

NEWSLETTER

January/February/March 2025



2024 Christmas Appeal

A huge thank you for the response to our Christmas Appeal! We were overjoyed to see so much kai, nappies, baby formula, toiletries and cleaning products come in the door. The total received was \$66,283.30 including cash of \$16,848.80. This result was nearly double the 2023 total! Bless each one of you who donated so generously and thoughtfully.

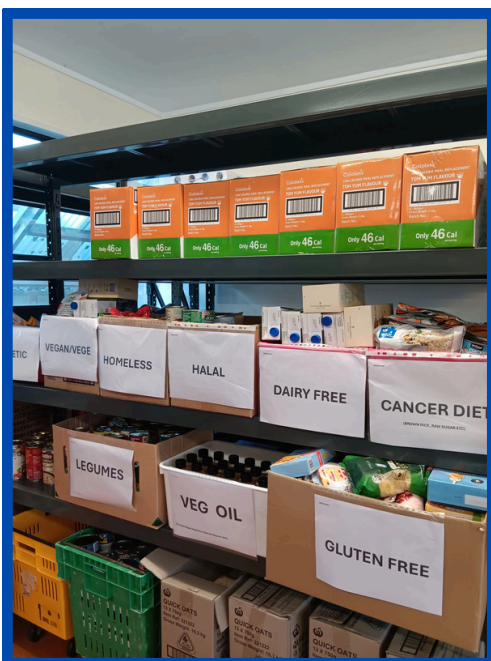
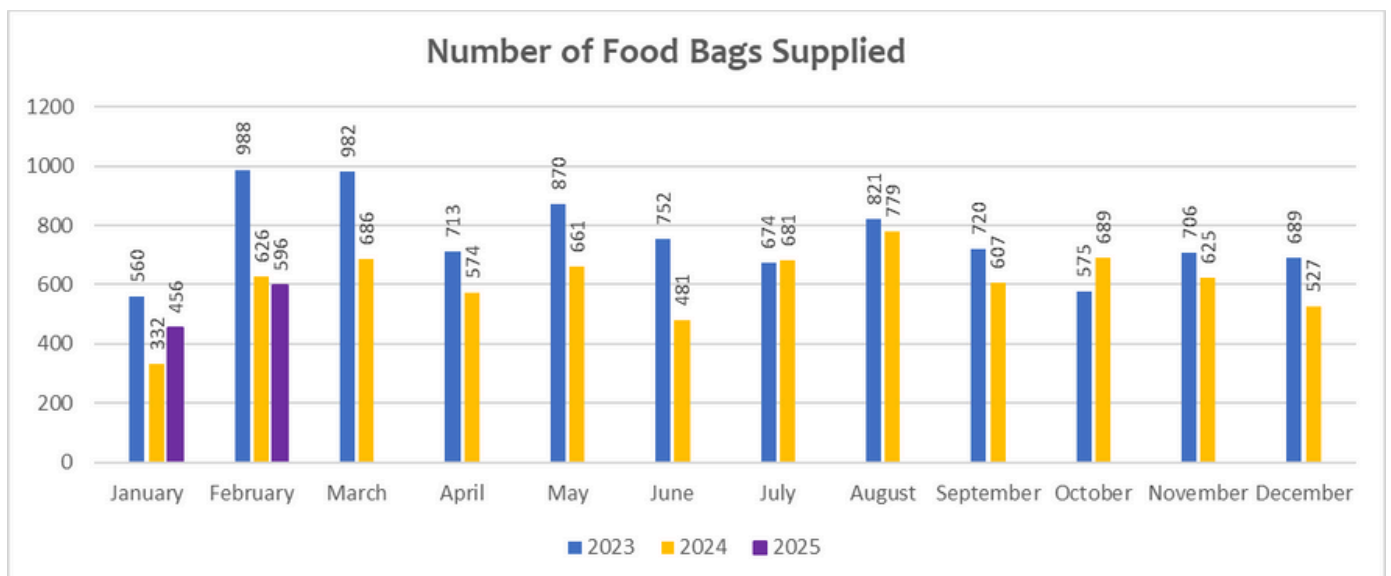


David's retirement

We are farewelling David Barrowclough who is retiring from his role as Grants & Funding Officer with the Foodbank. David started in this role back in April 2022, and his last day was the 10th March. We are so very grateful to David for all his mahi over his years with us, and for the relationships he has built with our funders. He will be missed by the team - we wish him all the best! David's role is being absorbed into the Foodbank Manager's role.

Upgrade to our food parcels

In February we signed up with Kore Hiakai, the national collective of Foodbanks – check them out at <https://www.zerohunger.org.nz/> Our food parcels had previously been sufficient for three people for three days, with whanau larger than 3 receiving two bags, and whanau larger than 6 receiving 3 bags etc. Our bags are now intended to provide three meals a day for four days. We have increased the protein content by adding tinned fish to each food parcel and replacing sausages with mince. We would love to include cheese as a standard item and at this stage we are still trying to figure out how we could do this. Meantime we have increased the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables in each bag.



Special diets

Thank you for the donations of gluten free and other special diet kai that came in with the Christmas Appeal donations. We always also welcome diabetic, dairy free, vegan, vegetarian, Halal and other special diet kai.

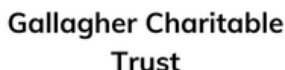
Our supporters

All donations big or small make a huge difference to fill empty tummies and communicate that our Kirikiriroa community cares when times are tough. Our list of Christmas donors would not fit on one page, but here are some of our regular donors we would like to thank!

Cathedral of Blessed Virgin Mary
Chartwell Co-Operating Church
Hamilton Bible Church
Holy Trinity Church
Knox Christian Centre
Marian School
Northgate Community Church
Hamilton Christian School
Link Green
Meet the Need
NZ Food Network
Pak N Save Clarence Street

Reformed Church of Hamilton
Sacred Heart Girls' College
Salvation Army
Southcity Christian School
St Aidan's Church
St Francis Church
St Matthew's Catholic Church
St Peter Chanel Parish
St Peter's Cathedral
St Stephen's Church
Volare Bread
West Hamilton Community Church

AROHANUI to Our WONDERFUL funders



Need Support?

Contact one of our agencies to apply for a food parcel

- Good News Community Centre Nawton - 07 856 5020
[Wednesday & Fridays]
- Kake Oranga Hāhi Katorika - Catholic Family Support Services - Hillcrest - 07 856 3760
- Te Puna Waiora - Desert Spring Ministries - Enderley - 07 855 2728
- Pukete Neighbourhood House - Pukete - 07 849 1115
- Methodist Social Services - Hamilton City Central - 07 839 3917
- Te Whanau Putahi - Claudelands - 07 855 0990
- Te Whare Kokonga - Melville - 07 843 8811 [Wednesdays & Fridays]
- Waimarie - Hamilton East Community House - 07 858 3453 [Wednesday & Thursdays]

- www.heretohelpu.co.nz are also able to provide a range of services.

Want to help?

We welcome donations of kai and other essentials

PANTRY ITEMS:

Canned Food - Pasta - Rice - Sugar - Hot Drinks - Biscuits - Oats - Cereal Dietary Items [GF, DF etc.]

NON FOOD ITEMS:

Nappies - Pet Food - Hygiene Items Sanitary Items - Cleaning Supplies



Autumn Fruit & Vege:

Apples - Broccoli - Cabbage
Cauliflower - Courgette - Feijoas
Kumara - Mandarins - Onions
Oranges - Pears - Potatoes
Pumpkin - Silverbeet

PACKAGING:

Reusable Shopping Bags
Paper Bags - Newspaper

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME

Direct payments can be made to
Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank Trust
ASB 12-3122-0122595-01

Please call or email us with your details for an end of financial year tax receipt.