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Kiwi Community Assistance 5 Peterhouse Street Tawa Wellington 5028

Kia Ora,

Since December 2013 Te Roopu Awhina ki Porirua has had an awesome relationship with KCA. Our Roopu has expanded over the years, with more services to support whanau, this is where your organisation has been a major resource provider of clothing, shoes, kitchenware, linen, blankets, heaters, homewares, one off specialty items of easter eggs, Christmas presents, coffee, to name a few, this has made a difference to the health and wellbeing of whanau in our community.

Since the emergence of the Covid 19 virus and the global pandemic in 2019, TRA began providing hygiene care and kai parcels throughout the Porirua community and recently KCA has been instrumental with providing kai through food rescue which has added to the variety that is in our kai parcels. We would also like to thank you and your team of volunteers who are integral to the behind-the-scenes mahi, from sorting through the kai at the supermarkets, farmers markets etc, and putting them into boxes, then storing for us free of charge.

This year in January, Te Roopu Awhina ki Porirua merged with the Iwi, Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira, what does this mean, this means that we have more whanau in need of our support and assistance, especially as Delta, Omicron and any future variants are still able to cause disruption to normal whanau life. What you do, in the community makes a difference.

On behalf of Toa-Te Roopu Awhina Whanau Social Services and Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira, we would like to thank KCA for providing agencies, such as our organisation, and may our "whanau" relationship continue for many more years into the future.

Naku noa, na Robert Piva Manager – Pataka