



MHSS NEWSLETTER

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THANKING OUR INCREDIBLE SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

Lockdown saw amazing acts of generosity on behalf of our community to support the work of Manchester House to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in the community. Over 100 people and organisations made donations via our Givealittle Platform and through direct giving, with countless other donating food and fresh produce to support the foodbank. These donations totalled an excess of \$45,000 and have been key in ensuring a comprehensive response to the needs of our community both during lockdown, and now through the COVID-19 recovery phase.

Manchester House is supported in part through funding from the Ministry of Social Development, profits from the Opshop and ASAP and philanthropic grants.

Donations and community partnership are essential, especially now as we looked to meet longer term needs during the recovery phase of the pandemic.



Go to <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/manchesterhouse>

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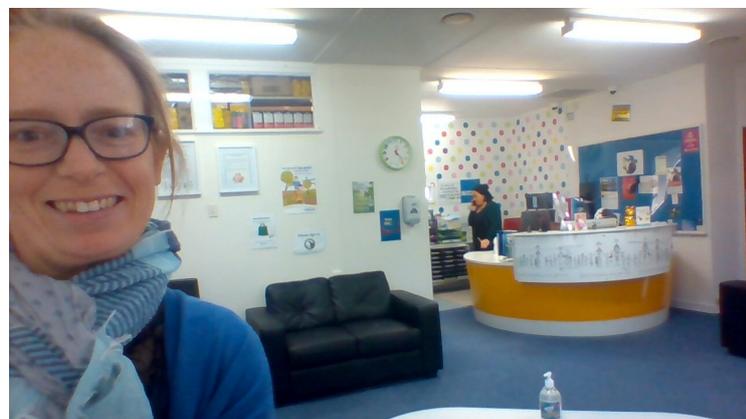
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STAGE 2. RECOVERY PHASE OF COVID-19. WHAT NEXT FOR MHSS?



We are keenly aware that challenges and change will continue to impact our community as the country recovers from the social and financial aftermath of the pandemic. We are bracing ourselves for the ripple effect of this through our social services, especially in regards to budgeting, counselling and social work support as the impact of job losses and reduced income for some becomes clearer. We anticipate that our services will help meet many needs in the community during this time, and are ensuring we are ready.

The Aorangi Street Social Services Centre, Senior Hub, Opshop and ASAP are now fully open and running though appointments are still preferred at our social services centre for anyone wishing to access support. Emergency food support is available and bread and donated goods are readily accessible at a table at the front of the centre

Please call the centre on 06 323 7191 for any questions, support or assistance.

DONATIONS OF FOOD CAN BEGIN AGAIN



We are lucky to have a huge amount of gardeners who donate their excess produce to MHSS to share with the wider community. The last few months have seen a plethora of plums, tomatoes, zucchini, apples, pears and greens which go straight to our food table in reception for the community to readily take. Access to fresh food is a huge bonus to those on limited incomes as these items are often an expensive luxury.

Our thanks to all our green fingered donors.

NEW SIGNAGE AT OUR CENTRES

Our Social Services Centre on Aorangi Street, Opshop, Senior Hub and ASAP hub and vehicles are all now proudly displaying our new branding and colours, which we hope, will help people make connections with the breadth of all our services and understand what we do.

The signs feature a stunning Tui design created for MHSS by local artist and entrepreneur Joe McMenemy and sports our new white and green colour palette.

Our thanks to Joe and to Capture Signs for their incredible work.



UNITED WITH OUR COMMUNITY DURING LEVELS 3 AND 4 OF COVID-19

Lockdown and levels 4 and 3 of the country uniting against the threat of COVID-19 saw Manchester House, with the support of the community, work to assist our most vulnerable in a time of need.

The six weeks of lockdown saw the distribution of almost 200 community food parcels, over 250 care parcels for older people in the community and an hundreds of other interactions, whether phone calls or referrals. This was all in addition to our incredible practitioners keeping phone and zoom contact with current clients to ensure their continued wellbeing

We have given people extra clothing and bedding, provided daily phone calls to the lonely, been there when people have cried (and laughed!), distributed bulk donations of lettuce, bought toasters for people, gone shopping when people can't and liaised with the police, council, community and the medical centre in a collective effort in community care, compassion and resilience.

Thank you so much, all staff, volunteers and supporters.

MANCHESTER HOUSE OP SHOP STARTS LEVEL 2 WITH A BANG



Manchester House Op Shop re opened for business on Thursday 16th May to an appreciative community who were ready to shop for the high quality second hand goods it provides. People were equally enthusiastic about donations, keeping volunteers busy sorting out gems to sell from people's lockdown clean outs.

The shop has a new layout with childrens and menswear now being upstairs and furntiture downstairs, and winter stock being available to buy.

The shop appreciates clean good quality donations, especially of furniture and baby/children's clothing as everything, notes manager Megan Gowen, is 'currently flying out the door'. Donations can be made at the shop at 115 Ferguson Street which is open 10-4 Monday- Friday and from 10-1 on Saturday.