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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Support for Kiwi Community Assistance

I am writing to you in my capacity as Manager – Engagement & Strategy for Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten Association. We manage 134 kindergartens throughout the wider Wellington region including the Wairarapa and Levin, Whanganui, the Central Plateau, Taranaki and South Otago. We also run a homebased service in Porirua. On any given workday approx. 7000 children attend our services and we provide support to a number of families through our Engaging Priority Families contract as well as numerous other social service contracts we manage.

Kiwi Community Assistance has been supporting the families Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten works with for approx. 7 years. The support they provide includes the provision of weekly food and clothing. This significant assistance is invaluable to the work we do within our communities and provides families with necessities which in the current economic climate, and at no fault of their own, many are unable to provide for themselves. The weekly food that Kiwi Community Assistance provides to families means that children are receiving regular, healthy meals which they may not otherwise be getting given the financial struggles many of our families are facing at this time. The clothing provided by Kiwi Community Assistance helps families to suitably clothe themselves and their children again something that many of them struggle to do given the limitations many of them face due to their dire financial situations.

We cannot express the positive impact the support we receive from Kiwi Community Assistance has on our families and communities and we would not be able to offer the same level of support that is required without the assistance provided by Kiwi Community Assistance.

Our families are so thankful for the support Kiwi Community Assistance provides and many have said that without it, they would go hungry.

I am happy to be contacted to discuss this further

Yours Sincerely

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