

CARING

COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



CHRISTMAS JOY OF GIVING!
ZOO ADVENTURE!
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!
LENDING A HELPING HAND
TO OUR COMMUNITY

CEO's Message

As we start 2022, I am cognizant of what is happening around us - Auckland has endured so much in this past year, that it's hard to describe without stating the obvious about our level of resilience, our fortitude, and our continuous care for each other as a city.

How wonderful it is to be both hearers and doers of His word! As ATWC was gearing up for our Christmas Appeal, I worried about the societal apathy that was setting in due to months and months of a lockdown, changing alert levels and then changing traffic light Covid settings - but God comes through in such amazing ways. ATWC was indeed blessed by some incredibly generous donations from our Anglican whānau, Anglican Parishes and schools, and from many kind people. I want to give special mention to Heather, her staff, and the beautiful students at the Diocesan School for Girls, whose give a little page enabled ATWC to buy specifically for thousands of children and households across Auckland. To the Life Church, David Tua foundation, Kiwi Harvest, Auckland shoebox Christmas donors

and individual donors, I honour you all for contributing toward our desire to ensure no child goes without on Christmas Day.

Thank you for journeying with us to support the vision and mission of ATWC. As we forge ahead in 2022, may you all experience an outpouring of God's grace and care like never before.

Ma te Atua e manaaki,
God's blessings,



Judy Matai'a
CEO - Anglican Trust for Women and Children



A Helping Hand in Our Community!

Back in August 2021 when Covid Delta lockdown level 4 struck Auckland, our wonderful ATWC staff rose to the challenge setting up a "Covid Relief Team". This team was made up of 6 - 8 staff who packed food parcels and essential items, 3 staff who delivered packages to whānau and further staff members who coordinated the team.



The need for the Covid relief team was realised when clients of ATWC presented with issues of having to self isolate, single parent whānau with multiple children making it difficult to get to the supermarket safely

during level 4, transportation challenges and loss of income. The Covid relief packages were made up mostly of food, baby items such as nappies or formula, sometimes there were requests for other ie clothing or other essentials. As we have started to move through the level changes, restrictions have lifted and we are now in the traffic light system, the need for Covid relief has lessened slightly but we are still helping whānau around Auckland, especially those with unexpected changes within their household and challenges with visas or accesses services. Thank you to all our Covid relief staff volunteers! This could not be made possible without all our amazing donors.



Moana Tautua Goodie boxes for exams

Our Moana Tautua team are constantly out in the community doing the good work with our youth as they navigate learning with so many unknowns, interruptions and anxiety.

Being a teenager is hard enough at the best of times but during our new "Covid normal" adolescents have had to be particularly resilient. A really nerve wracking time of the year for teens is exam time! ATWC in collaboration with TYMS were able to put together "goodie packs/ exam packs and essential packs" for the youth. The packs included essentials such as shampoo, body wash, razors, pens and books to help with study and of course, some treats, lollies and snacks to help with the late night exam study! Thanks to our amazing Moana Tautua team for getting out and about around Auckland to deliver the packs and to all the donors and community who helped on our mission."



Atwc needs your SUPPORT



ATWC needs your support to help build happy, healthy futures for our children.

To DONATE, visit www.atwc.org.nz or call 09 276 3729. From July 2021 banks will no longer be accepting cheques. Please contact our office for assistance in setting up alternate ways of banking.

FOR WHĀNAU
I'M BOOSTED

Diocesan School for Girls Christmas Hampers Lockdown Edition!

In lieu of Diocesan School for Girls being able to create hampers for whānau this year due to Covid restrictions, an initiative was set up to give a little to fundraise for whānau so ATWC could use the funds to purchase gifts. We interview Reverend Sandy Roberston to find out more.

When was the decision made to create a Give A Little page instead of the traditional hampers?

The decision was made once we realised that most of our students would not be coming back to school before the end of the year. It was going to be quite difficult for our teachers to organise the collation of Christmas Hampers for 2021.



How would you describe the response to the Give A Little page?

There was good engagement from our Dio community to the GiveALittle page. There were

400 donations, some of them substantial amounts. We were very grateful to every one of those 400 people who contributed. We kept this fundraiser within the dio community.

Was there a dollar amount "goal" or "target" to be raised?

We decided that the goal would be the amount of money we estimated would usually be spent by our families on the Christmas Hampers, which include one gift per person in the household, food and extras for a Christmas celebration for each family. We estimated that each hamper would be worth approximately \$150 and with our usual 80 hampers, that was a \$12000 target.

**The
GiveALittle
page raised
close to
\$30,000!**



What kind of lessons do you feel these kinds of fundraising projects can teach the students?

We think our students learn a lot more from actually making

the Christmas Hampers for ATWC families because they have to think about that family that has been allocated to their class, what gift to give each person in the family and what to include so that they can have a great Christmas celebration. GiveALittle was a good alternative for a year when we couldn't do that. We have a Service Learning philosophy at Dio that includes head, hands and heart. In the head part of our programme, students learn about what needs there are in society and engage with thinking about how those needs could be met and talking with those who best know what the needs are. They then engage their hands and actually do something to help. The heart part of the programme is about reflection on their own learning and how well they met the need.

It was great that we were able to give such a big total from the GiveALittle campaign to ATWC at the end of what was a very hard year for everyone, and we hope it really did give some of the people ATWC work with a great Christmas. We hope to be able to go back to the more personal work of creating Christmas Hampers for your families in 2022.



Auckland Shoebox CHRISTMAS

Towards the end of 2021, Tess Parker - Family Start Practice Manager contacted Auckland Shoebox Christmas about being able to donate to ATWC whānau this Christmas.



This is a relationship she had hoped to forge over the years and we are grateful to have this connection with Auckland Shoebox Christmas to expand further in 2022. Usually our Family Start Social Workers can only choose a handful of whānau to nominate for Christmas gifts, but this year, thanks to the help of the incredible donors all around Auckland and Auckland Shoebox Christmas - we were able to give gifts to all tamariki and their siblings!! In 2021 we trialled ASC for Family Start Clients only, in 2022 we hope to expand these efforts ATWC wide! We had a total of 611 requests, 506 gifts were donated by ASC and a further 94 were made up of fundraising from Diocesan School for Girls. What an amazing effort! Auckland Shoebox Christmas also support St Vinnies, Presbyterian Support and The Breakfast Club.

Check out more information about the work they do on www.shooboxchristmas.co.nz



FUN AT THE ZOO

and Mums Getting Pampered!



Our ATWC Granger Grove whānau have been so blessed over the last few months with some lovely donations from the Pukekohe Mother's Union and Lyn Stevens from St Heliers. The mums went out for a well-deserved pamper session to have their nails done beautifully, they chose elegant, classy styles and could show off their stunning new nails at the trip to the zoo with the tamariki the following week.

Granger Grove staff and whānau arrived at the zoo on a sunny Tuesday morning, the tamariki were all so excited to see the animals, pointing, running around and smiling. It was two of the mothers' first times at the zoo which was such a special experience for them to share with their little ones. The group had lunch under the shade at the playground, followed by more adventuring around the zoo, they finished off their afternoon at Western Springs.

A wonderful day was had by all at the zoo, lots of laughter and life! The Pukekohe Mother's Union donation allowed the mums and tamariki to have a trip to the zoo. Lyn Stevens donated for the mothers' nail pamper session. Our Granger Grove staff and whānau are truly grateful for these incredible donors.



St Mary's Essentials HUB

Being in an extended period of level 4 lockdown was incredibly tough for many families.

ATWC operated as an essential service offering food support and extra financial support at a time when communities needed it most. St Mary's ministers, Rev. Joel and Rev. Hinemoa Carpenter, were seeking support from ATWC on behalf of families that needed essentials, including clothing for children



who were quickly growing out of what they were wearing at home. With limited access to making online purchases, it was impossible for families to get the essential items they needed when the shops were closed. St Mary's as a faith community couldn't gather in the building so we decided to turn the space into an Essentials HUB.

Under the umbrella of ATWC we were able to operate as an essential service. We quickly put a health and safety plan together with the help of Tara Moala from Rākau Tautoko and ATWC, sorted an amazing volunteer team from St Mary's and other local Glen Innes residents and put the word out to receive donations of clothing, shoes, towels, kitchen items, books, toys, bedding and sports equipment. The response was MASSIVE. Our team of volunteers worked quickly to get the 'shop' ready to open.

Initially, people had to register for a time slot to make sure we could manage numbers and safe social distancing. Each week we adapted to the changes of levels

and health advice, so we were able to have more families through to get what they needed. When the HUB was open, our local ATWC Social Workers in Schools were there to welcome, connect with and support families to choose what they needed. They were able to reconnect with the families they were supporting before lockdown. When the HUB closed at the end of the day, the incredible volunteer team swooped in to reorganize and restock the space, ready for the next day.

For families that came in, they expressed gratitude and joy in choosing things they wanted and needed at no cost. Tamariki also came in and chose what they liked. With the financial support of generous donors we were able to purchase sports equipment and body care products as these were the most sought after items. We were also able to purchase vouchers to offer families in the last week of the HUB, just in time for Christmas.

For St Mary's, the Essentials HUB has been an energising initiative and a springboard for other outward facing ministry, including the 'Back to School' HUB which has been running through St Mary's in January.

We are a small parish with big hearts- ahakoa he iti he pounamu. We are incredibly thankful for ATWC, the Auckland diocese, our neighbouring churches, community



organisations, businesses and the wonderful families in Glen Innes who supported this kaupapa. The effects of this pandemic will be felt for a long time to come and, like many of our Tāmaki support services, we are committed to building resilience and celebrating the flourishing of our neighbourhoods.

- Written by Rev. Hinemoa Carpenter



OUR VERY OWN MOTHER AND SON DUO

Jordan and Lesieli are both Social Workers in our SWiS team here at ATWC, Jordan speaks about his mum in an interview that was done for "Humans of ATWC".



"My mum is incredible. I was eight when my dad passed away and she raised me and my 6 siblings alone. She has worked as a cleaner her whole life to ensure we were provided for. I remember going with her to help vacuum or empty rubbish bins. The cleaning has taken a toll on her and she has had to have surgery on her hands. When she decided to study social work a few years ago it was tough for her. There were so many long nights and so many times I know when she just wanted to give up, particularly in the beginning. But she stuck to it and when she finished we were all so proud! It was also a relief for all of us knowing that she didn't have to keep cleaning and putting her body under stress. When my manager first spoke to me about whether I would be alright with my mum working here as well, I told her that I would love to work with my mum. I love her so much after all that she has done for us. I am grateful I get to work with my mum and see her continuing to light up the lives of others with her infectious positive attitude and bright personality."

★ Positive feedback from our community!



Wellbeing tips from our Social Workers in Schools

Before school started back for 2022, our SWiS Tamaki cluster got together for a day of planning, connecting and discussing what the year ahead would look like. Some of the SWiS team were tasked with volunteering for our "Wellbeing with SWiS" video - a video that will be shared internally, creating engagement with staff, sharing tips and tricks on wellbeing. They all shared some very helpful insights! Here were our questions:

How do you look after your wellbeing?

Our SWiS team had a range of answers from walking in nature, prayer/spirituality, sports or physical activity to spending time with family, talking to



people close to them and surrounding themselves with positive influences.

How do you separate work life from home life?

A big answer for this one was to create a space on your commute from work to home that allows you to transition into "home mode". This could be by listening to music or podcast in the car

or meditation before you enter your home. Physical tasks such as taking a work badge off, putting laptop and phone away.

How do you remain positive?

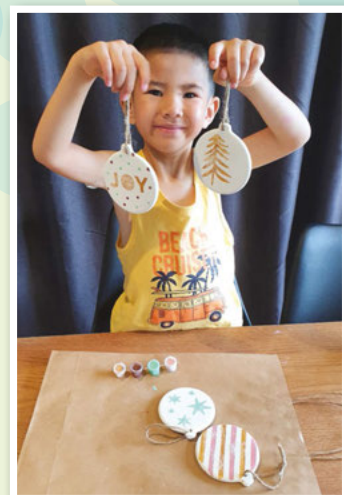
The SWiS group that were interviewed were such a positive bunch that it was clear to see they bounced positivity off each other! Some suggested positive mantras for the day, setting an intention for the day, being aware of who you surround yourself by and asking for honest feedback.

Thank you to all the staff who volunteered for the video, ATWC staff will find this a helpful resource.

School's Out!

Our Riverside Youth Worker in collaboration with SWiS created an amazing school holiday programme - online style! One ran in the October holidays and the last one ran through part of the summer holidays. The team worked hard to create a fun filled online school holiday programme. The students were delivered school holiday packs, sometimes siblings and whānau got involved too. Activities involved print workshops, dance, master chef and they are even meeting up for pizza in the park at the end of the month! While students grappled with learning from home, the team put the fun into the holiday programme, even through students had to stay home - didn't mean they couldn't have fun with it! We received great feedback from tamaki and their parents.

Check out what the schedule looked like in here in the photo.



ONLINE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

17th - 28th Jan 22

1:30pm-2:30pm
ONLINE DAILY

Due to availability and the Covid traffic light system, daily activities may change.

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KAHOOT! Mon 17 Jan Let's start the January programme off with a fun Kahoot game.	PRINT WORKSHOP! Tues 18 Jan Join us for this awesome workshop where you can design your own hoodie and have it printed.	DRONE LEGENDS! Wed 19 Jan Come and experience the Drone Legends in action.	PRINT WORKSHOP! Thurs 20 Jan See your print designs come to life as LRS show us the finished products.	FRIYAY FAMILY! Fri 21 Jan Take your whānau out for a picnic. Don't forget your favourite picnic game.
MONDAY MASTERCHEF! Mon 24 Jan Show us your skills in the kitchen. Get messy and creative!	LIGHTHOUSE DANCECREW Tues 25 Jan Join us in a fun and interactive workshop with the Lighthouse Dance Crew.	CREATIVITY DAY! Wed 26 Jan Let's get crafty!	LIGHTHOUSE DANCECREW! Thurs 27 Jan Join us in a fun and interactive workshop with the Lighthouse Dance Crew.	PIZZA! Fri 28 Jan Bring your whānau and meet us for pizza in the park.

Atwc X'MAS CELEBRATIONS

ATWC staff, clients and whānau all tried to finish off the end to the year on a positive note - even if Christmas celebrations had to look a little different (or smaller in 2021).



The preschools had a visit from Santa aka Paul, one of our Service Delivery Managers who is always a great sport when it comes to being Santa! The preschoolers were gifted some lovely presents that they opened with joy, followed by a performance and some kai. Although parents and caregivers could not attend, they could watch the video and look at photos virtually.

Santa also made another appearance at Granger Grove, after a sunny Christmas celebration at the beach for our GG whānau the day before. The tamariki and mums had a beautiful day and were so grateful for their gifts.

Our staff party which would usually be an anticipated event to finish up a year of hard work here at ATWC, was an online event in 2021. Although online events have their challenges, it was great fun and went without a hitch! The social committee did a great job and also created goodie boxes that were delivered to staff.



OUR PRESCHOOL IS HAVING A MAKE OVER!

COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK AT ST MARY'S PRESCHOOL SOON!
10 BEATTY STREET, ŌTĀHUHU

FOR MORE INFO - CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE ATWC.ORG.NZ



NEARLY NEW OP-SHOP

OPERATING HOURS

TUES - FRI 9AM - 3PM
SATURDAY 10AM-2PM
SUN & MON CLOSED

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