

Churches helping people

July 2024



Helping Families in Hastings/Napier for over 30 Years

Good morning all

We start this newsletter with a big thank you to all those who assist us in this outreach. This includes the donors of the items, local and New Zealand wide churches, funding organisations, small and large businesses, private individuals, and of course our volunteers. Without you all, nothing happens.

Our Annual Blanket Drive

It was a **huge success** with close to 900 blankets and duvets being donated to us. In the six months to date 572 have already been given out.

A big thank you must go to **Catherine Wedd, MP for Tuketuki**, and **Katie Nimon MP for Napier**. These two ladies spearheaded our campaign and used both their offices as collection points, and their considerable resources to motivate the community.



STATISTICS January to June 2024

These numbers are more than statistics, each number is a family helped.

Families assisted 487 Items distributed 7800 Donations 611 Hours worked 4833

This gives an average of 14.1 items per request for assistance over the past year. As you can see from the figures above, the need in the community is ever increasing, with items distributed for the last year up 6%.

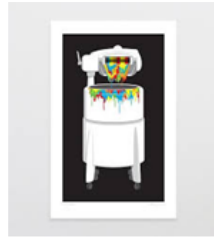
Snapshot of items distributed January to June 2024

Blankets/duvets 572 Beds 409 Sheets 100 Towels 953

These 4 key items above represent 40% of all items distributed.

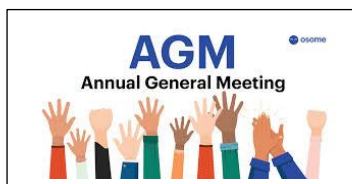


THIS MEANS THAT WE ARE DESPERATE FOR GOODS



Christian Lovelink is a charity, and we are fully dependent on what is given to us by way of item donation to meet the needs in the community. **One of our greatest needs is beds.** We are still experiencing shortages in all sizes, single through to king, but **especially double and queen beds.** Despite Christian Lovelink trying several different ways to increase the stock of beds, it continues to be a huge pressure point. In the year to date, we have given out over 400 beds. **If a need for a bed is urgent, please speak to Ian Jones the Operations Manager.**

We are also experiencing shortages in all other items, so if you have any unused household items in good condition that are perhaps sitting in storage, or in cupboards, surplus to your needs, **we would love to have them. They will be passed on to a family in need.** We will also take household appliances, but they must be going order and in good condition. Just give us a phone call and we will come around and pick them up.



Considering the cold weather, the meeting was well attended with 28 brave souls. Thank you to everyone who attended.

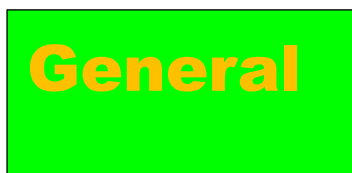
The new Board is as follows:-

Bob Strong
Derek Holmes
Elly Govers
Glen Johnson
Jonathan Marinus
Keith Woodcock
Ross Haliburton
Sherin Reilly

The Catholic Parish of Napier
Ascend Global Church Hastings
The Catholic Parish of Napier
Peak Vision Havelock North
Reformed Church of Hastings
St. Columba's Presbyterian Taradale
Ahuriri-Putorino Presbyterian Church
All Saints Anglican Church Taradale

Welcome to our new board member Glen Johnson from Peak Vision at Havelock North.

The Guest Speaker was Kerry Henderson CEO Napier Family Centre who spoke on **The Changing Face of Need in the Community.**



Christian Lovelink is keen to increase the number people that know about us and how we work. **If you, your organisation, your community group, or church** would like to know more about us, please contact the office on 027 532 2611. We are happy to do a presentation to your group (**big or small**) Just contact our Operations Manager **Ian Jones** to arrange a mutually suitable day and time.

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