

Christmas 2017

Missioner's Message

Kia Ora

To quote the radical Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw, "some people see things the way they are and ask 'why'? I dream of things that could be and ask 'why not?'"

The Auckland City Mission has always had its feet in two places. The first is standing firmly with those in desperate need right now, offering hope and support to enable their lives to move forward. The second is leaping into the future, working with others to create a more just, equitable and caring society where the 'why not?' dream can be realised.

Our recently released annual report (available on our website www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz) shows how we have been in these two places over the past year. We end this year deeply disturbed and saddened that so many of our fellow New Zealanders do not have the basic right of an appropriate home and access to a sufficient quantity of affordable nutritious food. We also end 2017 deeply grateful for the care, generosity and compassion of thousands of people who enable us to care for those in most desperate need. We also have a sense of hope as we witness our community responding at many levels. As part of this response, in 2018 the Mission will embark on a project that will contribute to ending chronic homelessness in New Zealand. On the following page you will see details of this major community development, 'Mission HomeGround.' This is our leap forward to the future.

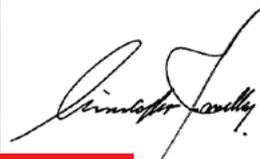
Now, as we approach Christmas, we reach out again thanking you all and asking you again to join and assist us to bring some joy and hope into the lives of those amongst us who are in desperate need.

My thanks for your wonderful support over the past 12 months and my very best wishes to you and your loved ones for December and the New Year.



Chris Farrelly

Auckland City Missioner



"I just want to thank you for the food parcel and Christmas gifts I received yesterday – such an efficient team there and all so helpful and friendly."

– Desma, Auckland City Mission
Christmas support recipient

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Mission HomeGround building new hope

In order to provide effective services now and into the future, the Mission needs a community facility that will empower marginalised Aucklanders and offer people a sense of dignity while they work to turn their lives around.

The Mission currently operates out of three buildings on Hobson Street and Federal Street in the city centre. These buildings are old, not fit for purpose and too small for the growing demand for our services. There is also an urgent need for the Mission to provide good quality, supportive housing for chronically homeless people in central Auckland.

Mission HomeGround: Our new home

Starting mid-2018 we plan to redevelop our whole Hobson Street and Federal Street site into a purpose-built housing and social services facility, which we've called "Mission HomeGround". Mission HomeGround will include 80 apartments for the chronically homeless and other low-income earners on the Social Housing Register. This will help to alleviate the housing shortage and introduce a new model of supportive housing which New Zealand desperately needs.

The ground floor will cover the whole site and provide well-designed, accessible spaces for our social services. This includes a vastly enlarged low-cost health centre, allowing us to increase the impact of

this crucial service. Areas will also be provided for activities that enable the development of social enterprise, which enhances people's skills and self-esteem and ultimately helps move people from dependence to independence.

The first floor will be for offices and administration, while the second floor will be a self-contained drug and alcohol detox unit with 15 beds. This is an expansion of our current 10-bed facility and is aimed at addressing the increased demand this service is experiencing.

Above that will be five floors of 16 apartments each that provide supportive accommodation for some of the most marginalised and vulnerable members of our community. The supportive housing will be built using the 'Common Ground' model, which provides secure, affordable housing that is linked with dedicated onsite wraparound services that address the root causes of homelessness. Finally, a courtyard, garden and communal space are on the roof of the building, ensuring that the building is very liveable for the tenants.

Mission HomeGround is being designed by award-winning architects Stevens Lawson, combining functionality, cost efficiency and good design. Simple, warm and welcoming, it will become a symbol of how a compassionate society cares for its most vulnerable members.



Mission HomeGround Hobson Street view



Mission HomeGround Federal Street view

Look what you did!

In the last 12 months, your donations helped the Mission...



Distribute **12,753** emergency food parcels to individuals and families in desperate need



Serve **210,530** comforting hot drinks at our Homeless Drop-In Centre



Conduct **1,055** drug and alcohol assessments



Provide **14,362** health consultations to vulnerable, high-risk patients



Deliver **411** home visits to support isolated older people



Successfully help **112** homeless people into housing



Provide **8,000** children with Christmas presents in 2016



Support **47** community organisations with food via Foodlink

Aucklanders helping Aucklanders



12-year-old Josh Korte recently secured 40 tickets for families in crises to visit Rainbow's End as part of a school project. "All children need to have a chance for fun and excitement in their lives, but lots of people can't afford to do the things that they would dream of doing," he says.



Students at Avondale Primary hand-knitted squares with painstaking care, which were then stitched into blankets for the Mission by mum Amanda. Here they are, displaying their gorgeous handiwork.



The 2degrees charity team held a flea market for the Mission not long ago and raised \$612. We are so grateful for all of the students, community and corporate groups who have hosted fundraisers on our behalf this year!

For more information or to find out how you can support this exciting new development, please contact Tom or Terry at homeground@aucklandcitymission.org.nz

In their words...

"I feel safe. I have made it my own. I say who comes in and who doesn't. I feel happy here and able to live the life I always wanted... It's my home... I feel safe here - which I've never experienced before."

- Female, 18-30 yrs, resident at Brisbane's Common Ground, which Mission HomeGround will be modelled on.

"I've been here six weeks now and although it's in its early stages, I'm finding my health has already improved. I'm also able to structure my budget a lot better. I'm able to offer my other, still homeless colleagues/friends advice. I'm able to think better."

- Daniel, Auckland City Centre, Housing First tenant.

\$20

pays for one hour of homeless outreach, enabling Mission staff to find and offer support to Auckland's rough sleepers

\$65

covers the cost of one family-size food parcel, feeding four people in crisis for four days each

\$100

pays for 10 guests to enjoy a delicious meal at the Mission's Christmas Lunch

Be Someone's Angel

The Mission needs to raise \$1.3 million this Christmas in order to provide Aucklanders in desperate need with food, medical care, advice, advocacy and other essential services now and into 2018.

Christmas is a difficult time of year for vulnerable Aucklanders, especially low-income families.

Please be someone's angel and give generously today. See overleaf to send your gift straight away.

Keep in touch with Auckland City Mission:

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What's on at the Mission this Christmas

Street Appeal Dec 8th & 9th



Volunteers will hit the streets on Friday Dec 8th and Saturday Dec 9th for this year's Auckland City Mission Street Appeal. We're still on the lookout for more collectors to help out on the day – all ages are welcome! If you're keen to help out, please email Ember at ember.h@aucklandcitymission.org.nz or call (09) 303 9262.

New Zealand's biggest Christmas Lunch



This December 25th, your support will enable the Mission to provide Christmas Lunch for 2,000 guests. Guests will include low-income families, isolated elderly people, homeless Aucklanders and those who would otherwise be alone or unable to celebrate. Over 500 volunteers assist with the Christmas Lunch each year and our special thanks goes out to these kind-hearted individuals.



Each November and December, DineAid raises money by inviting you to add \$2 per table to your bill at participating restaurants and cafes. Proceeds from your meal will go directly towards the Mission's emergency food assistance. Since it began, DineAid has raised \$605,000 towards the work of the Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch City Missions.

If you are dining out this festive season, be sure to choose one of the many top DineAid restaurants. To find out more, visit www.dineaid.org.nz

'Be Someone's Angel' – Give a Gift Today

With over 75% of the Mission's income coming from donations, it's no exaggeration to say we simply could not help Aucklanders in desperate need without the generosity of our fantastic supporters. By making a donation today you will be someone's angel and help those with no one else to turn to.

Money

You can make one-off or regular donations to the Mission:

Online: www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz

Bank Deposit: Acc no: 12-3011-0520064-00
REF 1: Donation
REF 2: Last name or donor ID

Phone: (09) 303 9209

Post: Please complete and freepost the donation slip below



Food and Gifts

You can donate food and new unwrapped gifts by:

Drop off at: Auckland City Mission,
140 Hobson Street,
Auckland

Collections: Please call (09) 303 9200
to arrange a collection



Auckland City Mission is a registered donee organisation. All financial donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Charities Registration #: CC22938 IRD/GST #: 10-007-771

Please fill in this donation slip and return with your gift to: Auckland City Mission, Freepost 1129, PO Box 5352, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1141

How would you like us to address you?

Dear _____

My personal details are:

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please find enclosed a cheque for:

Gift of Choice \$ _____

or please circle amount: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100

Please debit my credit card:

Visa Mastercard Diners Amex

Card number _____

Cardholder name _____

Signature _____ Expiry date /

Please send me more information about Auckland City Mission.

Please send me information on making a bequest to the Mission.

Please do not include my name on your mailing list.

All donations of \$5 and over are tax deductible. A receipt will be sent to you.