



MESSAGES OF THANKS:

CCF Saved by Angels at Staples Rodway

Staples Rodway Hawke's Bay was delighted to be able to provide 21 staff to assist with the street appeal for the Child Cancer Foundation. TK Kennedy (CCF Branch Fundraiser) issued Staples Rodway a challenge a few days before the challenge saying that if they could fill the remaining slots for Friday and Thursday that CCF volunteers would deliver a work place shout. Low and behold Sue and her team were successful in meeting the challenge and on the 2nd April had a shout delivered to their office.

"If we did not have such overwhelming support from Staples Rodway in The Hastings and Havelock area we would have really struggled with our street appeal this year" states TK. The directors and staff are very supportive of the Foundation and this reflected in Staples Rodway nationally being corporate sponsors of the Child Cancer Foundation. We were delighted that all staff volunteered to participate in the appeal which reflects the level of support we have for the work that Child Cancer Foundation is doing with the young people in New Zealand who have been affected by cancer.

"The way this organisation has come to our rescue at our eleventh hour is of a real credit to them and we look forward to a very successful relationship with them in Hawke's Bay as one of our newest corporate sponsors." TK says. On April the 3rd TK, Miria Greeks, Anthea Walford, and two year old Jordez Marshall who was diagnosed at aged six months with cancer, and her father turned up to Staples Rodway and were greeted by a large warm staff.



Pub Charities

Last year we were very lucky to receive a grant from Pub Charities for the amount of \$13,000. This grant meant that our families could enjoy a Magical Mystery Tour for our end of year Christmas function. And the feedback that we received from a number of our families was that this was the best Xmas function ever. All aboard the Double Decker Bus we visited a number of mystery locations and ended up with a visit from Santa. As always we really appreciate the support from Pub Charities and are thankful for this latest grant as are all our families who benefit.



Speedy Signs

Sometimes it is the small things that count and recently Craig from Speedy Signs kindly donated a number of special CCF plaques to

one of our Mums, Anthea whose daughter Jordez featured on the plaques presented to businesses last year



Spinners and Weavers

A huge thank you to all the ladies who have been busy making winter woolies and things for our children. All these items made are going to go to very loving families and everyone is grateful for your continued support,

Merle Hackney

Merle Hackney has been a long standing supporter of CCF and continues to provide us with her amazing quilts for our children and also as fundraisers. Here Merle presents another two quilts to Anthea, one of our CCF Mums.

Napier RSA

Miria Greeks and her five children were lucky enough to be invited in to do a special collection on the 27th March and 12 year old Siobhan got to share her story with some of the patrons.



PSIS and ANZ Hastings

A huge thank you to all the local business who stocked our support beads for 2009 and we are so glad to have you backing this great cause. BJ's Bakery was out top bead seller in Hawke's Bay. A special thanks to Casey Williams and Hamish Frame and Mark Sefford from ANZ Hastings who collected on behalf of ANZ on Friday from 9-11am on the streets. Pete from Nimons also again had our collection buckets on board his buses. PSIS who had a fantastic team who collected all day Friday. It is just fantastic to see support from our local business community



Fastway

About 3 weeks ago I called in to say hello to Jo at Fastway. As per usual she asked if there was anything they could do to help and I suddenly thought of one of our special families, the Sclater's who I knew really could do with something special in their lives after the difficult time they have had for the past ten months since three year old William was diagnosed with cancer. I got home, emailed the Sclater family and the next day had an amazing Breakaway they had planned, saying this would be their dream holiday. They had planned their 3 night getaway at the Bluewater, and had a range of activities that they wanted to do as a family, as William was not able to be around large groups of people. I emailed this request from the family to Jo and immediately she said yes. Once dates were confirmed, Jo realized she had a week to get this all together but she did it and the Sclater Family were able to enjoy their family getaway in March.



A huge thank you to all those that helped to give this family a well deserved break and a very special thanks to Jo and the team at Fastway who continue to amaze us with their big hearts. Also I must acknowledge Lorraine from Fastway who has been helping with a lot of design work for CCF and also she is now doing Hattie's World as well. Thank you Lorraine for all your hard work.

Hell Napier

Orna from Napier Intermediate won the first ever Hell Napier CCF Pizza competition with his pizza ONE NIGHT STAND. This pizza was made and sold during appeal week. They sold fifteen of these new pizzas during our appeal week which was great.

Richard and Lisa were wrapped with all the entries that came in and glad to support CCF during their appeal week and plan to do it again in 2010.

Shirley Simmons

Low and behold our volunteer treasurer organised a horse and some gear for one of our CCF Mums and I just wanted to say what a special person Shirley is for arranging this. I know the mum is really enjoying the horse and thanks Shirley for going outside your role to help one of our families.

Dave Stephenson

Dave was able to organise a couple of tickets to the Test Match between India and NZ for eight year old Lochlie and his Nan, Dale. I do not who was more excited, Nan or Lochlie. This gesture is most appreciated and we are glad for continued support from our friend Dave Stephenson.

Newsletter

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Chairman's Report

Since Kirsten left we seem to have been fortunate in that there have been, to my knowledge, no new cases. Thank you to all those who helped out for our National Street Appeal, it looks like we have done a great job collecting in the Bay and will get a final total as soon as all the money has come in. It is with pleasure that I announce that our New Family Support Worker is Shannyn Hansen. I am sure that you will all get to meet Shannyn over the next month or so, and we are glad to have her as part of the Hawke's Bay Child Cancer Foundation Branch.

Family Support Report

Hi my name is Shannyn Hansen and I am your new family support worker. I am looking forward to meeting you all, and also cannot wait for the CCF Family sleep over on the 26th April. I have three children, and I come from a nursing background.

Fundraiser Report

With our National Appeal Week over I can breathe a sigh of relief as this has been one of the busiest weeks since I have started at CCF. I was lucky to have so much help and lucky to have five co-ordinators from each of our regions which was fantastic. A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in to help, either by selling beads in their shop, collecting, buying pizzas or bidding on our Trade Me auctions. It was great to see a big turnout at our Hyundai Wheels of Courage Celebrity Challenge which was held at the Napier Sound Shell. We were grateful from the people that donated items, particularly Eastek, Stolen Records, Utopia Cakes and Chris from Countdown Hastings. A lot of the children met The Hawk's basketball team who came down to show their support and also Jacqui Clarke, Tina Cross and Dave Gibson from Elemnop who traveled all the way from Wellington to Napier.

What's Coming Up

Hawke's Games

Thursday 9th April 7.00pm
Friday 24th April 7.00pm
Saturday 9th May 7.00pm
Friday 22nd May 7.00pm

Please get names and numbers of those that wish to attend to TK.

CCF Social Get Together the Amazing Maze on the 26th April from 3-7pm

Please get names and numbers of those that wish to attend, everything will be provided and this will be a great opportunity for us all to catch up.

April 25th CCF Sleepover at Little Elms

We would like to invite six families can come and stay a night at Little Elms and have a day and night of fun activities planned, let TK know if your family wants to come, this will be done again later in the year for another set of families

What's Been Going On

Splash Planet:

A lot of our families braved the mild chill in the air, and came along to our March Social Function at Splash Planet. We all had a shared lunch and just chilled and relaxed while the kids (and some adults) had a blast on the water slides, and at mini golf etc. It was an enjoyable day to be had by all.



Chris Mellors' Conquering the Triple Peaks Challenge

I am sure you all saw Chris Mellors' and his friend in the newspaper before the Triple Peaks Challenge, where taking part in this event was spurred on by his daughter Georgina who died last year. His team of three conquered the triple peak challenge and we all at CCF are very proud of what he achieved. The family has set up an awareness website where you can read his story www.georginalucytrust.co.nz. Congratulations Chris for your achievement.

SPECIAL THINGS JUST FOR OUR FAMILIES:

Terry Winn is available to take a **free portrait** of child cancer families, He will come to the home or they can come to his Havelock studio. 1. 0800 740 807 2. 021 649 043 3. www.terrywinn.co.nz Please contact him directly if you would like to get a portrait done, he looks forward to hearing from you all.

Mike Hardy who is based in Napier. He is offering **fishing trips** for kids on his boat (a 17ft boat). I really don't know if we have that many kids in Napier or how this is best handled. His phone number is 06 843 7402 so please contact him directly to organise a time to do this.

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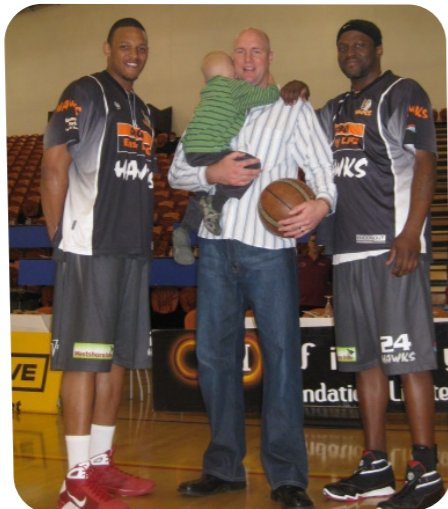


Hawk's Games

We are very lucky at CCF to have a new found friend in The Hawk's. One of our parents, Scott Sclater used to play for the Hawk's, and now he is excited, as are all our other families, to have the opportunity to attend all the Hawk's home season games in 2009 which is awesome. Curtis Wooten, General Manager of The Hawk's even arranged a special couch for



our cancer children and their siblings to sit on, right down by the court which they absolutely love. We have had huge amounts of support from the Hawk's with many CCF fans in the bleachers.



Hyundai Wheels of Courage Celebrity Challenge:

The Sound Shell came alive on March the 25th as people came along to our fantastic event slap bang in the middle of our Appeal Week. Maryanne Chan from Bayswater Vehicles, Kristina McMillan from Angus McMillan Concrete, Jill from MORE FM, Miria Greeks and I worked long and hard to turn this into a successful event. Stolen Records played live for three hours and there were loads of fun things for everyone to do. We managed to raise around \$1300 in just three hours which is fantastic. Some of our children got to meet Jacqui Clarke, Tina Cross and Dave Gibson from Elemnop which was great as well as the Hawk's who popped in to show their support

Thank you to everyone who donated products or their time to the Hyundai wheels of courage celebrity challenge: Bayswater Vehicles, Laserforce Soak & Hell Napier, McDonalds Napier, Splash Planet, Reading Cinemas, The Hastings Warehouse Stolen Records, Eastek, Angus McMillan, Concrete, Hauls Transport Utopia Cakes, Countdown Hastings More FM, Mitre 10 Mega, Oceans of Gifts and Balloons, Fairy Sparkles & Lulu, Shirley Simmons, Greek/Conrad & Wakely Family, Merle Hackney The Hawk's, Our VIP celebrities

Street Appeal

We are still counting but it looks like from our street appeal collection we made around \$27,500 which also includes the money from local schools who sold our support beads on the 27th March. We still have all of our bead money to come in from the businesses who stocked our beads on their counters so it is fantastic. We also made around \$1200 from five auctions we had running live on trade me during Appeal Week. A special thanks to The Hawke's Bay Harley Club, Bayswater Vehicles, Classic Limousines, Kim Crawford Wines, Vidals, Soak, Clifton Bay Café, Bay Espresso, CJ Pask Winery, Cool Kat, Rush Munroes, Ormlie Lodge, Par 2 Mini Golf, Ocean Spa who put up donations for these unique auctions. Of course we are very thankful to all of the families who were able to come and help us collect in 2009, well done.



The Wiggles

CCF had been gifted some tickets for the show, and 50 of our families and children got to go and see the show, but for huge Wiggles fan, Phoebe and William there wish was to meet them in person. TK also secured a special area for the Sclater family to be able to watch the show. Three year old William Sclater, accompanied by his Dad, Scott, Mum Emma and little sister Phoebe had the very lucky pleasure of meeting the Wiggles at 9.00am before their first show at 10.00am. Meeting the Wiggles was just amazing as I stood back and watched the little faces light up as the Wiggles entered the room. William and Phoebe, both a little star struck were able to shake their hands and also have some photos taken with them. During the performance, Anthony, the Blue Wiggle made a special dedication to brave little William, and the whole stadium erupted a huge applause for William and other brave children like him that have been diagnosed with cancer. Also at the end of the Show, Anthony made a point of farewelling William and his family which was amazing. Parents, Emma and Scott were blown away but the whole experience and this was the first of our CCF activities William has been able to attend in almost a year so it was a very special time for the family. TK says "Being able to have the whole Sclater family at one of our CCF functions is very special and even though they were not able to sit with all the other families, they all waved to us throughout the show which was really special.



Trinity Henry: make a Wish Experience

Young Trinity Henry recently had her make a wish experience. Trinity didn't actually choose her wish mum and dad did. We thought it was a great idea to get a backyard playground because most times when we took Trinity and her sister Tayla to any park they would get very shy and don't want to play on the park when there's other kids playing in the park. They only like playing in the park when it's empty, or else they would just stand and stare waiting for something to be vacant. Not only that they would get put off when other kids would come by them to play with them or bully them out of their spot in the park. We tried to encourage them but sometimes that never seemed to work, we had to be with them at all times, and that was no fun at times because mum and dad were too big to be in the park, and if mum and dad can't play with them in the park they would not play at all. So that's why we chose Trinity's wish because we knew that Trinity loved playing on slides, swings, climbing walls and monkey bars. And we got the idea from a backyard playground we saw in Trade Me. As for the 'Wish Day' it went reasonably well, thank goodness the rain held off. Trinity didn't quite show her emotions of joy because we had visitors whom she did not know at all and once again she went shy, but I could tell she was over the moon with excitement she was just waiting for everyone to leave. Once everyone had left she was in there, she wanted to play till the sun went down but unfortunately it rained. The next day all she could think of doing was play in the park so that was Trinity and her sister Tayla all weekend in their park. Not only was the playground for Trinity's enjoyment it was also for her sister Tayla as well. I hope that's enough info for you but that's pretty much it really I think oh yeah her 'Wish Day' was on Friday 6th March, 2009



Siobhan's Holiday Wish comes true

When we were collecting at the RSA on the 27th March, I took the entire family of 5 children and Miria (mum) to help with the collection. Afterwards we had dinner and I got to talking to 12 year old Siobhan, one of our CCF children and learnt of a special wish she had, which was to go on a holiday up to Auckland and Rainbows End. So thanks a lot to the generosity of a number of Auckland Places, we were able to make Siobhan's dream come true and arrange a four night trip to Auckland. A very special thank you to Graham Hill, the Hotel Manager of the Hotel Grand Chancellor Auckland City who put the family up in one of their wonderful apartments, also Hyundai who arranged for a seven seater vehicle to be rented to the family to use while in Auckland, Intercity for arranging bus tickets for the family to get up there, Rainbows End, Kelly Tarltons, MOTAT, Spookers, Auckland Zoo, Sheeworld for providing tickets to these attractions. I know how much this family is looking forward to their first ever holiday where they all can go. And it is all thanks to the many businesses up in Auckland for making this happen.



On the 22nd March Scott Sclater and his family were lucky enough to have a private viewing room in the upstairs boardroom, as son

William needed a place away from crowds of people due to his current state. Scott and William were invited to the pre match team talk, and Williams's courage and strength

with his battle with cancer was referred to help motivate the team when they got tired. William is a true inspiration to us all. The Hawk's attended our Hyundai Wheels of Courage Celebrity Challenge at the Sound Shell and children got the chance to meet the Hawk's and shoot some hoops to. CCF is happy to have the support from The Hawk's basketball team.

What's Happening: Our very own Hattie from Hatties World has entered the Farmlans Purina Pet Idol Photo Competition. She is number 6091. There are two ways you can vote for her, number one by collecting the special coupon in the Hawke's Bay Today's from the 6th-12th April or by texting the number 6091 to number 946. She would appreciate all your support so help her in her quest to become the next Pet Idol.