



## MANCHESTER HOUSE

**Helping to grow a resilient community by caring for individuals and families.**



**Manchester House Social Services**  
**68 Aorangi Street, Feilding**  
**Telephone: 06 323 7191**  
**[www.manchesterhouse.co.nz](http://www.manchesterhouse.co.nz)**



**Manchester House Op Shop**  
**115 Fergusson Street, Feilding**  
**Telephone: 06 323 5434**



Manchester House was established in 1972 as an Opportunity Shop staffed by volunteers from the member Churches, to raise funds to employ a Social Worker. This had been identified as a huge need within the community following a youth suicide in the town. In 1974, with sufficient funds, this was finally achieved, and Manchester House has been working and supporting the community ever since.

Manchester House supports a stable and resilient community and cares for all its' people, especially the vulnerable, through practical social and family support, counselling, budgeting, and foodbank services.

Manchester House has continued to expand its operation over the years to respond to the growing and evolving needs of the community.

Increasing drug and alcohol problems are affecting all socio-economic areas of the community, and the complex make-up of modern-day family life and its relationships, are two of the key issues that Manchester House deals with daily.

The methamphetamine support (MSS) programme continues to evolve and has established a parallel group focusing on the needs of those who live and want to break free from addiction. Numbers are steadily increasing and there can be up to 30-35 people present for each weekly meeting. 90 per cent of the group are now recovering addicts.

The Senior Hub continues to be challenged with the many real and pressing needs older people are facing and is offering fresh, appealing initiatives for people to engage, connect and develop. Art and exercise classes still prove exceptionally popular and attract 20-25 people per session up to the age of 102.

After School Activity Programme (ASAP) provides high quality, safe and supportive care to the children and families of the community. ASAP endeavours to socially grow children in a fun, engaging and age-appropriate environment while supporting the whole family.

The Op Shop at 115 Fergusson St continues to be a vibrant experience along with the opening of a Vintage Room at the Op Shop to attract new visitors. The shop is steadily increasing in popularity and revenue and providing a stable funding stream for the social services work.