

# KOTAHITANGA ANNUAL APPEAL

*Unity | Togetherness | Collective Action*



## **Kia ora friends,**

Our mission at Catholic Social Services is to support all people and communities to help and empower them through their lives. We are guided by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and respond to the needs within our communities.

We have a range of projects including;

- Refugee resettlement and advocacy
- Men's Wellness and parenting
- Seasons for Growth
- Prison and hospital chaplaincy
- Benefit advocacy
- Developing the Befriender programme together with Changemakers Resettlement Forum
- Developing community partnerships with other Church and community-based organisations
- And journeying alongside individuals and families to support them to live in dignity.

Catholic Social Services also offer coaching and mentoring to other volunteer, Parish and community-based organisations within the Archdiocese to empower them to respond safely and effectively to the needs of their local communities.

The Kotahitanga Annual Appeal is about celebrating our collaboration within the Archdiocese of Wellington. We are a small team. We know that the better we are at collaborating, the more effective our work is. This is an invitation to you to be part of Catholic Social Services' community collaboration, and to support this important mahi.

## **Here is how you can help**

Make a gift of any amount on our Donate Page here: [wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate](https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate)

Or via our bank account 02-0560-0213864-00 with your surname & initials, and Code CSS22.

Or fill out the form on the back of this letter and post it back to us at PO Box 9408 Wellington 6141.

Your gift to the Kotahitanga Annual Appeal helps fulfil our mission to reach out and serve those on the margins. There is great need in our local communities and the suffering is real. Thank you for believing that together, in unity and through collective action we can make a real difference right here in our local communities.

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki (May God Bless You)

Cardinal John Dew

Kamau (Karen) Holland  
Kaiārahi

This year we are highlighting stories from those involved with the men's wellness programme and our hospital and prison chaplaincy services. The need is great and the resources are few which is why we need a Kotahitanga approach and why we need your help.

## Men's Wellness Programmes

In 2022 we have held over 100 sessions which include the *Great Fathers*, *Game on* and *Tane Talks* programmes. This has been in collaboration with Greenstone Doors. Pictured below is Francis Ah-Ken (Counsellor/Facilitator) and Duncan Holland (Facilitator).



*"Men I believe are quite solitary beings – we have a lot of acquaintances and few close friends and even with those we do not always have the real deep and helpful discussions that I've experienced in these workshops."*

Duncan, Course Facilitator

## Hospital Chaplaincy



*"Chaplains bring unconditional love and acceptance to patients, whanau and staff with no other agenda... Working in a role that has a positive impact on someone's life is a privilege and a blessing and I know that God's purpose for my life is to give love, acceptance and reassurance to the people I meet."*

Kathryn van Woerkom, Hospital Chaplain

## Prison Chaplaincy



*"Prison Chaplaincy is a 'holistic ministry' - providing support, nurturing the soul, as well as meeting cultural and social needs. My faith called me to this role... It is the continuation of many years serving both inside the Catholic Church and in the community."*

Falefou Sio, Prison Chaplain

**YES!**  
**I can help**

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