



Northern Newsflash

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Great start for the new decade

During 2010 the foundation is continuing its projects for the following causes:

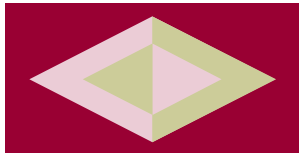
Home Care 4 Kids- providing loan equipment to children recovering from significant illness or injury and those who started their lives in Special Care or Neonatal Care Baby Units

Pump 4 Freedom- another loan service to assist type 1 people with diabetes to live expanded and better lives using the latest insulin pump technology

Cardiac CT project- to provide technology that assist immediate definitive diagnosis for those people presenting with chest pain in the emergency setting and those in hospital that need further clarification of their cardiac status

The Move-it Specialist transportation equipment for critically ill patients needing transfer to other facilities

Breast CT project- to provide this technology in the public sector (first in region) which enables accurate identification of early cancer cells for those suspected of having breast cancer.



The North Shore Hospital Foundation presents a news column

THE FOUNDATION FOCUS

in the North Shore Times every second Friday of the month.

Each quarter the

HEALTH REPORT

is published, a health themed insert carrying news from Health Foundations in the North, South and West

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Focus on Home Care 4 Kids Project

Home Care 4 Kids commenced as a service 10 years ago. The team vision is to provide optimal quality of life and health for children through empowerment of families/whanau towards self care.

The mission is to keep recovering children and children with long term health issues out of hospitals. Research shows that children recover quicker and are happier in their own homes surrounded by friends and families. The Team visits sick children and their families in the home seeing children from 0-16 years of age.

The Home Care 4 Kids Team covers from Devonport up to Te Hana (just past Wellsford), out the east coast to Pakari, Leigh, Matakana, Algies Bay and through to the West Coast- Kaipara Flats, South Head down to Helensville, all of Waitakere City, Dairy Flat, Albany. We also cover the Whangaparaoa coast.

The nurses make 200-250 visits per month. Daily it averages at about 15-20 visits divided between 2-3 nurses. Follow up is provided for all the premature babies once discharged from Special Care Baby Units (SCBU) and children who are discharged from Starship or other facilities like Kidz First following an illness or injury. Clinical interventions are provided in the home for the child so that they do not have to visit hospitals e.g. IV therapy, oncology medication. Support and care is given for children who have long term illness and disabilities, providing supplies and equipment.

HC4K provides wound care and can visit children at school if necessary so they don't need to miss their schooling. Also provided is palliative care (care for dying) in the home. Overall the concept of family centred care is practised, recognising the family as a constant in the child's life.

Currently the North Shore Hospital Foundation is fundraising to build up a specialised loan service that enables the loan a wide range of medical & rehabilitative equipment to this particular group of children. Sometimes this equipment may be needed for long periods of time as a child recovers or in the case of terminal illness, passes on. We provide all the consumables they need however do not have sufficient pieces of equipment to facilitate leaving devices permanently in the home.

How the families manage currently is that

- they go without or improvise
- the parents rent equipment (at significant personal cost)
- apply for Variety , service club or gaming funding grants for help

Homecare for Kids (HC4K) is a multidisciplinary team consisting of expert paediatric nurses, paediatricians, speech language therapist and dieticians.

The fundraising project is an ongoing effort to keep up with the need for assistance for the families.



Thanks to the Supporters of the Home Care 4 Kids project

The major sponsor for this project is the Rotary Club of East Coast Bays who has contributed the proceeds of 2 of their annual Drive 4 Life Charity Golf Tournaments to this cause with donations totalling \$20,000.

Other community groups and service clubs have joined the major sponsor and contributed significantly to the success of the project



Thanks also to Rotary Clubs of Browns Bay & Northcote, Takapuna Kiwanis, ARA Masons, City Impact Church, Susan Herbert, Pat Mc Cook, Westfield Glenfield and many individual donors.

Westfield Glenfield management have adopted the Home Care 4 Kids project as one of their main community sponsorships a part of their corporate citizenship programme. The commitment to help the children in their community sees many of the promotions run for public benefit at Glenfield branded with charitable gold coin donations to help Home Care 4 Kids

The graphic design group from Westfield Glenfield have created and donated a specialised logo for the project which encapsulates the ethos of Home Care 4 Kids with a stylised home built on a solid foundation with love shown rising from the home's chimney. Funds from their Xmas wrap project have been donated and this Mothers Day an activity has been designated to fundraise for HC4K.

Please support

Create a Memory this Mothers Day

Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 May & Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 May

Make a ceramic keepsake she'll want to hold on to forever. Bring the kids and get stuck in on a project that's sure to bring a smile to her face. Paint and decorate your choice of ceramic designs. Make it a Mother's Day she's sure to remember.

Participation is via a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to Home Care 4 Kids.



Masonic donation adds another dimension to care



"The Incredible Years" puppets help in therapy

The Masonic Grand Lodge, Auckland has provided funding for Child Mental Health Services to introduce The Incredible Years programme to reduce challenging behaviours in children aged three to eight years, and increase their social and self-control skills. With the use of puppets, intervention manuals and DVDs trained therapists promote children's social competence, emotional regulation and problem solving skills and reduce their behaviour problems.

Evidence shows that the programmes have turned around the behaviours of up to 80 per cent of the children. If left unchecked these behaviours would mean those children are at greater risk in

adulthood of unemployment, mental health problems, substance abuse, early pregnancy/early fatherhood, criminal offending, multiple arrests and imprisonment, higher rates of domestic violence and shortened life expectancy.

The Incredible Years programme gives strategies to manage behaviours such as aggressiveness, ongoing tantrums, and acting out behaviour such as swearing, whining, yelling, hitting and kicking, answering back, and refusing to follow rules.

It is estimated that around five percent of children in New Zealand have severe behaviour difficulties (are on what is clinically called an 'anti-social pathway').

Through using a range of strategies, health services help children regulate their emotions and improve their social skills so that they can get along better with peers and adults, and do better academically and have a more enjoyable family life.

Charity Dinner & Auction completes project for Premature Babies

The Rotary Club of North Harbour together with Harcourts Cooper & Co Ltd presented a spectacular charity event recently at the AMI netball Centre in Northcote. A full house attended the exciting event with hundreds of fabulous prizes on show and ready for Auction.

The Auction sector of the evening was a stunning demonstration of the art of auction lead by Martin Cooper and his team of brilliant auctioneers. Full of surprises and humour the auctioneers held the audience captivated for an extraordinary length of time eeking the very best charity dollar out of all the guests. The star turn of the evening occurred when Martin Cooper managed to auction "absolutely nothing" for an excellent price followed by the losing bidder donating her bid for absolutely nothing

The beneficiary of the evening was The North Shore Hospital Foundation who has enjoyed long term support from the North Harbour Rotary Club.

The project chosen to benefit was for purchase of an incubator with accessories to ensure the demand for incubator occupancy is increased at the Special Care Baby Unit at North Shore Hospital.

North Harbour President Mr Paul Brosnahan presented a donation of \$10,000 to Foundation Executive Director and Diane Chesney Clinical Charge Nurse of the unit.

This donation completed the project and the staff of the unit is excitedly awaiting the arrival of the new incubator at the end of April.



SCBU specialist RN's with an Isolette incubator

Jump start for Amity City in the Philippines

The Foundation international medical aid project has donated a multi functional ECG and defibrillator to the Emergency service in Amity, Philippines. Their fire/emergency service that provide free fire, emergency & rescue services to almost 80% of all emergency calls in their city did not have any such equipment.



They were overjoyed at functional equipment like this being available to them via our international medical aid programme.



Donated defibrillator

Forty artists on show for the hospital

A stunning home & garden art exhibition was hosted by Susan Herbert at her wonderful designer home & garden property. Multiple exhibits from a full range of artists including sculpture, photography, mixed media, painting and garden art. Over forty artists exhibiting. All art was for sale and light lunch and refreshments were available.

Over 500 guests viewed the artwork and Susan made a donation of well over \$1,000 to the Home Care 4 Kids loan project.

We are on the web
www.northshorehospitalfoundation.com

