



United Way NZ Newsletter

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Welcome to our newsletter

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Grant Allocations Update



Christchurch Allocation Evening - Don Oliver, CEO UWNZ (left), Mayor Garry Moore (centre) and three grant recipients

This year United Way NZ gave \$886,904 in grants to 188 charities in eight regions throughout New Zealand. For the first time the grants were presented at public events in all centres, attended by representatives of the charities, businesses, donors, local government and volunteers. The functions gave the opportunity for the United Way NZ story to be told and for everyone to be able to mingle and network. Many positive stories of appreciation of United Way NZ's help came from the charities we supported.

- Auckland:** *hosted by United Way NZ at Villa Dalmacija with 120 attending; 76 Charities received allocations.*
Palmerston North: *hosted by Mayor Mark Bell-Booth at the Convention Centre with 35 attending; 11 charities received allocations.*
Wellington: *hosted by Mayor Kerry Prendergast at the Mayoral Chambers with 40 attending; 21 charities received allocations*
Nelson: *hosted by United Way volunteers with 25 attending; 8 charities received allocations*
Christchurch: *hosted by Mayor Garry Moore at the Mayoral Chambers with 70 attending; 22 charities received allocations*
Canterbury: *hosted by Argyle, Welsh & Co at the Hotel Ashburton with 30 attending; 5 charities received allocations*
Dunedin: *hosted by Mayor Sukhi Turner at the Mayoral Chambers with 65 attending; 16 charities received allocations*
Invercargill: *hosted by Preston Russell Law their offices with 8 attending; 3 charities received allocations*

This is the first time we have given grants in the Canterbury and Southland regions so entirely new allocation volunteer teams had to be established there. In addition grants were made directly to 1 charity in Hamilton, 3 in Blenheim and 12 charities throughout New Zealand designated by overseas donors.

During the last six weeks, CEO Don Oliver has visited all the regions (except top of the South) in which United Way NZ is operating in throughout New Zealand. He attended and took part in all of the public grant allocation events. The significant part United Way NZ plays in funding many charities became very obvious as numbers of charity representatives spoke about United Way NZ's grant to them being their life blood because it could be used for their administration purposes.

While visiting the areas, Don also did approximately 50 presentations at businesses, local governments, Rotary Clubs and SBN (Sustainable Business Network Inc), with Mayors and interested individuals. More recently Don also attended a Trans-Tasman United Way conference in Ballarat. United Way operates in 10 different regions in Australia and Don feels there could be great benefit for United Way NZ from working in closer partnership with Australia.

*Encouraging generosity by leading the exchange of money, time and skills
between organisations, business, government and the community.*

A big thank you to United Way New Zealand!

Words of appreciation from this year's supported charities

From Ashburton:

"Thanks for granting us this money. It will be of invaluable help in the running of our therapeutic riding programme, and the administration of our group in Ashburton. As you know, applying for funds to keep up a consistent service in a voluntary group is an onerous task and we are always extremely grateful for support. It is great that United Way has joined our 'support group' and we are so glad that you advertised for applications in our area, and that we saw it!"

From Auckland:

"On behalf of the committee I would like to say a very big thank you indeed for the funds granted to us by your organisation. I can't tell you how much we appreciate them and how much they will help us. Thank you also for the opportunity to attend the Grant Allocation night. It was wonderful to be part of honouring the volunteers who are such a vital part of the process and to be able to network with others from similar organisations, to realize that we are not alone in our endeavours and to listen to and be inspired by the energy of these people."

"Thank you for your continued support of our agency. The donation will enable us to pay for a facilitator and help us provide our prevention education in schools and training of our community workers on handling disclosure of abuse from their clients. Your donation will be a great help in our being able to reach our goals for the coming year."

From Christchurch:

"Thank you for your grant which has come as an unexpected delight to the team. It will be used to support the Just Us Youth Mentoring programme which assists young people and continues promoting a crime free society."

"Thank you for your generous grant and the opportunity to talk on the services that our organisation offers. United Way makes a valuable contribution to the quality of life of not only our clients but the community as a whole. Without support such as this, many clients would not have the option of living independently. So again on their behalf thank you."

From Dunedin:

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank United Way for showing an interest in our organisation, without this grant we would be unable to continue to provide support within our community, as we rely solely on charitable grants and donations. We congratulate United Way NZ on their new initiatives for Dunedin and the Otago Region."

"We would like to express our deepest gratitude to United Way for the funding received. As I am sure you are aware it is very difficult for organisations like ourselves to secure operating funding yet without this funding we would be unable to continue providing the vital services that we do. We look forward to the future and continuing both our service to clients and an ongoing working relationship with United Way."

From Palmerston North:

"I am writing to express our sincere and immense gratitude for the grant received towards day to day administration cost and our WISE programme. Your support values our community work to offer safety for women and children from domestic violence, and to provide advocacy and education that enables women and children to live free from violence. It is our intention to break the intergenerational cycle of violence for our children and communities."

From Waiheke:

"All the members and staff appreciate the support from United Way and your volunteers; you make it all worth while, as at times, when it seems all a bit overwhelming, you see the vision and give fabulous encouragement. All United Way Volunteers and Staff are just magic people; you all make United Way what it is."

From Wellington:

"Without the generosity from organisations like United Way we would not be able to continue to make a difference to the lives of women and their children who are the victims of family violence. On behalf of the families our programme supports, we say thank you."



Wellington Allocation evening Mayor Kerry Prendergast (right) and one recipient



John Young (local volunteers chairperson) and three grant recipients celebrating the arrival of UWNZ to Southland. Photo courtesy of The Southland Times.

Farewell and Hello

We welcome a new Board of Directors

We sadly farewelled Board Chair Dave Vukets from the United Way NZ Board - Dave was involved with United Way NZ for a total of nine years; as an allocation volunteer, committee member and Chair of our Board for 4 years. He will continue supporting in different ways. Dave was presented with the Dennis Nathan Distinguished Service Award at the Grant Allocation evening held on the 1st July. We sincerely thank him for his time given to the board of United Way NZ.

On the 4th August we welcomed a new Board of Directors

Dennis Nathan OBE - (President)
Don Oliver - CEO - United Way NZ Inc
Mel Hewitson (Chair) - Business Development Manager - Tower Asset Management
Rohan Williams (Vice Chair) - General Manager/Director - Smith & Nephew Ltd
Cora Baillie - Professional Group - Lincoln University
Gavin Hazelden - Director/Partner - Saba (HR Consultants)
Frank Jasper - Strategist - ABN.AMRO Craigs
David Knightley - Accountant - Hargrave Accounting Ltd
Murray Sargisson - Managing Director - Sealed Air Ltd
Mike Sheppard - National Sales Manager - Vision Marketing & Distribution
Michael Sheridan - CEO - Tele Tech New Zealand
Eileen Sims - General Manager - Bronson and Jacobs Pty Ltd
Norm Winger - Sales Manager - Fuji Xerox New Zealand Ltd

Welcome to the Corporate Membership Club!

This year we have welcomed our first companies to attain our new Corporate Membership levels:

Smith & Nephew Ltd - Gold Membership
Grey Worldwide New Zealand Ltd - Gold Membership
Bronson and Jacobs PTY Ltd - Bronze Membership
Mercer Human Resource Consulting Limited - Bronze Membership
Timber Specialists Limited - Bronze Membership

We appreciate their support in giving both their time and donations to help make differences in our community.

We have three membership levels:

Gold Membership - above \$10,000 annually
Silver Membership - \$5,001 - \$10,000 annually
Bronze Membership - \$1,000 - \$5,000 annually

If you would like to receive further information regarding our Corporate Membership please contact us at united-way@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 377-2544.

For the Record.....

- **Gill Keuskamp** was presented with Volunteer of the Year award at our Allocation evening. Gill has been an Allocation Volunteer for 3 years, chaired the PR Committee, and opened her home for 3 months to our American visitors Joan and Jonah Sherman. Congratulations and thank you Gill.
- **Ian Leader**, who was our Manager of Community Involvement, has now left United Way NZ after 2 years. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him well in his new venture.
- We are pleased to announce that **Don Oliver** has been appointed a Justice of the Peace (JP).
- Congratulations to **Michael** (Board member) and **Eleanor Sheridan** on the arrival of their twin boys on 5th August.

Payroll Campaign update

We are pleased to announce that our Workplace/Payroll campaign in March was very successful and we are now planning to visit further companies in Auckland in September/October to begin or increase their payroll donations. We held a training workshop for campaign volunteers on 18 August. We are happy to welcome new volunteers Lynne Butler, Ryan McCallum, Anthony Vallyon, Jimmy Liao, and Stuart Britton. They will join our volunteers who participated in the March Campaign; Teresa McNamara and Andrew Read. Over the next few months we hope to initiate campaigns in Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill.

Did you know that if one third of earning New Zealanders gave only \$2 per week, together they would make over \$65 million a year available to help charities in their local communities?

If your company is interested in participating in a workplace campaign, or would like any promotional material sent, please contact us.

Lion Nathan School of Business

United Way NZ has entered into a partnership with The Lion Nathan School of Business which will provide opportunities for people involved in **community/charity/not-for-profit agencies** to receive leadership training and development absolutely **FREE**. This leadership course incorporates the National Certificate in First Line Management Level 3, and people completing the course will receive a NZQA certificate. Places are still available and if you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Patsy on 377-2544 or prunited-way@xtra.co.nz so that information and registration packs can be sent to you.

Volunteer Recognition BBQ

We are in the early stages of planning a barbeque as a thank you to Auckland volunteers to be held 24 November 2004 and hosted by Smith & Nephew Ltd on their premises at 621 Rosebank Road, Avondale. We will give you more details once these are to hand, but in the meantime please mark the date in your diaries.

Governance Training

Melissa Clark-Reynolds, entrepreneur, CEO of INTAZ, volunteer and roving Ambassador for United Way NZ presented a Governance Training workshop for our new board held at the Auckland Club on 4th August. Melissa, who travelled from Wellington, donated her travel and time. The venue was kindly sponsored by Tower Asset Management.

Annual Report update

We are proud of our first professional, high quality Annual Report was distributed widely throughout the country when Don gave presentations to various businesses and city councils in conjunction with our 2004 Grant Allocation celebrations. We again wish to acknowledge with thanks the generosity of:

- Grey Worldwide New Zealand Ltd
 - Johnston Press Ltd
 - AIG
- which made this publication possible.

If you would like either an email or hard copy of the Annual Report please contact us at united-way@xtra.co.nz or phone (09) 377-2544.

New Promotional Material!

A whole new range of promotional material has just been completed outlining the various ways you can make a difference to support your local community through United Way NZ.

- United Way NZ - Together we can make a difference
- The \$2 Club - Make a real difference with only \$2 a week
- Community Investment - How your resources can make a difference
- Corporate Membership - Invest in your community today.

These publications were made possible through the generosity of:

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