



Challenge 2000

Newsflash Easter 2013



Our Easter Message!!

Greetings to you all and welcome to the Challenge 2000 Easter Newsflash.

We have decided to send out a quarterly newsletter to update you on how Challenge is responding to the needs of the diverse communities we serve and the current issues that our country is facing.

Staff members will profile aspects of their work and also let you know of ways that you can continue to support our work for social responsibility, social justice and personal dignity for all.

The challenges of 2012 have continued into 2013. We are in the middle of an economic recession and many of the children, young people and families with whom we work are in desperate, desperate situations. 70% of the families we work with live in poverty and life is a struggle of survival. Challenge 2000 is also struggling financially and personnel wise - we simply do not have enough to work effectively. We know we are stopping violence, improving health and well-being, reducing criminal behaviour and empowering talented young people to succeed and aspire to great things. We over deliver on all our contracted services and are often the first place that people turn to in a crisis because we are response - able. It's very, very hard.

And so we continue to provide a wide range of youth, family and community programmes including mentoring, youth justice services, leadership development, social workers in Colleges, youth programmes, social workers for the NZDF Limited Service Volunteers programme, Hawkes' Bay youth ministry project, camps, education, community youth houses and lots, lots more.

I am proud to lead an amazing team of incredibly gifted, hard-working, compassionate staff who are dedicated to providing the best care and support to young people and families within our community. I am also grateful for all the support that you, our extended whanau provide in so many ways to build up the community in which we all live. Thank you for making our work possible. AND if you can do something more to support then please say YES!!

Bridget Roche - Director

Some of Our News!!

Young Mothers Group

Parenting is a major challenge for many of the young parents we work with. Often they have not had the advantages of consistent healthy parenting themselves and are isolated from their families and support networks of origin. They love their children, want to be the best parents they can be and to provide a better childhood than they experienced.

This year in response to this serious community issue Challenge 2000 and three young mothers initiated and developed a young mums group. Eight young mothers now meet twice weekly and have the support of a social worker (also a mum) and community volunteers.

The women discuss parenting issues, set well-being goals, make personal changes, learn to share their joys and concerns and learn practical parenting skills. At the second weekly meeting, they provide an educational playgroup for other young parents and their children.

As the Social Worker, I work alongside these mums individually to assist them to develop individual whanau plans that build on their strengths and enable them to set their goals high and achieve them. This is a wonderful programme that is largely unfunded and for which we urgently need serious financial support. Maybe you, your family, business, church or community group could do something to support this project?

Please contact me: Nina Ness 04-477 0045



Youth Houses

Challenge 2000 currently has two Youth Houses that care for 6 young people. Fantastic Challenge staff lead these homes that provide a safe, positive, caring, environment for as long as the young people require it. There is no place like home. A great feature of the houses is the way that the residents help others by serving their local communities. Here, receiving and giving go hand in hand - developing the character and citizenship abilities of all. Many young people are homeless - they can't thrive without shelter so if a miracle happens resource wise, we hope to provide another house in 2014 as this is a really critical need in the Wellington Region.

Want to know more? View our website: www.challenge2000.org.nz

Challenge 2000 Marist Gap Year

8 amazing school leavers - Siata, Damien, Courtney, and Junior from Wellington, Hakaraia and Anna from Levin, Anya from Tauranga and Jacob from Dunedin have accepted the challenge to join this full time programme of growth, learning, service and adventure for 2013.

After an intensive induction month offering a First Aid course, a retreat, ethics, boundaries and basic Youth Work they now have two days per week studying and three days on pastoral placements. Placements include L'Arche in Kapiti, Rewa Rewa School, Mana College, Bishop Viard College, after school tutoring, Newlands kindergarten and community centre, Challenge 2000 programmes, Catholic Social Services, lawn mowing, art therapy, Youth Justice programmes and office work.

This year has already been a great learning curve for the gappies – their minds have been stretched, eyes opened, strengths developed and their many talents used. In the second half of the year you may wish to enlist the assistance of a gap student to expand their skill base and knowledge? For further information contact: **Heath Hutton 027 329 3270**

New board members: We need 2 of YOU!

Our current Board members are: Lesley Hooper (chair) Jenny Jakobs, Phil McCarthy, Duncan Holland, Kitty McKinley, Mike Perry and Apiti Maihi. They meet monthly to offer their expertise and ensure that Challenge 2000 is sustainable, adaptable and strong in terms of governance. We need two more members – preferably with particular strengths in the financial and corporate social responsibility sectors. Maybe this is the right time for you to launch into new deep waters? For more information contact: **Lesley Hooper 04-479 1171**

Coming Events for your Wellington diaries:

Quiz Night – Sunday 9th June
Street Day Appeal – Friday 6th September

Challenge 2000 Silver Jubilee – Labour Weekend 2013

Saturday Concert 26th October & Sunday Pot Luck
Charity Dinner 27th October

YES! I'd like to sponsor a child or a family to support the work of Challenge 2000

If you would like to donate by automatic payment, our account details are:

Challenge 2000 Trust ANZ 010519-0057660-00

Remember, all donations are tax deductible

Please find enclosed/I have made a deposit of (please circle one):

\$20 \$50 \$100

Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Or please send cheques to:

Challenge 2000
PO Box 13059, Johnsonville
Wellington, 6440

**Thank you and a very Happy
Easter to you, your family and
friends**

<i>Sponsor a weeks grocery shopping</i>	\$1,040.00 (\$20.00/wk)
<i>Sponsor a year of disposable nappies</i>	\$740.00 (\$14.50/wk)
<i>Sponsor a supply of washable nappies</i>	\$600.00 (\$11.50/wk)
<i>Sponsor milk formula for a year</i>	\$720.00 (\$14.00/wk)
<i>Sponsor by purchasing equipment and uniforms for sports</i>	\$312.00 (\$6.00/wk)
<i>Sponsor a school uniform and resources</i>	\$624.00 (\$12.00/wk)
<i>Pay for transport or petrol for a month</i>	\$100.00
<i>Pay a power bill for one year</i>	\$1,400.00 (\$27.00/wk)
<i>Contribute on a weekly basis to Challenge 2000's social work intervention costs eg car, salary</i>	As you can
<i>Sponsor to have speech, drama or music lessons for a year</i>	\$780.00
<i>One-off sponsorship – that includes specific projects – mothers groups, counselling, parenting skills, in-home support, first aid and earthquake kit etc</i>	\$520.00 (\$10.00/wk) Or \$1,000.00 (\$20.00/wk)

It takes a Country to raise a child!