

*“Improving lives by mobilising the caring power of individuals, businesses and communities.”*

*“Together, we are making a difference.”*

# United Way



## United Way New Zealand

Autumn 2009

### Christmas Cheer



Thanks to the generosity of **Fujitsu** (a Corporate Partner with UWNZ) staff in both Auckland and Wellington branches, United Way was able to supply Christmas presents to many needy families.

United Way partnered with **The Salvation Army** for the distribution of the presents in both cities.

*Some of the Fujitsu staff presents*

### Great Fundraising

Because of the initiative of UWNZ ambassadors Cara Gullick and Vanessa Appleton at **Lion Nathan**, UWNZ benefited from the proceeds of a Movie Night held at the Rialto Newmarket and Car Parking management for Auckland's "Christmas in the Park". Lion Nathan match all monies raised. Thank you Lion Nathan.

### Golf Tournament

**Hays Construction & Property** held a corporate golf event in Christchurch and dedicated one hole to UWNZ. There were 70 participants representing 26 businesses, and they all made a donation to UWNZ. Well done Hays.



*Hays Charity Golf Day*

### Generous Sponsorship

**Johnston Print** sponsored UWNZ's 2009 Evaluation & Allocation Volunteer Handbook. **Fuji Xerox** kindly published UWNZ's Annual Reports, Spring 08 & Autumn 09 newsletters. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. It is this type of generosity that enables UWNZ to function so efficiently.

### Needs are Increasing

As a result of the current economic situation UWNZ received **approximately 300 applications totalling \$3.75 million**. Unfortunately only 160 could be accepted. These applications have been passed on to UWNZ volunteers in the regions for local visits, evaluation and recommendations for 2009 funding.

### Charity Houses

Three Polytechnics have recently agreed to partner with UWNZ to build Charity Houses this year. **Otago Polytechnic** in Dunedin, **Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT)** and **Universal College of Learning (UCOL)** in Palmerston North have all decided to build a house as part of the carpentry course. These houses will be auctioned when completed and the profits donated to UWNZ. UWNZ will support a number of charities with the proceeds.



*Otago Polytechnic's last UWNZ Charity House in Dunedin*

## Volunteers are Wonderful

The backbone to the United Way system is Volunteers. Approx 140 people voluntarily give a few hours each year to visit local applicant charities on behalf of UWNZ. Their time, skills and recommendations are vital to the efficient, accountable and effective grant making process.

Many new volunteers joined the ranks this year. Volunteer training workshops were held throughout January 2009 in Auckland, Manawatu, Tasman, Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury and Otago.

## TelstraClear Project

UWNZ has agreed to partner with **TelstraClear** to provide phone cards that will help support the charitable sector.

These cards while being cost competitive to the user, will provide a charitable margin which UWNZ will use to help fund the many charities it supports. Watch this space.

## Website Update

UWNZ's website is currently undergoing a much needed update. The national office database and processing have also been updated. This year grant applications were processed online for the first time.

Check out [www.unitedway.org.nz](http://www.unitedway.org.nz)

## United Way Branding

UWNZ is part of a global network with over 3,000 local United Way affiliates operating in 47 countries of the world. UWI recently reviewed the United Way brand and found that there were many different versions of the brand used around the world. To ensure future consistency a new global brand has been introduced and will now be used by all United Way organisations. This Autumn 09 issue of UWNZ's newsletter incorporates the new branding.



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## United Way's Mailing Address

Sometime ago UWNZ changed its mailing address to:

**P O Box 8172  
Symonds Street  
Auckland 1150**

## In Kind Donations

A number of businesses donate product to UWNZ. This is sometimes surplus or used equipment. Sometimes it is generic product lines that are manufactured or processed by a particular business. UWNZ is always pleased to be able to direct these gifts to the area of greatest need.

Because of the generosity of **Southern Stars Charitable Trust**, UWNZ has been able to distribute approx 2400 tickets (worth around \$24,000) to children's charities in Auckland. The tickets have enabled children free admission to pantomimes including Pinocchio, Aladdin, Beauty & the Beast, Snow White, Bad Jelly the Witch & Three Little Pigs.

## Payroll Giving

Giving to charity is easiest when you are able to arrange a small amount to come out of each pay. UWNZ specialises in this process, and guarantees that at least 90c in every \$1 given will get to the coal face of local charities. Find out more Ph: 09 377 2544.

## Tax Changes Make it Easier to Give to Charity

From April 2008, the cap on tax breaks for charitable donations has been removed. Previously, no matter how much an individual donated, refunds were limited to \$630. **Now you can claim a tax rebate of one-third of every dollar you donate, up to the amount of your annual income.** For an example, an individual who gives \$10,000 in any one year can now claim back \$3,333 as a tax rebate. **If your donation is \$1,000 your rebate will be \$333.**

Significantly, businesses can also claim these tax deductions. **Companies can get a deduction for total charitable donations made, limited only by the amount of the company's net annual income.** For example, a company could donate \$30,000 in the financial year and, provided the net income (calculated before taking into account the donation) is above that, the company could get a full deduction of \$30,000.

## Working Out

An increasing number of corporates are taking the opportunity to involve some of their employees in meaningful team building projects through UWNZ.

Teams of staff spend a day working on site at a local charity. The projects are facilitated and managed by UWNZ. Some Corporates call the Days of Caring. UWNZ call them The United Way Workout.

Recently **Mobil Oil** did a project at Take 5 Te Whare Marama Inc in Wellington, **Zurich Insurance** and **Zurich Auto** did a project at Te Waipuna Puawai Mercy Oasis in Auckland and **Bayer New Zealand Ltd** did a project at Pillars Inc Auckland.

**In total 51 corporate volunteers gave 267 hours doing community projects for 3 charities.**



*The Mobil Oil team at Take 5 Wellington*



*The Zurich Team (below) at Mercy Oasis Auckland – project above before (L) and after (R)*



## Good News from Charities Supported by UWNZ

Mr ... was involved in a motorbike accident a few years ago leaving him paralysed and mentally impaired. His family is unable to care for him and he lives in a North Shore rest home. He is delighted to spend time at our club every Wednesday and gets tearful while he is there because he is so happy to get out and sit with a group of men and have that social interaction and enjoyment through the entertainment provided.

*- Age Concern North Shore Inc*

Parents of two children had depression and the family was under serious stress when we started with them. They commented "We have become a much tighter family unit – more confident in parenting". Each dealt with personal issues – and consequently has a better relationship with vastly improved communication. They are a happier more settled family.

*- Homebuilders Family Services - Warkworth*

A young couple both with addiction problems were unable to budget and hold their family together. The wife has been through our programme and her husband is presently attending. We have managed to find them good accommodation, the husband, once he has completed the course will go into fulltime employment. The family is now together with support from our volunteers.

*- Palmerston North Street Van*

"L" rang our crisis line. She and her youngest daughter had been assaulted by her partner and they had been locked out of the house. Three other children remained in the house with their father. "L" and the child were brought to our refuge safe house and in the morning we supported her to uplift the other children with the police. The family stayed in the safe house for a total of 37 nights. Many positive changes have occurred because of the programmes provided at the safe house.

*- West Christchurch Women's Refuge*

## 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 (09) 377 2544 or email [don@unitedway.org.nz](mailto:don@unitedway.org.nz).

## National Patron of UWNZ

On 27 March 2009 Prime Minister John Key announced that the Queen has reinstated titles to the NZ honours system. UWNZ's National Patron The Governor General of NZ has therefore had a change in title and style. The Governor General's new title is His Excellency The Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand, GNZM, QSO. His Excellency will be hosting a reception for UWNZ in Government House Auckland during September 2009.



## Tragic Death

UWNZ volunteer **Rex Watchman** of Blenheim was tragically killed when his car was hit by a passenger train at a level crossing 27th February 2009. Rex was very community focussed and had received awards from Rotary and the Marlborough District Council. He had been a UWNZ volunteer for a number of years. Rex will be sadly missed.

## United Way Corporate Partners

ACE Insurance Limited  
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OMFinancial  
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Smith & Nephew Ltd  
UBS New Zealand Ltd  
Zurich New Zealand

## Air New Zealand Quiz

Many people travelling nationally on Air New Zealand will have joined in the quiz shown on screens within planes. It was interesting recently to see the question:

**Q: Which organisation uses the acronym UWNZ?**

**A: United Way New Zealand**

## Charities Commission Registers 20,000<sup>th</sup> Charity

The Charities Commission has announced that it has registered 20,000 charities under the Charities Act, which aims to provide more information about the purposes and activities of charities in New Zealand and increase confidence in the charitable sector. Information about all registered charities is available on the Charities Register, a "live" database open for viewing at [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz)

To be eligible for registration with the Charities Commission, an organisation must be established and maintained for exclusively charitable purposes. Once registered, charities must file an Annual Return with the Commission, and provide financial information, which is published on the Register. The Charities Commission was established by the Charities Act on 1 July 2005 to register and monitor charitable organisations in New Zealand.

***United Way NZ is registered with the Commission. Its registration number is CC26974.***



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