'lift families up'. We believe education and housing stability is vital to achieving this.

Housing permanence is the cornerstone for building a future for our families. Without this the multiple issues which challenge our families can never be addressed.

Winter 2018

We see children whose health is seriously impacted because of poorly insulated housing. Power and rent are prioritised over food. Our working families are struggling with food poverty, resulting in a 100% increase in demand for food parcels in 2018!

We need your support to help New Zealand families.

LEARNING CENTRE

We are running classes in partnership with organisations that deliver certificated courses leading to improved employment outcomes.

- Our parents are moving on from basic to intermediate and advanced levels in the computer course. The opportunity to purchase a reconditioned laptop for \$50 is a great incentive, together with a free portable wifi modem. Most of our families do not own a computer. This has been a great partnership with the 20/20 Trust.
- The Wise Collective is delivering a food handling certificate. 20 women will graduate this year. This will open doors and opportunities to work in the food industry "I am so excited about the chance to use my cooking skills to earn money for my family" Zara.

Jan Rutledge stresses **"These educational services produce long term changes in family situations. We receive limited government funding for this and are reliant on De Paul House's fundraising initiatives."**

Please partner with De Paul House to help lift families up. A regular donation ensures we can forward plan to secure future courses.



A day in the life of De Paul House...

8am-9am	Staff arrive to find a dad in tears waiting on the steps. For the past two months he has slept in his car, following his marriage breakup. He washes in public toilets, takes his children to school, then goes to work. A social worker offers support and advocacy. Early childhood centre staff arrive early to set up for the morning session.	12.15pm	Parents and children return home in van, with bread donated by local bakery. Weekly donations of vegetables and fruit arrive from Community Harvest.
9 – 9.30 am	Phone is ringing. Reception clears 7 messages, 4 are housing enquiries. The phone rings with a referral from hospital social worker, unable to release a new born and mum due to inadequate housing. An appointment is made to meet.	1pm	A resident father requests access to the computer to do his computer course homework.
9.30am	Staff attend a monthly Housing meeting with Ministry of Social Development and Housing NZ (HNZ). We advocate for families and highlight the growing need for housing. Families tumble into playgroup, some transported in our van from our four community houses. Preschoolers are outdoors enjoying the bikes, jungle gym and sandpit.	1.30pm	An excited resident arrives to report Housing NZ has offered them a house. They will be assisted with furniture and household goods from our donated goods banks.
10am	Tutors set up the learning centre ready for computer and literacy class. Volunteers arrive to assist at early childhood centre, computer class and to sort donated goods. The phone keeps ringing.	2pm	A social worker is concerned for a resident struggling on low wages. A call to IRD reveals the Family Tax Credit is incorrect; family will get \$129 extra per week. Father is overwhelmed with relief.
10-10.30am	Reception is busy with families arriving. A social worker meets with a resident to follow up the progress on their Family Goal Plan. They are excited to see their compulsory \$40 per week savings grow.	2.30pm	Phone rings with offers of beds. Our furniture van will collect later in week, one of over 240 pickups yearly. Reception receives boxes and bags of donated goods throughout day.
10.30 -12pm	Laughter comes from Literacy class as women gain confidence. All heads down and keyboards clicking as the computer class work on a certificated programme. Parents know computer literacy is vital and are motivated. Preschoolers sit at tables ready for a morning tea of sandwiches and fresh fruit. Phone keeps ringing. Plunket refer a family with new baby, living in severe overcrowding. Staff will visit the family to assess their needs.	3pm	A past resident calls to ask for help with children's clothing and warm bedding.
		3.30 -4.45pm	Student volunteers supervise the Kids Club for enthusiastic resident children. A social worker interviews a family waiting to move into De Paul House.
		5pm	Office closes
		5.30 – 6.30pm	The Fundraising committee arrive to plan the next event. With just over 50% of our funding coming from government, fundraising is crucial for de Paul House. The phone keeps ringing; messages will be answered tomorrow.



Yes, I would like to help families to succeed.

I'd like to make a contribution:

\$30 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other ☐ \$ _____

☐ Cheque ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number:

Cardholders Name: _____

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