



# NEWLANDS COMMUNITY HOUSE

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of our small volunteer-run food bank, I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank Tracy Wellington and Kiwi Community Assistance (KCA) for the significant and ongoing support provided over the past 13+ years. This long-standing relationship has been central to our ability to operate and support families in need within our community.

Over this time, this partnership has become even more vital as we continue to see increased demand driven by pressures such as job losses, mortgage interest rate increases, fuel price hikes, and general increases in everyday living costs placing significant strain on many families in our area. Since late January, support from KCA has enabled us to assist **562 individuals across 172 families over 35 operational days within a four-month period**. This clearly reflects both the growing need within our community and the essential role KCA plays in enabling us to respond effectively.

A particularly meaningful example of support was last December, when KCA contributions enabled us to provide Christmas gifts for **75 children**, along with Christmas hams included in December food parcels. This made a significant difference, as many of our families indicated these were the only gifts their tamariki would receive due to financial hardship. The gratitude from families was overwhelming and deeply appreciated.

KCA is our main sponsor and while donations from community collection bins are appreciated, they do not provide the consistency or volume required to adequately support the number of families in crisis. More importantly, KCA's donations enable us to provide food parcels that contain a range of essential items, including meat products, dairy, yoghurts, fresh produce, cereals, bread, as well as cleaning and personal hygiene products. This gives families access to items that can be used to create balanced and nutritious meals. We are deeply grateful for KCA's continued generosity, partnership, and commitment to our local food bank. Their contribution is essential to the ongoing operation and impact of our food bank. Without KCA, we would be unable to sustain the level of operation our community now relies upon.

Beyond the food bank, KCA's impact is also evident across the wider community. They contribute fresh produce regularly to local pataka and schools, and have contributed clothing to a variety of organisations including for netball teams of a local intermediate. This has enabled adolescents to participate in sport with pride, confidence, and a sense of belonging.

I strongly encourage any funding providers or organisations considering support for community initiatives to recognise KCA's contribution as evidence of genuine, sustained, and meaningful impact across multiple areas of community need. This will allow them to continue serving the many food banks and community groups that depend on their essential service.

Yours Sincerely  
Debbie Wilson

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Chairperson & Food Bank Co-ordinator