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Word from Judy

Hi Everyone,

I hope this finds you all well as we speed towards the festive season.

From now on it's a busier than usual time for Aspire as we prepare for the People we Support and our staff Christmas functions in November and December.

Our new General Manager, David, has commenced his role and has been enjoying getting out and about meeting everyone.

Janet, Our Family/Whanau rep is organizing a meeting for you to attend in Feb 2024 - Date TBC.

There will be a guest speaker from Disability Support Link and she will be talking about transforming Residential Services and what that might look like for the People we Support, Families and Providers.

There will be an opportunity for any questions that you might have. We look forward to seeing you there next year.

Shaye is busy organizing our second Wish 4 Fish trip going out of Tauranga. The people that went on the last trip had so much fun and we are lucky to be getting another opportunity so soon.

A karaoke night was put on with Achievement House in Cambridge and was well attended. There was lots of singing and dancing by everyone.

Please remember that we are always available if anyone wants to speak with any of us.

Enjoy the upcoming Christmas celebrations and keep safe.

Judy

Whanau/Family Updates

Kia Ora Everyone,

I hope you have all been enjoying the few days of sunshine and warmer weather we have had.

Not much to report from me this newsletter. However, we will be hosting an information evening probably in February regarding the new initiatives regarding disability services that may impact on residential care agencies.

We will give you plenty of notice but it will be an important session to attend.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season as it will soon be upon us.

Regards

Janet Ross

Whanau Support

Editorial

Kia Ora People,

Welcome to summertime! I heard through the grapevine that from the 12th November there is meant to be a heat wave coming. We are going to get very hot!!!! I hope to see everybody at the Christmas Lunch in November!

I also hope to see a good turnout to the next Self Advocacy Meeting, which is our last one for the year! Its being held at Tawa Street on the 22nd of November.

I wish everybody a fantastic Christmas and New Years and lets see what 2024 brings.

Gerard Knapp

Editor in Chief - Off the cuff





David comes to us with 20+ years of experience in the Health & Disability sector. David, his wife Andrea and their dog Cooper relocated from Petone to Hamilton.

David loves running, swimming, paddleboarding, the movies, cooking (he used to be a chef) learning sign language and working on his old car.

David likes to walk Cooper in the weekends so don't be surprised if he stops in to visit! He is also always open to sharing peoples baking!

David has enjoyed meeting everyone so far and is looking forward to his new journey with us.

INTRODUCING David Darling

Welcome David!





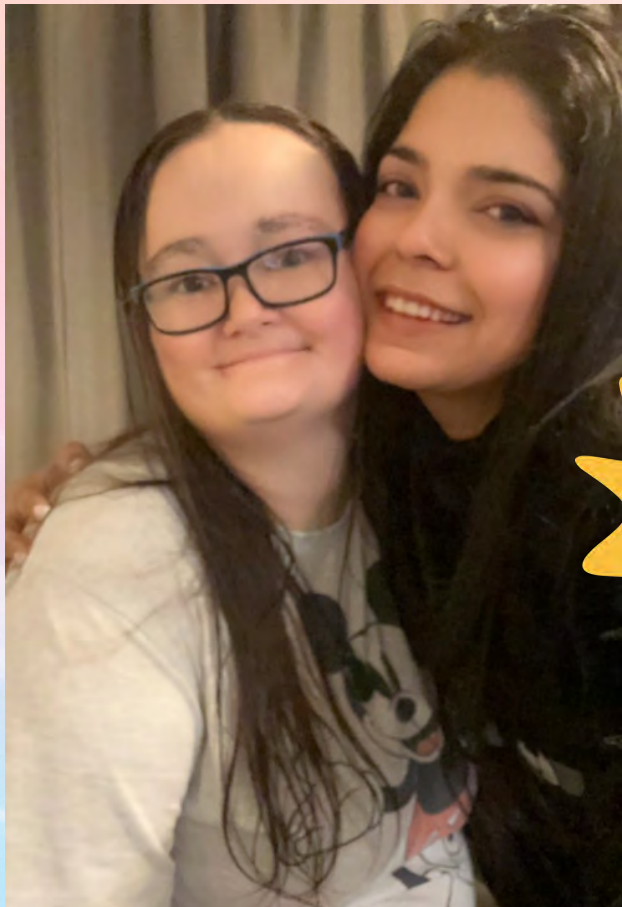
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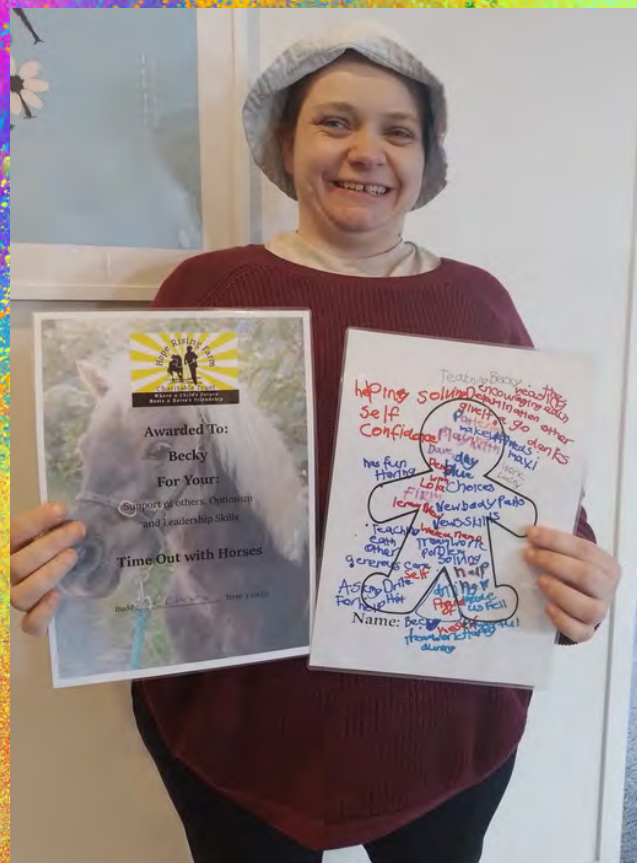












CONGRATULATIONS

Christopher Williamson is New Zealand's first Sunflower Foundation poster boy. He will be working three hours per week from home. Chris started his employment today. He is thrilled and delighted to be a part of an Australian firm and to be paid in Australian dollars. Lisa, Chris's mum, was at Holly Place to support him.





Happy



BBQ





Enjoy
Life





Family







Gerard has been very busy!! He has been colouring, doing puzzles and cooking!!!

Awesome work Gerard and thank you for sharing :)