



# THE WILSON HOME TRUST

*Grants to enable - making a difference*

## **Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter**

### **From Gale's Desk:**

Dear friends and family of The Wilson Home Trust

It's hard to believe that it's already May and that winter has crept in after what was a relatively short, but very hot summer.

There has been a lot of activity on site in Takapuna with the refurbishment of the rehabilitation and respite villas well underway, the estimated completion date for Stage 1 is mid-July. Work on the remaining four Villas will start straight away so the whole project will be complete in mid 2025.



Renovating these facilities is going to mean a lot to the children who come from around the country to stay in them for rehabilitation or respite, and to the wonderful team who look after the children. The design has been done to open up the beautiful view of the ocean on the outside deck, and to provide modern and homely bedrooms and living spaces. A newly installed hoist system will provide the nurses and caregivers with much needed assistance for lifting and moving the children.

Unfortunately, due to the high level of construction traffic on site we have had to put wedding bookings on hold until mid-next year (at the earliest). When we re-open the Chapel we are hoping to attract more community events so that more families can enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the site.

Since our last newsletter our website has been updated with a new look. Applying for grants through the website is now easier with click through buttons to each category where you will see all the information you need before applying.

Over the next two months we will be making some small changes to the criteria for grants, and to some of the categories so please keep an eye on our website. These changes are being made to reinforce our position as a provider of grants to create the magic for families that have a financial need.

Wishing you and yours a warm and dry winter, we're all hoping for better weather than 2023.

Kind regards

Gale

## The Wilson Home Trust getting out and about

### Northland



Lucinda had a very successful trip to Northland with Don Martin from Parent-to-Parent Northland. Visiting various organisations, including community trusts, schools, health teams, and NGO's, as well as meeting with family/whānau, we were able to share information and spread the word about the grants and other services/supports from our two organisations.

We believe face-to-face connection is vital to reach the families that need us the most, particularly across the regions. Connecting with community organisations gives us the opportunity to share information with the teams working directly with family/whānau and supports a collaborative approach to engagement.

We were delighted to strengthen our connection with He Iwi Kotahi Tatou Trust who reciprocated our visit to them in Moerewa by coming to see us at the Wilson Home site in Takapuna. We had a beautiful day for it, as you can see from the photo, and we thoroughly enjoyed showing them around and enhancing our relationship and commitment to community and whānau support.



If you would like us to visit you, your school, or your organisation, to tell you more about the Wilson Home Trust and how we can support you and your people, please contact [Lucinda@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:Lucinda@wilsonhometruster.org.nz) or phone 022 674 3202.

### **Halberg Games Sports Festival**

Attending the Festival Day at the Halberg Games has been a highlight for the Wilson Home Trust team this year! So many young people enjoying the benefits of sports, recreation and play, despite the weather, was an awesome experience. You could see the excitement in the faces of the kids and hear the buzz all over the Kings College campus.

In the words of one of the Parafed Waikato team:

***“The Games are the highlight of my year, I feel overjoyed when I’m there, the energy, the atmosphere, the genuine love for sports, this is how I see the Halberg Games!”***

We were delighted to showcase our new branding, share information with lots of new families from across our regions, and catch up with old friends.



The Parafed Waikato Team

## Share Your Story



**Name:** Luella

**Age:** 17

**Grant:** Holiday

**How did the grant benefit you:**

We have never visited Wellington before. Our second daughter attends Victoria University and she was ecstatic to show her sister around “her city”.

We had a ton of fun up and down the Cuba Street visiting the shops, bookstores, and one of the very best ice cream shops, Duck Island. Additionally, there was a store that sold American goods and we bought some of our favorite candy. We rode the Cable car and walked through the botanical gardens, visited Victoria University, saw the parliament building( the Beehive), took in the beauty along the waterfront and visited the Te Papa museum, which was unforgettable.

We stayed in a lovely & spacious Air BNB on Breaker Bay , and spent the evenings playing games and relaxing together after so much walking!

The weather was amazing! Not a cloud in the sky and very light winds. We could not have afforded the accommodations without the generous help of Wilson Home Trust.

**A sincere thanks to a very successful holiday!!**

**Sean Cure's Box-Over  
Fundraising Challenge**



Sean is a determined young man who, in 2008, suffered a serious head injury and came to the Wilson Home for rehabilitation. Rehab has enabled Sean to recover motor functions, neurological ability, and speech, to enable him to return to the life he wanted to be living.

Sean now wants to help other young adults to live the life they want and has embarked on a series of fundraising activities to raise money for the Wilson Home Trust [Young Adults Grant](#), which provides young adults aged 17-21 years grant funding to help them start to identify their goals and dreams for the future.

In 2023, Sean jumped or stepped over a 20-inch box completing 5,100 “Box-Overs” which was the equivalent of almost reaching the Base Camp of Mt Everest! This year he has taken the Box-Over challenge further and extended it to a nationwide event for anyone in the fitness industry. Athletes will compete, as a team or individually, in a race to the peak of Mt Everest, jumping or stepping over the 20-inch box 17,421 times! If you think you’re ready for the challenge and willing to raise money for the Young Adults Grant, see the give-a-little page and sign up: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/the-box-over-challenge-north-island->



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**Thanks Sean for your unwavering support for the Wilson Home Trust  
and other young adults like yourself!**

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