

THANK YOU FROM THUMBS UP

We are hugely grateful to the following organisations and individuals who over the last few months have contributed to the setting up and ongoing resourcing of Thumbs Up Trust. The support we have received has been truly amazing.



We have had an incredible level of support from **Pelorus Trust** for many years. We are currently bringing to fruition an exciting project that Pelorus Trust has funded. We look forward to giving details about this in our next newsletter!



Petone Lions Club

led a Hutt Valley Lions Club project to raise funds to purchase a Ford Transit Disability Van and the Lloyd Morgan Lions Club Charitable Trust provided the balance of

the funds. The van has the facility to slide seats in and out easily and quickly and the capacity to accommodate up to four wheelchairs. This provides maximum flexibility, allowing the configuration of seating to be changed from outing to outing, depending on who our passengers are.



NZ Rail very kindly provided free passage on the **Interislander** for the vehicle from the South Island, where it was located.



With **Pub Charity's** grant we have purchased a 2004 Toyota Estima, which is providing a comfortable ride for up to eight passengers.





The grant from **The Southern Trust** funded our wonderful music therapy and community music sessions provided by John Paul Young, for the first half of 2013. We were also able to use some of the grant money to buy a range of music instruments.



With the donation received from the **Winton and Margaret Bear Trust** we are providing a rich and varied art and craft programme for our young men and women. The money is being used to contract Joanne Eikenbroek as an art tutor for 2013, and to pay for art and craft materials.



Hutt Valley IHC Association donated money towards the Duke of Edinburgh camps, equipment for the sensory room, and earthquake preparedness equipment.



We have received two donations towards the cost of our community recreation programme and the employment of our community sports and recreation coordinator, Jill Westenra—from **Hutt Mana Charitable Trust** and the **Rehabilitation Welfare Trust**.



With the grant from **Upper Hutt Creative Communities**, Claire Hewitt from Fast Forward has provided weekly group drama sessions with lots of fun and laughter at Thumbs Up and the **Upper Hutt Community Grant** went towards the cost of building insurance.



The donation from **Hutt City's Small Grants** fund was used to provide a board strategic planning workshop and training for staff and the **Lower Hutt Community Development** grant will be spent on operational costs such as insurance.

The grant from **COGS** was used towards the cost of leasing our land from St Augustine's Church.



Thanks to Raswinder Singh and the team at Z for choosing us to be one of the four charities in their Good in the Hood March promotion. We were delighted to receive \$760 from Z Petone.

Futrix donated and set up the office computer and monitor and **Connor Stevens** installed and got all the programmes and connections working.



Grant Tregurtha from **Space Wise Shipping Containers Sales and Leasing** has donated a Z card towards our petrol purchases in the next year.



Tourism Industry Association of NZ donated two cupboards and three filing cabinets.



NZ International Arts Festival donated our art table and art room shelves and **Efficient Movers and Storage** carried them from Wellington to Thumbs Up for free (and that table was very heavy!)



A group of friends in Petone gave a very generous donation which we used to buy a garden shed, tools, and outdoor equipment.



Kaye Plunkett donated a hospital bed, which is used for a change of position for some of our people, and also when our massage therapist comes to give massages.

DLA Phillips and particularly **Emma Coburn** has given us much free legal advice, particularly around employment issues and contracts.



Carol Hampton and Anne Starkey made much appreciated donations to help us pay some general expenses.



Nathan McLean is donating his time and skills as our volunteer finance officer, looking after all our finances.

