



2021 / 2022

ANNUAL REPORT



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. & 1 part time staff member who is our Community Worker.

There are over 60 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 4 members, who are Maurice Austin (Chair), Heather McQuilkan (Treasurer), Emily Bosworth (Trustee) & Sara Brown (Trustee).

The Board's 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

As we finish another year, we all know that there are still challenges that our community face on a day-to-day basis, especially as COVID-19 continues to have major effects on our community, which includes the cost of living.

Our operations are still focused on helping those in need, providing essential food across our city, as we work with other agencies. We have seen in the past, this has given us opportunities that help strengthen our communities through connection.

I know that we will continue to offer help and assistance, as we reach out to our community in practical ways, that in doing so, we can help transform lives so that everyone feels part of their community. This year we continue to focus on the values and the mana of a community that brings out the best, connecting each other, helping build strong communities.

Mark Hudson - Trust Manager

Our Community House

We have been working with the Ministry of Social Development, with the COVID-19 Food Response, focusing on supporting other organisations with food relief. We have developed relationships with MG Marketing, Foodtogether & PaknSave Moorhouse, with the logicians of providing fresh and nutritious food & produce, to those in need.

Our commitment to delivering a service that provides food security tools is our ultimate goal with this project, where we can connect and build sustainable communities.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

The Goodness Market

We are excited that our The Goodness Market initiative, will be opening in January 2023, with options for purchasing Kai Creates, Home Essential Packs & Fresh Produce boxes, at affordable prices.

There is also an option to apply for a Goodness Market Home Garden, which offers everything you need to set up to grow your own kai, along with some helping hands to set this within your own garden.

We will be working on empowering communities, promoting healthy eating while making connections, and working with the local community, for the benefits to go back into a sustainable future.

This ensures that we offer a solution facing food security and the cost of living, while looking after the health and well-being of those we help.

Once open all orders will be processed through either our website or through a referral from one of our Community Partners.

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.



FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS
te arotahi ki nga hiahia

A SNAP SHOT OF OUR YEAR

BuyCycles

This exciting project continues to provide sustainable transport in collaboration with Canterbury Community Health. Over the past 3 years we have increased those who have helped and to date have given bikes to 350 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.



Community Kai Network - All Things Food

This is everything we do around food, connecting our community through kai.

We have many areas that we are involved in within the community, which include- Workplace Fruit delivering fruit to help healthy eating within a business, Community Food Response helping connect those in need through produce and essential party boxes, Fruit In Schools promoting healthy eating for our next generation, Community Garden a place to connect and enjoy while learning the ease to grow and enjoy an edible garden.



Vege Co-Op

This is our social enterprise where over the past 12 months we have supplied just over 6000 produce packs at affordable cost, giving families and individuals value for money, with healthy eating options. This is our 6th year operating this social enterprise and we supply other organisations with these packs, along with as our local community.

Our average customer base was 130 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.

Christmas Box Project

This year in conjunction with Empower Church and Rotary Christchurch New Horizons, we supported Conductive Education and their families with special Christmas Boxes and Gifts.

These Christmas Boxes included special treats and gifts for all the families.

We were excited as we provided some Christmas joy for an amazing organisation, as they support children and families by providing early intervention, making the families the centre of everything they do.



Loopy Tunes St Albans

We continue to work in collaboration with Empower Church with Loopy Tunes Music & Movement for preschoolers, which is held on Thursdays, during the term time. This is allowing families in our surrounding community, come together to meet and connect during this time.

On average we see around 35 preschool children and their parents/caregivers attend each week, promoting a fun environment with a cultural-based programme around music movement.



Kidsfest

We hosted 2 Kidsfest events with Elgregoe The Magician, who performed a magic show with 180 children and their parents/caregivers attending, with a Messy Play Days, with a total of 250 attending Kidsfest 2022.

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



COVID-19 ISOLATION ASSISTANCE

Since COVID-19, we have been collaborating and are being a connector, focusing on the needs, so that we can all play a part in helping our wider communities, with what is everybody's right - access to fresh & healthy food, for those in our community that were isolating during the pandemic.

We are grateful for the continued support from Foodtogether, MG Marketing, and the Ministry of Social Development NZ, working with us, as we deliver this isolation service across the city.

We are still operating this service until the levels of the pandemic changes with Government regulations, with the focus of helping those in our communities struggling with being isolated during this time.

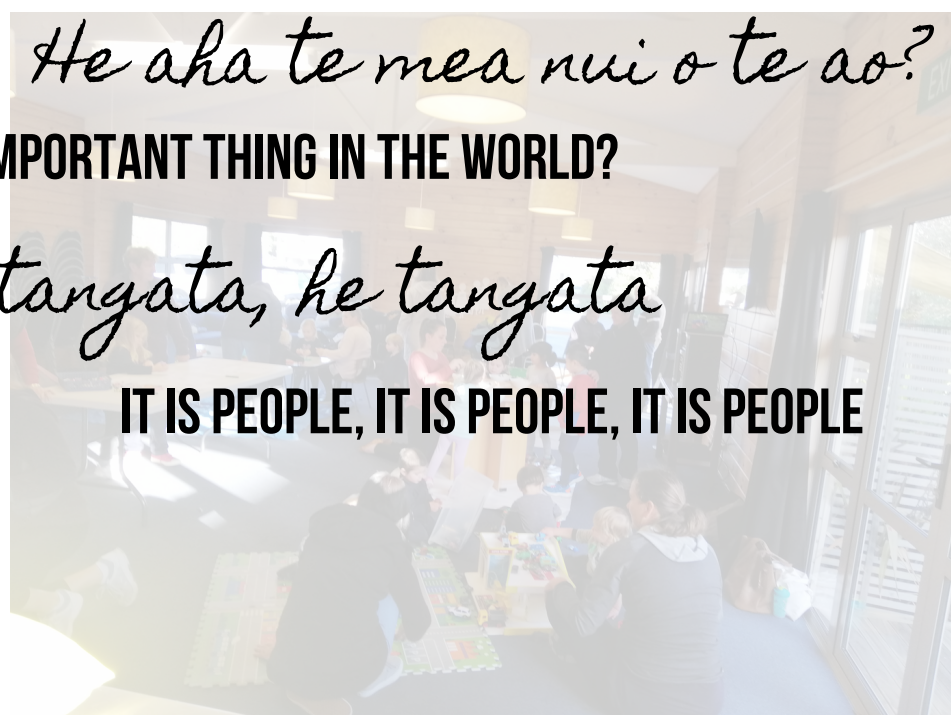
OUR PEOPLE OUR COMMUNITY

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 2022

What we have achieved in the community this year

Community Focus Trust Volunteer Hours 2021 - 2022

Area Of Volunteering	Community Participation	Total Volunteers	Volunteers Hours
Veg Co-Op	6000	12	1380
Community Lunch / Social Connect	150	6	200
BuyCycles	100	4	300
Events	250	5	20
COVID-19 Projects	200	25	2000
Board Volunteer Time	0	4	40
Totals	850	56	3940