



Kia ora and hello all

Thank you to all our volunteers in the community – this month we are highlighting the projects that we here, at Volunteering New Plymouth, are directly working with to enhance our community and we just love the Organisations / Groups that we are able to support because of our Projects.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these projects that are work from home in your free time, just contact us. We also have other organisations / groups that have work from home or one-off events that involve irregular volunteering that we will highlight in our next newsletter

Our VNP Projects

KNITTING

What can I say- we have some amazing and beautiful people who support our special project. Most recently we have received the most wonderful collection of teddies from not only here in Taranaki but from as far away as Whanganui and also Tauranga too.

Thanks to Sarah - Gabby's Mum – Gabby's Starlit HOPE for promoting us on Facebook we are able to provide her with all the tiny teddies that she needs for the Mum & Baby Boxes she provides to the Hospital for Mum's who need to go to hospital with their babies.



We are delighted to have expanded our reach with these tiny teddies and have been approached by Heart Kids – to provide them for the little people who have heart conditions that are not currently having heart operations (where they receive a Heart Bear).



Now we also are providing teddies for Friends of Emergency Department for little people who need to have that something special to help them deal with the reason they are visiting the department. We have a beautiful story of a Teddy being given to a young boy who was injured after falling through a window – he was comforted by receiving the slightly larger teddy to cuddle and also his sister received a small, tiny teddy as she was rather traumatised by what had happened. When I was told about this, I was also told they were not sure how they would have been able to calm him down if it had not been for this gift. We are starting to receive other items as well as teddies and have had balls made up of squares, rabbits and various sized tiny teddies.

We are always open to receiving knitting of these and other items if you are looking to knit an item for a little person. We do have patterns available – or there are heaps available online if you are able to search – but message us if you want help. Heart Kids are always looking for pure wool items of beanies, cardies and booties



Neo Natal are also looking for pure wool items of beanies and booties and singlets– (not too small though)

Winter Warmers - we also are happy to receive slippers and beanies to support WISE and their Healthy Homes.

SEWING

We have some awesome women (unfortunately we have not managed to recruit any men to be part of this – even though I am sure there are guys out there who could sew too)

Bags

We are supplying bags to Waitara Food Bank Pataka Kai, New Plymouth Food Bank, Taranaki Women's Refuge, Age Concern, Women's Centre, Take Them a Meal and also used as giveaways at our Stand at the Careers Expo as well as for our Awardees at our Volunteer Recognition Awards each year.



Hold Alls

Taranaki Health Foundation and their Hardship to Hope supply Pepi pods and bedding to new Mums and they have bedding that are supplied with this – we have people sewing holdalls – a converted pillowcase – kindly donated by AlSCO – that is converted into a holdall that a bedding set goes into to go with the Pepi Pods



AWANUI ANGELS

This is a project that we are working with NPDC Parks Department to support the great work that they do and help maintain the entrance way of the Awanui Cemetery – these great volunteers do not do the work of the staff – but are the nice to haves, they work on ensuring that the headstones are not covered with overgrown plantings or weeds. They meet once a month in winter and twice a month in summer for a couple of hours. If you are interested in joining this great team – contact us and we can help you take the next step.



LOVE LETTERS

These are great for all ages who enjoy colouring in – we have letters of the alphabet on an A4 sheet of paper that can be used to make kids names. We have some printed and people choose to colour them in in any fashion as we ask that they put their first name and the name of their suburb or town on the back so that when a little person received the letters of their name they know that someone has done this especially for them.

I hope that you have found this informative and helpful.

If you are interested in any of these and not yet involved please don't hesitate to contact us on 06 758 8986 or Marie 027 541 0577 email manager@vnp.nz or Wendy 022 571 4228 email admin@vnp.nz

Till next time
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