



2019 / 2020

'HELPING HANDS'
PROJECT IN
PROGRESS

ANNUAL REPORT



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ABOUT US

The Community Focus Trust was established in 2014 after seeing a need within the community and with discussions with Empower Church leadership. The Community Focus Trust was then formed and is seen as the heartbeat of the church in the community.

The Community Focus Trust gained its registration as a non-profit charity with the Charities Commission in May 2016.

STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND TRUST BOARD

We have 1 full-time staff member, who is employed as the Trust Manager, overseeing all the operations of the organisation.

There are over 70 volunteers across all our activities throughout the year, with a number of base volunteers being part of our regular projects and services.

Our board trustees consist of 5 members, who are Maurice Austin (Chair), Heather McQuilkan (Treasurer), Alan Buffham (Trustee), Emily Bosworth (Trustee) & Sara Brown (Trustee).

The Boards main function is to provide direction and input in the following areas: strategic planning, core values, legal, financial and be health and safety compliant, with appropriate delegation of management functions.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUST MANAGER



During the past year, as a trust we have faced many challenges, especially with COVID-19, which has made us aware of the greater need within our community. We have seen through the COVID-19 period that people want connection and have a place to hang out and perhaps use their time and skills in other areas. The key outcome is having a sense of community living and knowing that there is support they can access in times of need.

We know that in the year ahead to come, we will face some new challenges with our operations, which will be both exciting and I believe impacting as we help transform lives. As we set our focus on these needs, CFT will continue to work with both funding agencies and local organisations to be more sustainable as a community organisation, reaching out as we focus on the needs.

Mark Hudson - Trust Manager

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

BuyCycles Turned 100

This is an amazing partnership working with Community Health, helping to impact the lives of those who need a bike for their health and well being. During 2019 we reached the 100 mark, helping people gain independence, as they have benefited from our 'BuyCycles' project over the past 18 months. As part of this celebration, we decided to hold a bike fix-up, along with a BBQ and cake, to thank our team of volunteers for the work they do, making sure every bike is road safe.



Community Food Response

We have had the opportunity to work with our community, delivering produce boxes for those who are unable to get this essential Need during COVID-19. Our thanks to Empower Church, Rotary Christchurch New Horizons, Foodtogether, USAVE Van & Truck Rentals for helping us get this 5+A DAY throughout our wider community.

We connected and gave out just under 2000 boxes during this time, working alongside Shirley Community Trust, The Neighbourhood Trust, Northgate Community Services Trust and Te Ora Hou Otautahi, as we came together to support our communities. This has only been made possible with recent funding, collaboration and the efforts of everyone to help us connect with these families.



VISION

focusing on the needs in our community, so that everyone can be connected and feel part of a community

MISSION

to facilitate practical support and social services to our community, based on the needs as we find them

VALUES

equip, empower and collaborate to build stronger communities.

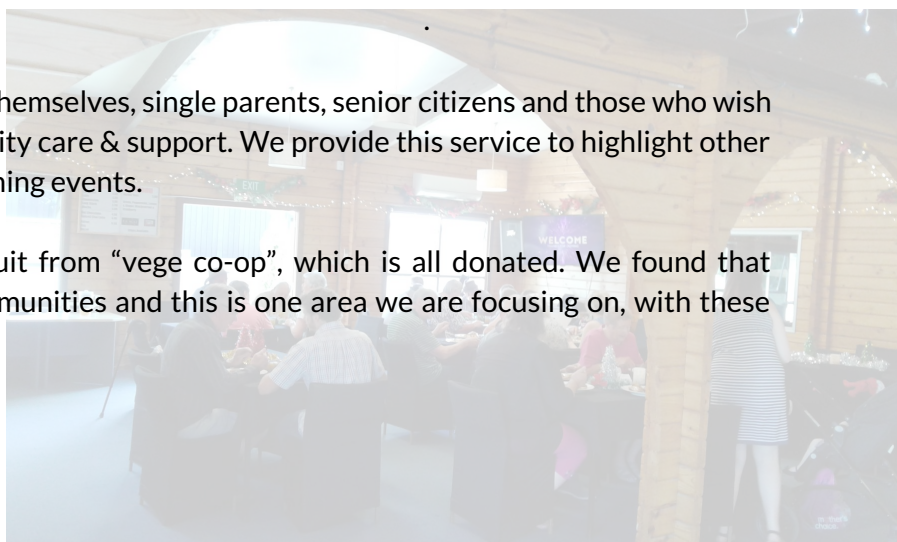
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A SNAP SHOT OF OUR YEAR

Community Lunches

These lunches connect people who are living by themselves, single parents, senior citizens and those who wish to be connected by providing a sense of community care & support. We provide this service to highlight other projects and programmes we provide and up-coming events.

After the meal, each person is offered fresh fruit from “vege co-op”, which is all donated. We found that people are needing connection within their communities and this is one area we are focusing on, with these lunches.



BuyCycles

This exciting project in collaboration with Canterbury Community Health has continued to grow numbers and offer bikes to those in need, within the Mental Health sector and the wider community. Over the past 12 months we have increased those who have helped and to date have given bikes to 160 people in need.

As we continue to work with Canterbury Community Health our BuyCycles project will increase as we work with other organisations, to develop co-projects that would benefit both the community and a working partnership with other community groups, i.e Life Skills, Budgeting.



St Albans Fruit & Vege Co-Op

This is our social enterprise where over the past 12 months we have supplied just under 5000 produce packs at affordable cost, giving families and individuals value for money, with healthy eating options. This is our 4th year operating this social enterprise and we supply other organisations with these packs, along with as our local community.

Our average customer base was 100 per week and we operate 46 weeks of the year, with a break over Christmas. We promote our projects and programmes through these bags and the social media platform.



Community Garden

We are excited that this new garden will help us give veges to those within our community, but it also will be a social area for the community to connect.

Our thanks to our volunteers, Rotary Christchurch New Horizons for getting this garden off the ground, and to Empower Church for the land to establish this.



Helping Hands

Over the year we have helped families in need with major and minor houserepairs and painting. We worked with New Horizons Rotary and Empower Church with these projects, which includes painting, gardening and helping families move house.



Loopy Tunes St Albans

In February we started a Loopy Tunes Music & Movement for preschoolers, which is held on Thursdays. This is in partnership with Empower Church and is allowing families in our surrounding community, come together to meet and connect during this time.

This is run during term time and stopped due to COVID-19 lockdown, but returned back in late July.



Kidsfest

We hosted 3 Kidsfest events with Elgregoe The Magician, who performed a magic show with 220 children and their parents/caregivers attending, with 2 Messy Play Days, with a total of 350 attending Kidsfest 2020.

This is an annual event as part of the Christchurch City Council, July school holiday programmes.



Food Response

After establishing what the needs were at the start of the COVID-19 lockdown in March, working with Foodtogether & MG Marketing, we arranged pre-boxed produce, at their secure location to be packed and then arranged the deliveries to individual non-contact home drop-offs and also to community groups, who could also deliver in this way.

During this time we have delivered just under 2000 produce boxes throughout the Christchurch community, connecting with these families and individuals in a non-contact way, but also making sure through phone-calls, to see how they are coping during this time.

OTHER PROJECTS/ SERVICES & EVENTS

Fruit In Schools, Workplace Fruit, Community Talks, SkateJam St Albans, Cooking On A Budget, CAP Money

OUR PEOPLE OUR COMMUNITY

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD?

He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE, IT IS PEOPLE

THANK YOU

Community Focus Trust could not do what it does without the support and backing from our funders and supporters, who give generously to our work.



STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE 2020

What we have achieved in the community this year

Area of Volunteering	Community Participation	Total Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
St Albans Fruit & Vege Co-Op	5000	12	1380
Community Lunches	200	6	200
BuyCycles	100	4	300
Helping Hands Projects	N/A	30	300
Fundraising Events	300	10	20
COVID -19 Produce Project	2000	45	2000
Board Volunteer Time	N/A	6	40
Totals	7600	113	4200