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**Kiwi Community Assistance**  
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Dear Tracy and Phil Wellington

### **Letter of recommendation/testimonial**

The Tawa Community Centre and Kiwi Community Assistance have an ever-growing, positive relationship. We have been partners since 2015 and want to acknowledge what value the centre receives from KCA and their donations. Every week we collect bread, milk, and cakes, and sometimes other items like apples or salad greens, for members of our community who need some support with kai. This service is regularly used and appreciated by both individuals and families, particularly with the rising cost of living. When we receive vegetables, we also use them as ingredients for our weekly community soup day. This is an initiative we started in the past few months, and we appreciate the support from KCA in running this.

The donations we receive from KCA not only support people with food, they also build community. Welcoming people into the centre for kai is a great connection point for people to engage with other Tawa/Linden locals. We love it when people come in to pick up bread and milk and have time to stop by and have a cup of tea or a soup in our drop-in lounge.

We are also more than happy to provide the support that we can for KCA. The centre is a drop-off point for KCA's donation bin, which is generally filled on a weekly basis. The centre is also used for interviews with new KCA volunteers and as a free space for KCA's birthday celebrations towards the end of the year.

We really value what KCA provides for the Tawa community; thank you for all that you do. We are looking forward to how our relationship grows in 2024.

Ngā mihi nui



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