



April- May- June 2019

Site Managers Winter Report



Hello to everyone!!

Winter is here! Our residents are all keeping very snug and warm in their units!! - The heaters are working away on full steam, We have nearly reached our aim to get heaters and TV's in every bedroom!!! Warmth for our residents is critical at this time of the year – we have run out of blankets and we desperately need donations of good condition blankets if you have any spare?

The cold weather does not stop the kids playing outside in the playground with our wonderful new carts!! - Hand-made & donated by Malcom Johnson from Freemasons, for the YWCA kids. - We do have photos of staff in them as well!!

We've had many recent successes for our residents finding long-term accommodation with Housing NZ and private rentals. This of course frees up space for other homeless single women & women with children – our units and rooms always fill very quickly again when someone moves on. It concerns me greatly where all these women and children would go for Emergency Accommodation if the YWCA Christchurch wasn't here?

Thank-you as always for all the generous donations and volunteer work from everyone!

Christchurch Kiwanis have just removed all the rust from our van after it failed another WOF!! once again they stepped in and renewed the warrant of fitness for us Thank-you so much.

The National Pacific District Kiwanis Foundation Trust have approved \$2600.00 funding to extend our security camera system!! Thank-you for this – the security cameras have been an absolute lifesaver here for us.

Thank-you to our loyal volunteers Julie and Lyn. They come in tirelessly helping us with any job onsite needing to be done. Our new volunteer Jill is about to set-up and assist with our full audit list of everything on site! Keryn is another new volunteer just starting this week. We also have two new volunteer Counsellors Katrina and Anne. We are so lucky to have you all onboard! Thank-you.

With Kind Regards to all YWCA supporters and interested people,

Karen Baas, Site Manager



Thank you to Michael McIlhone on behalf of his late Mum Joyce Valea McIlhone, provided funding for two more heaters. He also donated some of her collection of soft toys, we have adopted this one as our office mascot

Thanks to [Meredith Barth](#) from Tram Road Animal Care Services who has agreed to sponsor Kate Sheppard (our gorgeous therapy cat)

Her first appointment is the 25th June Tram Road Animal Care Service

Address: 843 Tram Rd, Rangiora 7692

Phone: 03-312 6999



[GivingTuesday](#) #Donate Today

As we do not get government funding we rely on donations to keep our facility running. Every \$10 donation helps feed hungry tummies before school and provides school lunches too. We have an easy and safe to use online donation facility on our new website

<https://www.ywcachristchurch.org.nz/make-a-donation>



Heather from Aunties- Far right with some of the amazing donations. The 3 girls and one mum pictured, got lovely warm jackets along with some of our other children. Thank you



We would like to acknowledge these wonderful people for their generosity



Christchurch Kiwanis for the shelving both in the sewing room and the storeroom. It has made a huge difference and we can't thank you enough.

Ian Smith for paying and delivering pies and Kate from Hillyer's of Leeston for your added donation to Ian's purchases, everyone is loving them and it is great to have them on standby to give to new residents when they arrive without food and those who have run low on food.

Lynda Spittle, once again for all the beautiful knitting she donates for our children. We have a lot of children with lovely warm jerseys and hats.

[Colour My World.](#)

Meet the fabulous team at the YWCA Christchurch. Karen, Helen, Jo and Kate Sheppard (pussy cat). Today we dropped off 30 colouring packs for the children in residence. It felt wonderful!! The goal is to keep them well stocked so that any new arrivals get something that is just theirs 😊 They receive no Government funding, so are fundraising machines! If you keep an eye on their Facebook page and website they put call outs for what they are in need of. At the moment it's flannels and pillows. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love" Mother Teresa



Bella and Helia from Kiwi Family Trust for all the wonderful donations of care products for the families



Rebecca Parnham from [Krama & Co.](#) and Pipa Cribb, from [Colour My World.](#) Thank you for the wonderful gifts

Thank you to Deb Lemon for bringing in the donation of Salt and pepper shakers and plates from Matt Mclean at Southern Hospitality.



Thankyou to Graham Merhtens for passing on the beautiful Knitting and toys from Adrienne.



Some of the after school activities Scrabble and really yummy baking.

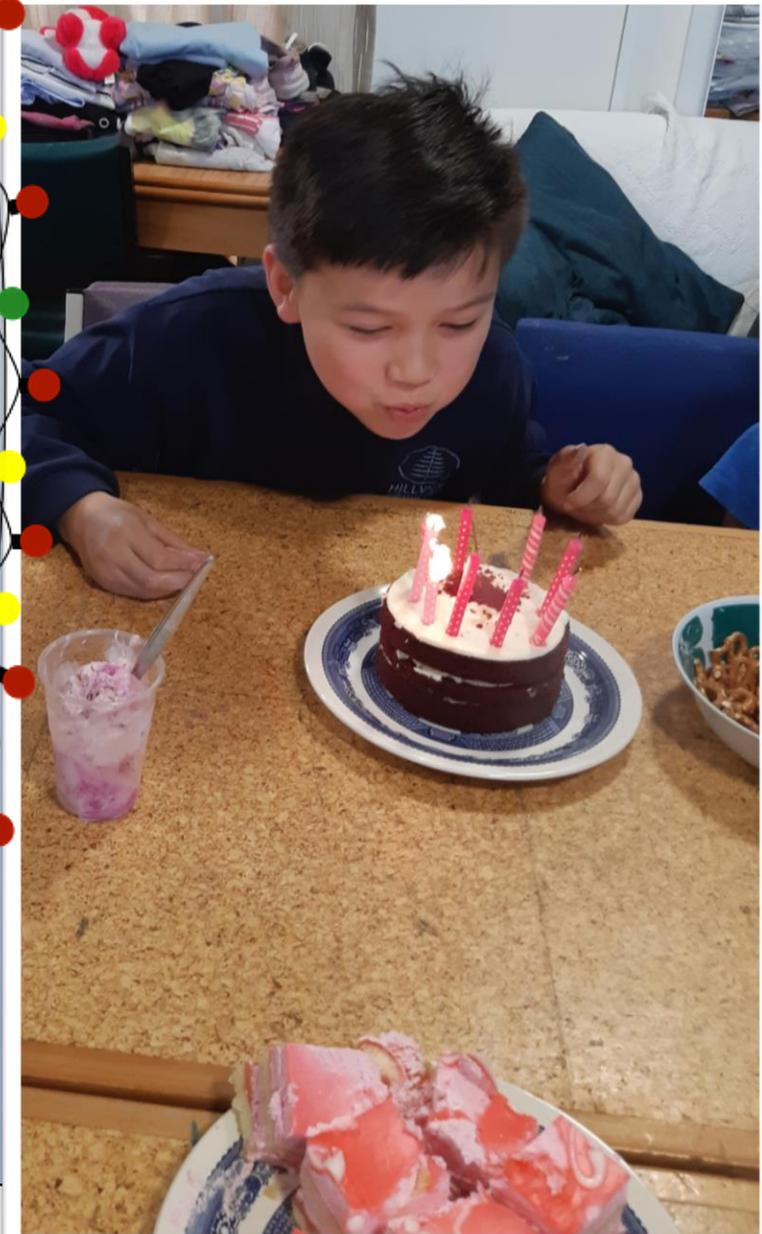


Another valuable presentation from Tiria Stewart, Screen South Breast and Cervical Care.





We celebrated a double birthday party for two girls one turning 12 and one turning 13.



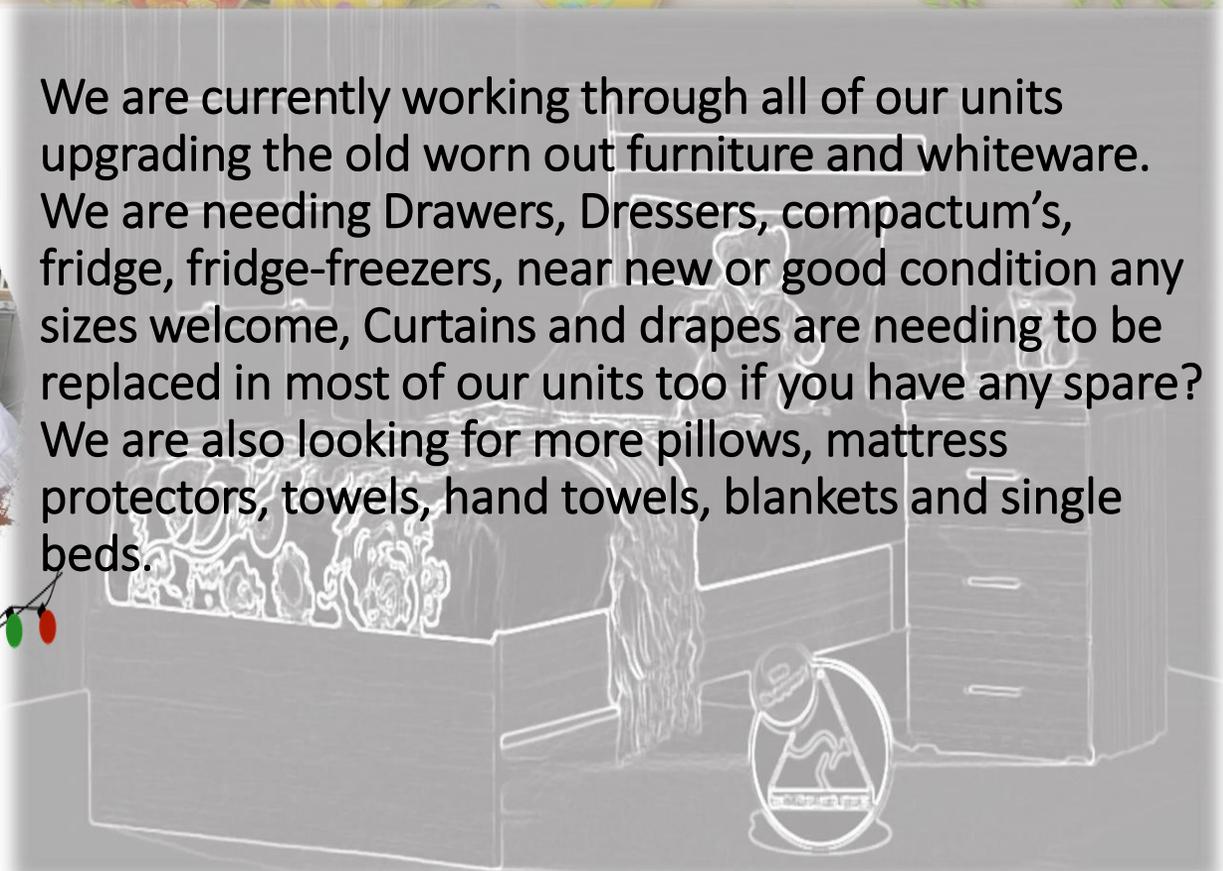
We also celebrated Jacobs birthday, he recently turned 9



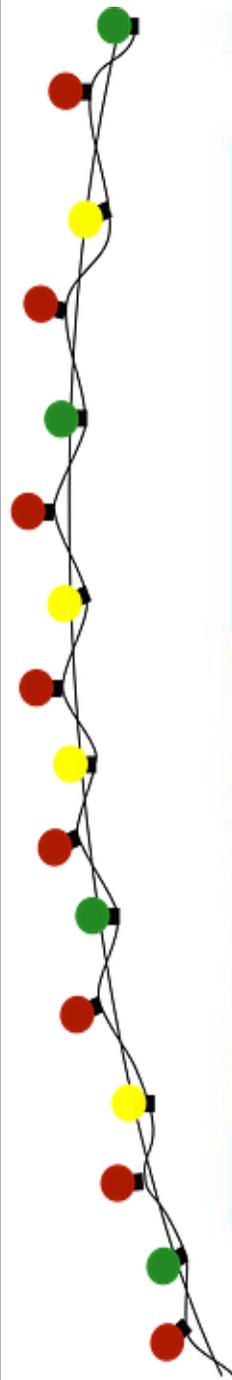
The Easter hunt was a lot of fun. This was only made possible with donations from Aunties, City Harvest and Andrea Ansell for all the Easter goodies they donated.



We are currently working through all of our units upgrading the old worn out furniture and whiteware. We are needing Drawers, Dressers, compactum's, fridge, fridge-freezers, near new or good condition any sizes welcome, Curtains and drapes are needing to be replaced in most of our units too if you have any spare? We are also looking for more pillows, mattress protectors, towels, hand towels, blankets and single beds.



- **OUR BIG FUNDRAISER FOR JULY 2019**
- We would love to see you all at our fundraiser. It will be a great night.
- Try to get a group together at least 8 to a table.
- We guarantee a fun night.
- Ethel and Bethel are a cross between Kath and Kim and the Topp twins.
- For more Information
- Text 0275570794
- Leave a message 03-3429957
- Email-
- President@chchywca.org.nz
- Online-
www.ywcachristchurch.org.nz



EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

BRINGS YOU
A NIGHT OF COMEDY BINGO
with Ethel & Bethel



Saturday 27 July 2019
 6.30pm - 10.00pm
 Air Force Museum,
 Wigram, Christchurch

Laughter, raffles, chocolate wheel spins, mystery prize balloons and a live auction.

Light finger food platters will be served. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase at the Cash Bar. *EFTPOS Available.*

Tickets \$25 each

BOOK YOUR TICKETS TODAY

TEXT: 0275570794

A huge thank you to Malcolm Johnson for these fantastic carts for the children. They have been well received



A big thanks to [Pegasus Health](#) for funding all YWCA Christchurch staff to go on the [St Johns Christchurch](#) Mental Health First Aid Course

We are having a greater need now at the YWCA to understand more about the mental health struggles of our residents. We can offer better support to the residents with this deeper understanding of mental health





Thank you to Keryn Taylor for the cat food donated for our Kate and the grocery items for the women and children.

Keryn has now become a new volunteer to the YWCA and has taken home 4 large bags of washing , bought it back and put it away and then sorted out our linen cupboards for us.

Kate is loving the attention; she presents herself to everyone willing to cuddle her and she cuddles back.

- Once again, a great talk from Lesley Ottey.
- Everyone was seriously surprised at the content of her presentation in recycling, Lesley makes it interesting and she has a wonderful depth of knowledge about every aspect.
- Lesley is currently working with 73 schools, pre schools and high schools across North Canterbury along with running gardening workshops for community and public health sectors across Christchurch and Timaru.
- Lesley is looking to the Christchurch City Council to fund her for presentations in Christchurch Central so if anyone can help her with this it would be invaluable, And we could see more of her.
- We are only one of many organizations in the central city in real need of this Education service.

Membership Form From 1 July 2019-----30 June 2020

Name _____

Address _____

email address _____

Phone _____

Payment of \$20.00 per member and \$10.00 for unwaged and Volunteers

Payment Method. Please Circle your payment method. Cheque. Cash. Direct Credit.
Our preferred option is direct credit. Our bank details are BNZ, Armagh Street-
02-0865-006674 000. So, we can identify the payment please add

Reference: Member

Code: Your First Name/Surname

Receipt required yes/no

If you have an email we will email future newsletters/receipt (if required)

Would you consider being a volunteer at the YWCA? _____

Please contact me to talk about this on _____

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/ywcachch/

Visit our web site: www.ywca.org.nz/christchurch/

As we are a registered Charity all donations over \$5 are Tax Deductible.
We will email/post a receipt to you at the end of the March 2020

