



THE WILSON HOME TRUST

Grants to enable - making a difference

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter

From Gale's Desk:

I am happy to announce that stage one of the villa refurbishment project is now complete and that the children and staff are enjoying the wonderful new facility.



Just one of the beautiful new spaces - the playroom

Construction on stage two of the project, which is a complete rebuild of four villas used for respite and rehabilitation will kick off mid September, we look forward to completing this work in April 2025.

Since the last newsletter some changes have been made to the criteria for applying for a grant, and the grant categories have been updated to better meet family needs.

Information about the grants can be found on our website. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries. Over the last 12 months The Wilson Home Trust has had the privilege of supporting over 400 families spread across the Upper North Island with grants.

To recognise Volunteer Week which was in June, I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers who assist us with gardening, knitting and pool side support for the hydrotherapy programme. In July we showed our appreciation by having the mid-winter volunteers lunch, we also held a morning tea to thank the Devonport Knitting Group who donate their beautiful work for us to give out to children.

From Monday 19th of August our office is temporarily re-locating on site for 6 months while the construction is being done. You will find us in the room with the blue doors next to the Homestead, please do drop in and see us for a coffee if you are passing.

In closing, we farewell Lucinda this month. Lucinda has been with the team for the last 10 months and has gotten to know many of the families so we know that she will be missed.

Kind regards
Gale

Share Your Story



Name: Dannica

Age: 15

Grant: Equipment - Sport's Wheelchair

How did the grant benefit you:

Just like her peers, Dannica loves her sports and really enjoys trying lots of different things. She's so committed she even wants to pursue sports/coaching as a career! To prepare herself for her career goals, she decided to undertake NCEA levels 1-3 physical education during her years 11-13 at Taupo nui-a-Tia College. As a wheelchair user, she knew she would need a specialised wheelchair to fully immerse herself and be part of the PE and outdoor education activities.

We were delighted to support an equipment grant application for Dannica to purchase a sports wheelchair in March of this year.

Dannica says:

“My sports wheelchair has significantly benefited me in participating in sports. Firstly, it has provided me with the mobility and independence to actively engage in various activities. The design and features of the wheelchair such as its wide, lightweight and specialised wheels to be able to improve my speed and build a performance. This has not only allowed me to

compete in activities but also to enjoy the physical and health benefits of regular exercise. The wheelchair has opened up new social opportunities allowing me to connect with other people that are like me and also be a part of a sporting event (The Halberg Games). Overall, my sports wheelchair has been improving my sports experience and it has helped me to get to where I am”

Mighty Kids Rehab - Hydrotherapy at the Wilson Centre



MightyKids

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The team at MightyKids Rehab are excited to be able to partner with the Wilson Home Trust in delivering a community hydrotherapy programme developed for children and young people living with physical disabilities. MightyKids Rehab is a community-based service dedicated to providing specialist level care for individuals with physical needs to maximise their potential.

They are offering an 8-week term-based programme that utilises goal setting and outcome-based tools, with 1:1 physiotherapist led sessions held at the Wilson Centre during weekday afternoons.

Families need to register directly at

<https://www.mightykidsrehab.co.nz/services>

A letter of support is required from the child's therapist or doctor outlining aims and potential benefits sought through hydrotherapy.

Grant funding may be sought through the Wilson Home Trust as part of the wider Equipment and Activity Grant application process for those who meet the criteria, and can be made at any time through the website here <https://wilsonhometruster.org.nz/grants/>

MightyKids Rehab will provide other funding options for those who don't meet the Wilson Home Trust criteria.

Hydrotherapy out of Auckland - There are a number of hydrotherapy pools across the region and The Wilson Home Trust Activity Grant can be used by families that qualify for sessions. For more information please visit our [website](#).

Grants



The next grant funding closing date for Equipment / Activity and Young Adults

is on **Thursday 22 August 2024.**

Closing dates for the rest of the year:

- 3 October
- 21 November

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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