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# BRight STAR



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### **WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

Gloria Medina joined the team in April as our new Social Worker. Gloria has been busy meeting and working with families.

"I enjoy working at Birthright because I have the chance to work alongside clients, supporting them to improve their lives" Gloria says.

Welcome,

After the wet and rainy past few months, I hope you have all been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been experiencing recently. Spring is right on our doorstep.

I am excited that Birthright Canterbury has had its first birthday after the merger of Birthright Ashburton Inc and Birthright Christchurch Inc.

Monthly meetings between the Trustees have been invaluable. The transition for the two organisations has been smooth and we have been able to develop a single culture within the organisation that works for the benefit of all our one-parent families.

The 'winding up' process is now complete with both incorporated societies no longer operational. While it has been a long process, I want to thank everybody who made the transition as easy as possible.

We are still developing policies and guidelines that are in line with Birthright New Zealand's affiliation agreement and other local policies. These continue to be reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Thanks to the help of Christchurch Community Accounting, financial reports are now being turned into more effective and efficient documents and statements. It has been a huge mission to join together both the funding and expenditure groups and we appreciate the work done by our manager, Rhodora and her team.

I would like to thank Rhodora and trustee Michele Hider for the tremendous time and effort spent on our joint fundraising venture with Tenants Protection Association – The Playhouse Challenge. A big thank you to everyone who helped fund and support this project.

Sue McGuire  
Deputy Chair  
Birthright Canterbury Trust

## Happenings at Birthright in the past six months



Clip 'n' Climb was a school holiday highlight for 18 children and their parents who enjoyed a couple of hours at the indoor climbing venue during the July school holidays. It was wonderful to see each child trying new things and facing fears. Thank you to KA Boyd Charitable Trust.

Harald Breiding-Buss from Christchurch Community Accounting has been providing Financial Training Capacity Building support for Birthright Canterbury staff and trustees.

Funding for this has been provided by Tindall Foundation and implemented through NFP Works.

## Birthright Canterbury Trust's contribution to the community

HOME VISITS

496



86

**Practical Support**

433

**Family Friendly Events**



Thousands of toys and books received and given away to families

One movie night  
One quiz night  
One pizza night  
Two sausage sizzles  
One joint fundraiser



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### Cooking Class

Ashburton's one-parent families will have the chance to become 'master chefs' in the coming months. A free cooking class is planned for September/October and will be held at Community House, 44 Cass Street, Ashburton. The class is designed for parents eager to learn how to cook delicious, healthy and low-cost meals for their families. This project is supported by Strathlachlan Fund. If you would like to be involved, please contact Christine on 03 308 1237.

### Drop In for a cuppa & a chat

Our clients have told us that they feel there is nowhere for single parents in go in Christchurch.

We also wanted to reach those who are in our ever growing waiting list.

So we have started 'drop in for a cuppa and chat' - which happens on the first Wednesday of every month from 11am - 1pm at Christchurch Community House.

Parents get to meet other parents and have a chat with our social workers. They can also find out about other services available at Christchurch Community House. Preschoolers welcome.

For more info, call 03 366 9456.

### Family Camp

Ten families are excited to be going on this year's Annual Family Camp.

The families will spend three days and two nights at a Holiday Park where they will experience a Kiwi holiday. The aim of the camp is to promote positive family interaction.

The children will spend time playing with other children, walking and swimming at the beach, and having loads of fun. Truly a camp to remember for the whole family. Thanks to Rotary Neighbourhood Project Charitable Trust for its support.



## THE PLAYHOUSE CHALLENGE RESULTS

Canterbury's first ever Playhouse Challenge has so far raised \$7500 for Birthright Canterbury and Tenants Protection Association (TPA) Christchurch. This was raised through the sale of Fusion Homes and Scratch Architecture's 'Quirky' playhouse ; another donation of \$2500 made to the two charities by Chris Haughey from Fusion Homes; and sponsorship from Resene.

The Children's Choice award, decided by students from Wharenui School, went to Irving Builders for their 'Futuristic Playhouse'; the People's Choice, decided by the Star Home and Leisure show attendees, went to Pound Road Trading; and the Best Design was won by Fusion Homes with their 'Quirky' playhouse.

The 'Futuristic' playhouse and the 'Classic' playhouse are still up for grabs. If you are interested in purchasing one of them, please contact us for more information.

### **A big thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and supporters:**

Star Media, Priority Communications, Resene, Robertson Creative, Dave Richards Photography, Sharp, NZ Foam, all the volunteers during the Home Show, Graham Banks, Clive Gordon, Dave Mason, Wyma Engineering, The Professionals, Owen Patterson, Simon Maule, shed and barn owners in Tai Tapu and judges Jane Lancaster, Robin Tinga, Blanche Head, John McGrail from Dalman Architects, and pupils from Wharenui Primary School.



Special thanks to Kids Under Cover (Australia) for their wonderful support and advice.

## Donate To Birthright Canterbury Trust

Your generous contribution will help us to continue to support children from one parent families/caregivers in Canterbury.

I would like to donate      \_\_\_ \$20      \_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_ \$100      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please post your donation and this coupon to 301 Tuam Street, Christchurch 8011.

You can also directly deposit your donation in our ANZ bank account.

Birthright Canterbury Trust 01-0811-0435585-00

A tax receipt will be sent to you for all donations over \$5.

Thank you very much for your donation.

## Thank you to Birthright Canterbury's funders and partners

Since the last issue, this has included the companies below, along with Playhouse Challenge sponsors, Poto Williams, Joyce, **all the members of the community who dropped off donations, and the volunteers who work with Birthright Canterbury.**



Lottery Grants Board/ Riccarton Youth Trust / Strathlachlan Fund/ Rotary Neighbourhood Project Charitable Trust/Tindall Foundation / Lye Family Foundation / Thank You Charitable Trust/ First Sovereign Trust Ltd./ Mainland Foundation/ COGS Banks Peninsula/Chch/ and COGS Aoraki/ The Trusts Charitable Foundation/ CERTL/ David Ellison Charitable Trust/ Variety / Kendons/ Court Theatre /APW Canterbury /The Southern Trust/ / NZCT/ Four Winds Foundation/ K A Boyd Charitable Trust/Filipino Food Fest Group/Playhouse Challenge Sponsors

Thanks to Mitre 10 Mega Hornby and Bunnings Riccarton for letting us do our sausage sizzles.

## Other ways to support Birthright Canterbury Trust

### 1. Shop at The Warehouse Belfast or Rangiora from August 2017 to January 2018 and vote for Birthright!

Birthright Canterbury has partnered with the Warehouse for their Bags for Good Neighbourhood campaign. Each time you shop at these stores, you'll get a chance to vote for Birthright with a token. At the end of each six-month period, funds raised are given to each of the organisations according to their percentage of total votes. The funds will go towards Birthright services.

### 2. Birthright Canterbury Trust is now set up for Spark's Payroll Giving programme, Spark Give.

**If you know a Spark employee,** please encourage them to give to Birthright Canterbury Trust. For every donation the employee makes, Spark Foundation will match it.



3. **Join and sign up for 'Friends of Birthright'.** These are people who believe that all children share a 'birthright': the right to a good start in life, help in times of crisis and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Friends of Birthright give regular financial donation to Birthright Canterbury Trust to continue its work in the community. Contact 03 366 9456 and talk to us if you are in a position to help.