



# Building Hope Together

*Hikoi Tumanako-tahi*  
since 1988

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INFORMATION FOR YOU  
AND YOUR SCHOOL



**VisionWest**  
COMMUNITY TRUST

# Our Mission...

Dear Principal

You may have spoken to one of our team before but, if you didn't already know, VisionWest Community Trust exists to meet the needs of people in West Auckland and beyond. Our Mission is Building Hope Together. Together with individuals, families, and communities. We are passionate about reducing poverty, addressing homelessness, supporting the elderly and infirm, and ensuring young people have hope for their future. This means we journey with people, recognising needs and strengths and supporting people with physical, social, spiritual, and mental needs with the goal of achieving our vision of *Transformed Lives, Healthy Communities*.

## ***Will you be part of that community together with us?***

You know as well as I do that many children don't get a good start in school in New Zealand. Some kids are hungry, some don't show up because they're ashamed of not having the right clothes and shoes, some have broken family relationships, which negatively impacts on their school experience.

When kids have the right school uniform, when they have food on their table, and when they have access to caring advocates, they have dignity. They are better equipped and ready to learn. When kids have caring early childhood education they are ready for the demands of school.

In the last 6 months or so, more than 200 children have benefitted from more than 600 pieces of pre-loved, good quality school uniforms that people like you have generously donated to us. Thank You. When uniforms are donated to us, our team of volunteers repair and clean the items before handing them on. Alongside our Uniform Bank, we also operate a Food Bank that has recently distributed more than 1200 Emergency Food Parcels, supporting over 3500 people – people including children that will not go to bed hungry. Children that will get a good breakfast to energise them for school.

You can help. On the opposite page, there are a number of ways that you, your school, your students and your school community can work with us. Thank you for all you do in working with children and young people. Whatever you are doing to build your community, we would value your partnership and feedback. At VisionWest we are constantly reviewing what we do



and how we do it and we have recently published our 5 Year Strategic Plan, which you can [read online](#). Or, if you prefer, we can send you a hard copy. You'll see that one of our goals is to build a community where people like you feel they belong and can reach their life goals; to spread the word and share our learnings; and ensure collaboration with other organisations. The Strategic Plan also tells you a little bit more about who we are and what we do. We would love to talk to you more about ways in which we can partner with you so that we can Build Hope Together and see growth of a Healthy Community in West Auckland. Please call 09 818 0751 with any questions you have or email [richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz](mailto:richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz)

In this document we've also included some examples of print material you could use to publicise our services - to get these graphics, or any others, please email [richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz](mailto:richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz), or [download graphics](#) from the Partnerships resources page on our website. Of course we are happy to support your efforts by providing collection bins, signage and advertising posters. And we want to know your ideas about what we can do for you in exchange for your help to us. Please contact us for more details.

We thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Woolley  
CEO

# You can make a difference...

If you're reading this, you are part of our journey, Building Hope Together, in West Auckland and beyond. Thank you. We couldn't provide support for thousands in need without your help. Below are some easy ways your school can choose to partner with us.

## Donate

Many people in our community become financially stretched at times, for a whole host of reasons. Being able to get an Emergency Food Parcel when they're in a tight spot, means they can stay fed and healthy. VisionWest parcels are designed to last a family 2-3 days. Your support means we'll be able to keep responding to need in our community. Currently, the Food Bank is funded through the Trust and through sales at our Op Shop – having good quality items to sell means more food parcels available to those in need. You and your school can help by collecting on our behalf from your students, teachers, and parents for food items, good quality second-hand clothes and uniform items. We can place collection bins at your school office and will empty/collect them on a regular basis. Or, you might want to donate through your Canteen/Tuck Shop, School Galas, or one-off events such as Mufti-Days.

## Create

Your student body is already a wealth of resource in terms of artistic design, and creative ability – if you have a trash-to-fashion event or similar, you could do a runway of clothes from the Op Shop/host an upcycling competition and/or donate pieces to the Op Shop after the event. Maybe your Art and Photography students could host an exhibition with a portion of the proceeds being donated to VisionWest or create a living bequest so our team get to enjoy the art created.

## Educate

More people need to know about who we are and what we can offer. That means you can advertise our services such as our Community Banks and Op Shop and our Education & Training Centre - VisionWest Training Centre offers free tuition to both young people (aged 16-19) and adults (Literacy, Numeracy, Back to Work training). Our Kindy offers both sessional and full day quality care for pre-schoolers, aged 2-5. In the past, we have advertised these services in school newsletters, school noticeboards, and online. An example of a readymade ad you can insert into a newsletter is on the back of this page. Another way to spread the word is starting from the ground up – your school kids: Community development may already be a part/unit of your social studies programme. Your students could do a case study of VisionWest and make a donation to us.

## Build Community

We are excited about working with local schools so we can get to know you more and help make your school a better place too. Let us know what your school is doing and see if VisionWest can be a part of it. That way we can all work together to see stronger, healthier communities and a sense of hope for the future.



*Transformed Lives, Healthy Communities*

Hauoratanga mo ngā hapori Whanui



# So what happens now?

All our services are based out of our West Auckland location at 97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. Our Partnerships team would be happy to talk with you about any questions you have and what type of partnership would work best. Please contact Richard Nauck on 09 818 0751, 021 868 222 or [richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz](mailto:richard.nauck@visionwest.org.nz).



## 20 hours ECE available for 3 and 4 year olds

We offer a nurturing learning environment in a Christian setting. Morning sessions 8.30am to 12.30pm, afternoon sessions 1.00pm to 4.00pm and full day sessions 8.30am to 4.00pm.

For more information phone 818 0768 or email [kindergarten@visionwest.org.nz](mailto:kindergarten@visionwest.org.nz)



## Spring cleaning? Got pre-loved school uniforms?

Cut clutter before Christmas and make a difference to another family in your community.

Donate your unwanted school uniforms to the VisionWest School Uniform Bank. We give good quality second-hand uniforms to those in need in our community.

For more information phone 818 0716 or email [uniforms@visionwest.org.nz](mailto:uniforms@visionwest.org.nz)

