

Tui Trust COVID-19 Whānau Health Project

Mā tātau
katoa e
ārai atu te
COVID-19



Picture credit: Arkacia and Jayden at Moko Club Huntly

ESSENTIAL ITEMS

Reaching vulnerable whānau - a United Response
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Tui Trust is a Registered Charity CC10123 and governed by the Board of Trustees and supported an administrator. Tui Trust supports ECE Moko Club Ngāruawāhia and Huntly and Kōwhai Family Start Waikato with up to 109 mostly Māori whānau who live in rural north Waikato, Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, Taupiri and North Hamilton.

During the Covid Levels our Tui Trust Team, Moko Club Kaiako, Family Start Social Workers and Kōwhai Managers are all working remotely communicate with the 109 families regularly to assess well-being.

Our Whānau Profile

- High level Intergenerational disadvantage and social welfare
- Rural isolation with no access transport
- High level of unemployment and populations in the high-risk health group
- Many are living in poverty prior to this COVID-19 outbreak.

OUR PROPOSAL

Identifying who needs help

Our team have contact details, phone numbers and address of all whānau identified as high-risk and need assistance and report to us what essential products whānau require so we can co-ordinate a response. The desperation of whānau is increasing and we want to help. We are ready to help.

Working together

In response to our *Covid-19 Project* (Launched April 2, 2020) we received private donations and a grant from Ministry of Social Development. To date we have distributed over 51 care parcels containing food, nappies and formula. Because our team are in regular contact with our families this means we can provide personalised assistance identifying essential health and miscellaneous products whānau are unable to source via the larger community groups. It is these products we are wishing to help whānau with now.

Health and essential items

We will continue to provide food and care parcels, new-born to toddler nappies and formula and expand our support to include heating (fire and electric), blankets, warm sheets, pyjamas, slippers and support for nursing mums. All will considered on a case-by-case basis and will be sourced paid for and delivered.

Distribution

We have capacity to pick-up and deliver. Our team are observing the distance protocol and will deliver at the gate/door. The distribution of food parcels and essential items also allows the opportunity for COVID-related printed materials to be shared for those limited or no internet access.

Project Costs

The total operating costs for this project are \$18,683.78. We have raised \$5,400.00 which leaves \$13,284 outstanding to complete this project. This includes food and care packages, pyjamas, slippers, technology, firewood, blankets, flannelette sheets, home safety products to protect children and heaters.

How you can help and our responsibilities and commitment

We ask for the opportunity for consideration of any Covid-19 Community Grants or funding you may have available. Alternatively if you would like to make a donation please email lee.major@kowhai.biz for the Tui Trust account details. We are ready to go on this community project, the need is there, and would greatly appreciate consideration. As a group we understand, can and will operate within the COVID-19 Alert Level Restrictions. We will prepare a report at the conclusion of the Project outlining what we did, we will evidence impact and acknowledge sponsors in our Tui Trust news releases.

Tui Trust Statement 2020

The function of Tui Trust is to *Support the Wellbeing of Children* using a holistic approach, which includes the uplifting of their cultural identity, the alleviation of poverty and a reconnection with the environment. Our function is to interrupt the inter-generational cycle of disadvantage ensuring all children have access to quality education and opportunities. We acknowledge that the Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document of Aotearoa/New Zealand and we are consistent with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We wish everyone all the very best who are working hard during this time to keep our communities safe.

Craig Barrett (Tui Trust Board Chair) Piki Knap and
Fonteyn Moses Te Kani (Board Members) and Lee Major