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**WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

James, Iris and Josh are Commerce students from University of Canterbury and are assisting Birthright with its fundraising events for September-October. It's awesome to have a group of students share their ideas and work together to achieve something good for the community.



**Welcome**

Welcome to the new Birthright Canterbury Trust and our first newsletter for you, our supporters. From 1 July, Birthright Christchurch and Birthright Ashburton combined to become one organisation - Birthright Canterbury Trust. Our new organisation has been established to make Birthright even stronger in Canterbury, so that we can attract more funding, employ more staff and most importantly assist more families.

Our wonderful staff, Rhodora, Angela, Sue, Christine and Desiree, who have been working for Birthright Christchurch and Birthright Ashburton, now work for Birthright Canterbury. So, although we have the strength of being one organisation, we also understand and offer services to two communities.

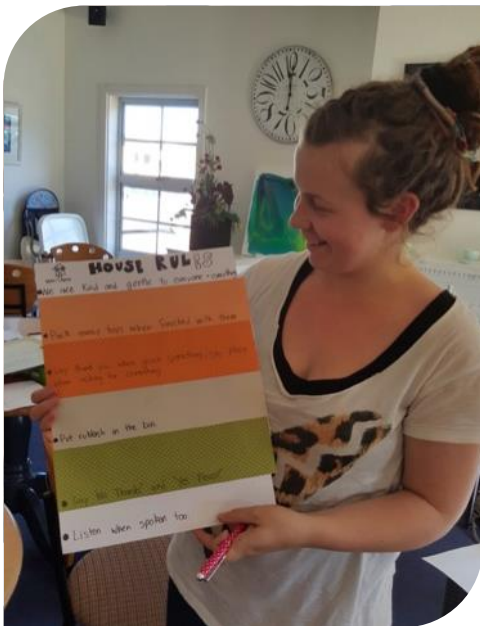
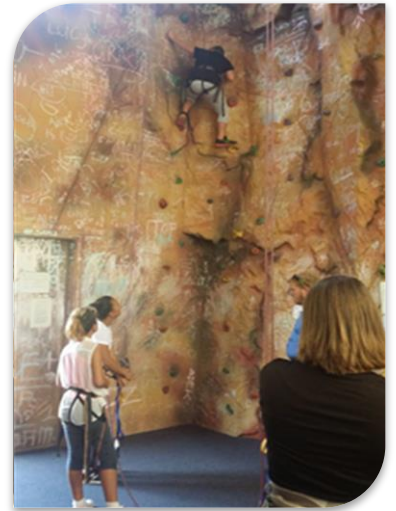
Your trustees are:

- Jane Lancaster - Chair
- Sue McGuire - Deputy Chair
- Chris White - Treasurer and Chair Finance Committee
- Michele Hider - Chair Fundraising Committee
- John Driscoll
- Nicky Ellem
- Gavin Holley
- Sue Prowse

We look forward to meeting you, our supporters, over the next year. Thank you for your continuing support.

*Jane Lancaster*  
*Birthright Canterbury*  
*Chair*

**Right:** One of the participants in our Girls Programme gets a cheer as she almost climbs to the top. The programme aims to raise the self-confidence of young girls through various activities over three consecutive Saturdays. It is made possible by Zonta Club Christchurch-Canterbury and Mainland Foundation.



Birthright Canterbury and Rachel's House Trust recently held a Parenting Skills Workshop, funded by Working Together More.

**Left:** Aleisha shows off the new 'house rules' she has created for her children.

**Right:** A Mad Hatter's Tea Party was held on Thursday 21 April. It was a fun day, that saw everyone get involved with face painting; a bouncy castle; competitions; prizes; a photo booth; yummy food; giant board games; and new friends. When we asked the children for feedback, they all put a smiley face in the feedback jar! A special thank you to Blogg Charitable Trust, Janelle, Joyce and all of our friendly volunteers who helped on the day.



**Left:** A Mum and her two children enjoy swimming lessons at Jellie Park. Many thanks to IAG for this great opportunity to equip young children with swimming skills. (Photo by Katarina Johnson)



## Quilt Day 2016

Below are some photos taken during the 2016 Quilt Day presentation by Hugs All Around. Thanks to Katarina Johnson of Priority Communications for these beautiful photos.



### Single Parents Group

The Single Parents Group meets every Friday at 9.30am during the school term at 88 Idris Road, Bryndwr. The aim of the group is to connect, learn and relax with other parents. All welcome. Last term, the group learned to sew and make wheat bags (left photo). This coming term, one of the activities includes making shopping bags from recycled jute bags (right). To order, call 03 366 9456.



### Thank you Dan and Ara!

Dan Hatch, a Social Work student from Ara, has just finished his placement with us. He has visited a number of Birthright families with field workers Sue and Angela. Dan also completed the survey for the needs of young boys raised by single parents. Birthright has been working with and mentoring students from Ara for many years.

### Goodbye Violet Ward

It is with sadness that we learned Violet Ward had passed away. She had been a life member and a great supporter of Birthright for a number of years. In recent years, she knitted slippers and dolls clothes for families. Vi, as she was affectionately known, always wanted to assist. She was an amazing cook and provided many meals to families who attended Birthright camps. It was a great honour to have Vi nominated as a special volunteer of Birthright CHCH and have her travel to Napier to receive her acknowledgement. The jug was always on and she had a listening ear for all. You will be fondly missed Vi.  
*By Angela Swinney, Field Worker*

## Donate To Birthright Canterbury

Your generous contribution will help us to continue to support single parents/caregivers in Canterbury.

I would like to donate     \_\_\_ \$20     \_\_\_ \$50     \_\_\_ \$100     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please post your donation and this coupon to 301 Tuam Street, Christchurch 8011.

You can also directly deposit your donation to our ANZ bank account.

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A tax receipt will be sent to you for all donations over \$5.

## Other ways to support Birthright Canterbury Trust

Shop at **The Warehouse South City Mall!** When you shop at this store, you can grab a token at the checkout that you can place in the voting unit to say which of the store's three local community organisations you're supporting. At the end of each six-month period, funds raised are given to each of the organisations according to their percentage of total votes. The funds from this will go towards a Birthright children's school holiday outing in 2017.

## Come along to these fundraising events!

Sept 26th	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar-Jun
Movie night Bridget Jones's Baby	Pizza night at Winnie Bagoes	Christmas carols concert	Quiz nights in Ashburton and Christchurch	Sausage sizzles

## Thank you to Birthright Canterbury's funders and partners

Since the last issue, this has included the companies below, along with Poto Williams, Joyce, Peter Morel, **all the members of the community who dropped off donations, and the volunteers who work with Birthright Canterbury.**



Lion Foundation / Christchurch City Council / Blogg Charitable Trust / David Ellison Charitable Trust / Rata Foundation / The Sutherland Self Help Trust / Working Together More Fund / CERTL / Riccarton Youth Trust / United Way NZ / Tindall Foundation / Ara/CPIT / COGS / NZ Community Trust / First Sovereign Trust Ltd. / Variety / Kendons / Rotary Neighbourhood Fund / Mainland Foundation / Court Theatre / The Trusts Community Foundation / Strathlachlan Fund / Debbie Mora / J Twigger Trust / APW Canterbury / Rachel's House Trust / Martz Witty / Church of Christ, Greers Rd / Knox Presbyterian Church / Bupa / Rotary Club of Ashburton / Fitzgerald Hospital / Bishops Park Retirement Village / Rotary Club of Papanui. Thanks also to Bunnings Tower Junction; Mitre 10 Mega Hornby and The Ferry Speight's Ale House for allowing us to do our fundraising activities.