



THE WILSON HOME TRUST

Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter

From Gale's Desk:

Caring for a child or young adult living with a physical disability can be challenging, rewarding and at times difficult to cope with so our aim is to provide a little bit of magic when we can.

The Wilson Home Trust provides grants to families when they have exhausted all other avenues to obtain funding. Over the last three years we have provided over \$1.2m in grants, to over 700 families. The magic is when we see a child being able to join their family on outings thanks to a grant for a beach buggy or a trike, or when we provide a grant for the latest iPhone to a young adult and they become a DJ!



We aim to keep our administration costs as low as possible, so to assist us to reach families across the whole region we cover (from the top of the North Island to Gisborne), we are privileged to be represented by our partner Parent to Parent who are very active across the whole country. For more information

about the Parent to Parent coordinators in your region please visit our website - www.wilsonhometruster.org.nz

On the home front in Takapuna, the families and staff are really enjoying the two newly renovated Villas which are used by Health New Zealand for respite and rehabilitation. This includes the new playroom and a nurses station. The remaining four Villas are currently under construction and will be ready around May 2025, when we hope to see people popping in again for a cuppa.

Whilst it feels far too early to say the “c” word – Christmas, this will be our last newsletter of 2024 so I would like to wish you and yours a safe, and festive Christmas season, if you are on the roads please take care.

Best wishes, Gale

Santas Grotto



Saturday 7 December

Santa has confirmed that he will be coming to the Wilson Home Trust for one day only on **Saturday 7 December** from 10am to 2.00pm. This year Santa will be in the Homestead building - not the Trust cottage due to the construction on site

While you wait to meet Santa, Little Bo Peeps Mobile Farm will be here with a range of animals for the children to pat, and ice creams for all.

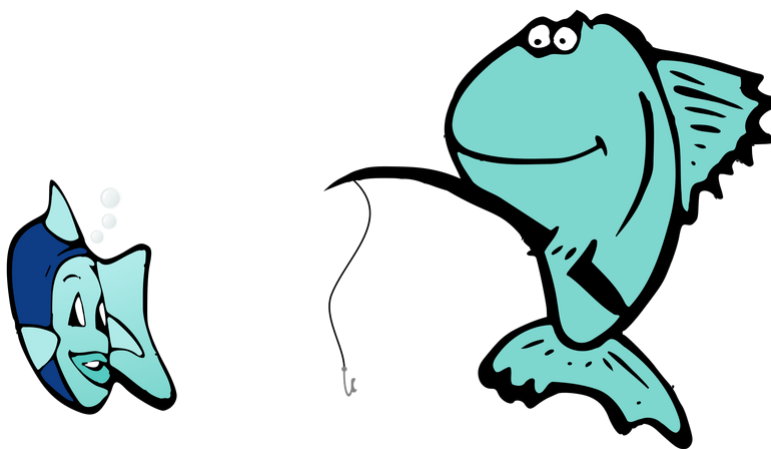
To register please email Chris at ChristineJ@wilsonhometruster.org.nz with the following information:

- Childs name and their siblings names that will be attending
- Your preferred time to attend
- The ages of the children attending

Please note it is important to register so that Santa and his helpers can prepare his presents for all of the children.

This event is for children who meet the Wilson Home Trust criteria of having a physical disability and we welcome them to bring along their siblings.

Fishing Trip for Children and Young Adults



Wish For Fish - Auckland Trip
Saturday 21 December

We are excited to be able to offer another fishing trip for children / young adults with their parent / caregiver on the accessible Wish 4 Fish boat.

Date: Saturday 21 December

Where: Auckland Wharf

Cost: \$20 per family

This is a fabulous opportunity to get out onto the water and catch a fish or two. The spaces are limited to 10, so get in quick as this will be offered on first come first serve basis. This fabulous boat has accessibility features for wheelchair users, more information can be found at: <https://www.wish4fish.co.nz/our-boat/>

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Retreat 2025



Caregiver / Mum's Retreat 2025

The next caregiver / mum's retreat is scheduled for April in the Waikato, we want to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity to our families in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Central Plateau regions.

We will have more information in our next newsletter.

Grants



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The next grant funding closing date for Equipment / Activity and Young Adults is on **Thursday 21 November 2024**.

Closing dates for early 2025:

- 30 January
- 13 March

Holiday and Counselling grants can be applied for anytime during the month.

For more information, please contact us on 09 488 0126 or email info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz

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Gale, Chris & Steve



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