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United Way NZ Newsletter

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Charitable Giving So Much Easier

The charitable giving tax rebate cap has now been removed by the government. Previously it was set at \$1890 regardless of how much was donated in any one year. Individuals will now be able to claim a 33 1/3% tax rebate for all charitable donations up to a maximum claim equal to their annual taxable income. Companies will be entitled to a deduction for charitable donations to the maximum of the company's net income.

Otago Polytechnic Charity House

Last year Otago Polytechnic in Dunedin partnered with UWNZ to build a Charity House. The project saw a number of local businesses supplying products cheaply or gratis, and under the watchful eye of their tutors, students built a 3 bedroom house as part of the Otago Polytechnic carpentry course.



The project was promoted locally by newspaper, radio and realty advertising and the house auctioned on site at the Polytechnic. The purchase price included transportation to the buyer's choice of location.

As a result of this project, Phil Ker (Chief Executive - Otago Polytechnic) presented UWNZ a cheque for \$100,000. The majority of this money will be used by UWNZ to support human welfare charities in the Otago region. Several other Polytechnics throughout the country are now considering similar partnerships with UWNZ.



New Mailing Address

UWNZ's national office has a new post office box. The address is now **P O Box 8172, Symonds Street, Auckland 1150.**

First Platinum Corporate Partnership

Congratulations to OMFinancial on becoming UWNZ's first Platinum level Corporate Partner.



OMFinancial Managing Director John Ford

United Way Going Global

As from 1 Jan 2009 United Way will be a global organisation. Several years have been given to establishing Global Standards, Global Membership Conditions and Compliance Procedures.

At a World Summit to be held in Vancouver Canada in June 2008, leaders from all United Ways intending to be part of The Global Organisation will gather to focus on future mission, vision, needs, impact and opportunities. UWNZ intends to be an integral part of this global organisation.

Global branding standards will require some modification to UWNZ's local branding. Ultimately the United Way logo and branding will be "identical" and therefore easily recognisable in every country it operates in.

2008 Grant Funding Round

Applications for funding were received from 208 charities throughout New Zealand. 150 have been passed on to the 10 regional volunteer Evaluation/Allocation teams. On site visits and evaluations take place during March and April. Local recommendations will then be received from the regions for consideration by UWNZ's board of directors.

Public grant allocations for greater Auckland will take place the first week of July and others as follows:

Date	Region	Location
July 15	South Canterbury	Timaru
July 16	Canterbury	Christchurch
July 21	Southland	Invercargill
July 23	Otago	Dunedin
July 30	Manawatu	Palmerston North
Aug 4	Nelson & Tasman	Nelson
Aug 6	Marlborough	Blenheim

Corporate Community Impact – The United Way Workout

An increasing number of businesses are taking advantage of the United Way Workout programme. This enables teams of staff to leave their workplace and interface with local charities – doing vital practical work that the charity probably could not otherwise afford. Businesses call it “Team Building” many Charities call it “a Miracle”.



The UWNZ Workout in action

United Way NZ Charitable Trust

UWNZ has recently changed its status from an Incorporated Society to a Charitable Trust. As “NZ's Local Charity” it will continue to focus on “Helping the Helpers” and making a difference where it is most needed.

Recycling - Sustainability

ACE Insurance Ltd have teamed up with UWNZ to place used office furniture & computer equipment. 96% of ACE's surplus equipment has been recycled through UWNZ to benefit schools and charities.

New Corporate Partners

Welcome to the following companies who have recently become UWNZ Corporate Partners:



EBOS Healthcare

EBOS Healthcare is a significant supplier of medical products, equipment and consumables to hospitals, primary care, aged care and rehabilitation providers.



Eli Lilly and Company (NZ) Limited

Eli Lilly and Company (NZ) Limited is one of New Zealand's top pharmaceutical companies, with a sales and marketing organisation that supports both the medical profession and patients in New Zealand.



SAHA International Limited

SAHA is a leading specialist business advisory practice with seven offices located across the globe in Australia, New Zealand, and Africa.



S C Johnson & Son Pty Ltd

S C Johnson & Son Pty Ltd is a privately owned business that has been operating for over 115 years in 70 countries and produces Eco-friendly household goods.



Zurich New Zealand

Zurich is an international insurance-based financial services provider which serves customers in over 170 countries.

Charities Commission

UWNZ applied to the Charities Commission in September of last year to be registered for Charitable Entity status under the new conditions imposed by the Charities Act. It is expected that registration will be completed in the very near future.

Christmas Generosity

Thank you to many businesses who partnered with UWNZ this past Christmas in order to make a special difference. **3M New Zealand Ltd** and **Andrew Webster Investment Portfolio Management** gave donations to UWNZ in lieu of sending Christmas cards to clients. **Fujitsu New Zealand Limited** staff in Auckland and Wellington donated presents for children and **Bayer New Zealand Ltd** donated the proceeds from a Christmas Hamper auction. **Mercer (N.Z.) Limited** staff shopped for, prepared, wrapped and delivered Christmas hampers to seven needy families in Auckland.



Fujitsu staff with presents for needy families in Wellington. UWNZ worked in partnership with The Salvation Army to distribute the gifts

If you would like your company to do something special for those in need this coming Christmas please contact don@unitedway.org.nz.

UWNZ Board of Directors

Name	Position	Company
John Gallaher	Manager	Forsyth Barr Ltd
Peter Griffiths	Managing Director	BP Oil New Zealand Ltd
Gavin Hazelden (Vice Chair)	Co-Founder and Fiduciary	Integrity Trust
Jenny Janif	Project Manager	Family & Community Services
Frank Jasper	Portfolio Manager	Fisher Funds Management
David Knightley	Accountant	Hargrave Accounting Ltd
Peter Liao	Corporate Solicitor	Kensington Swan
Sheila Watson	Environment Commissioner	Environment Court of NZ
Rohan Williams (Chair)	General Manager	Smith & Nephew Ltd
Don Oliver	CEO	United Way NZ

Wills and Bequests

Ever thought of including a gift to United Way NZ in your will? Please consider leaving a legacy that UWNZ will make sure goes on and on making a difference. For further information please contact Don on (09) 377 2087 or email don@unitedway.org.nz.

Funding Expo

UWNZ has recently given presentations to a large number of charity delegates seeking advice at Funding Expos in Christchurch and Blenheim.

New Vice Patrons

Bob Parker, Mayor of Christchurch and **Bob Harvey**, Mayor of Waitakere City have both agreed to be Vice Patrons of UWNZ. They join **Kerry Prendergast**, Mayor of Wellington and **Peter Chin**, Mayor of Dunedin.



Bob Parker



Bob Harvey

The Honourable Anand Satyanand, PCNZM, Governor-General of New Zealand is still UWNZ's National Patron.

Corporate Partnership donation levels revised

The donation level for companies becoming Corporate Partners with UWNZ has changed. This programme enables companies to partner with UWNZ by making an annual CSR donation to help support the work of UWNZ, rather than the charities it funds. Corporate Partnerships now operate at four levels:

Partnership level	Donation level
Bronze	\$5,000
Silver	\$10,000
Gold	\$15,000
Platinum	\$20,000 and above

For all levels UWNZ will promote the partnership in Annual Reports, Newsletters, website and live presentations etc (unless requested not to). Additional for Bronze level UWNZ will provide one Corporate Community Impact project (for 10-15 people), for Silver level UWNZ will provide two CCI projects, for Gold level three projects and for Platinum level (projects by mutual agreement).

Employees of Corporate Partners are also given the opportunity to be involved in UWNZ's annual Grant application Evaluation/Allocation process and attend other public events hosted by UWNZ.

Payroll Giving Promos

New handouts entitled "Make a Real Difference with only \$5 a week" have been designed and are being used successfully with presentations about payroll giving in business houses. \$5 is a little more than the cost of one cup of coffee from a cafe or less than half a packet of cigarettes. If you would like to know more about payroll giving, please contact Mark on 09 377 2583 or email mark@unitedway.org.nz.

Community Impact

Here are just two outcomes resulting from UWNZ funding last year –

"A man and his 10yr old daughter came to our van at 2.15am one Friday and asked for food. His benefit had been stopped and he had been evicted from his flat. We arranged temporary accommodation until with our help he has now returned to his flat, his benefit has been reinstated and he is working with one of our volunteer budget advisors".

Palmerston North Street Van Inc

"A Korean lady has been learning English and this year after attending a committee training course, joined our committee. She participates in discussions and contributes willingly. Her determination and hard work is an inspiration".

ESOL Home Tutors (Aoraki) Inc, Timaru

UWNZ's Current Corporate Partners include:

ACE Insurance Limited	Mercer (N.Z.) Limited
Bayer New Zealand Ltd	OMFinancial Ltd
BP Oil New Zealand Ltd	Pfizer New Zealand Limited
Fujitsu New Zealand Limited	Sealed Air (New Zealand) Limited
Hays Recruitment	Smith & Nephew Ltd
Marsh Limited	

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During the past months UWNZ has been able to facilitate generous grants from off shore donors to Nelson Provincial Museum, Raukauri Music Therapy Centre, Project Hope Foundation and KEA.

Left - Campbell Smith, Board Chair of Raukauri Music Therapy Centre

Through the International Donor Advised Giving programme administered by United Way, off shore donors can give to recognised charities in New Zealand while claiming personal tax exemption relevant in their own country. If you would like to know more please contact Don on (09) 377 2087 or email don@unitedway.org.nz.

New staff at UWNZ

Welcome to **Sandy Powis**. Sandy's background includes working with United Way of Vancouver Canada. Sandy and her husband Ed live in NZ for 6 months each year, and while here Sandy has agreed to work for UWNZ developing business and payroll giving in the Top of the South.

Welcome also to **Mark Maxwell**. Mark comes to UWNZ with loads of experience from a background in community funding with the Public Trust and will be focusing on developing payroll giving for UWNZ with businesses in greater Auckland.

Chinese Delegation Visit

Following close on the heels of New Zealand signing the Free Trade Agreement with China, a delegation from The China Charity Federation met with members of United Way NZ in Auckland during April to discuss the charity sector and potential partnerships.



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