

20 TOP REASONS TO SUPPORT THE NEW BRIGHTON YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. We have been working with children and young people in the New Brighton community for 25 years and we're here to stay!
2. We work with hundreds of children and young people every week and thousands of local people throughout the year.
3. The building was originally built as a Supermarket and shops, and is run down and not configured in an appropriate way to accommodate modern youth, children, family and toddler programmes.
4. We are located in a central area of New Brighton, and is easy to access for all locals.
5. New Brighton is a low socio economic, high needs area that has been heavily affected by the Christchurch Earthquakes. Loosing businesses, merging schools, loosing long established residents, but gaining new residents who are looking for the cheapest area to rent.
6. The number of people accessing our services has increased post earthquake, due to the extra needs presented before us and the high profile our work received in our community.
7. There is an outcry for the east of the city to not be forgotten in the Christchurch rebuild. The new centre will bring a hope and reassurance that people are willing to invest in the future of the city, and in its youth!
8. The building has been a community centre for many years, and was used as the main New Brighton community hub for months after the earthquakes. It is prepared to be a hub for any future disaster including the installation of a commercial container sized generator.
9. There is no cost in purchasing land and are making the best use of facilities provided, by locking the building owners into a peppercorn lease of \$1 a year for 20 years!
10. The building will be used by numerous community agencies that specialize in their certain areas, by providing services and support for all ages, from toddlers to seniors.
11. It will become a hub of information for locals, including pointing people to other services, clubs, programmes and events.
12. The building work will allow more of the same programmes, plus new programmes, including music programmes, under 5's programmes, drop-in facilities and other external agencies.
13. The plans are in their final stages, with feasibilities, consultations, architects, engineers, building tender nearly all complete, and just awaiting the final stages of a council consent!
14. Three key funders have already pledged a total of \$1.3 million. We expect the council consent to be given in January 2014, and the builder is ready to begin Stage 1 once we receive the \$669,648 shortfall.
15. All funding has already been granted for Stage 2.
16. The building project has already received good media attention, including Newspapers, TV and a nationwide Department of Corrections Art Auction.
17. We have shared the vision with the Prime Minister in November 2013 in a private 30 minute meeting at our premises and been given a verbal that he would like to open the building upon its completion.
18. Our youthworkers are the glue of our community, supporting young people through their different schools, in the local library, on our programmes, on camps, at community events, working with other agencies, and being role models on the streets.
19. We have the support and endorsement of all our community leaders both verbally and written.
20. All the money in the world can't make this world a better place. Yet combine humble, enthusiastic people, with a bit of resource and a bit of wisdom, and you can raise a community!

THE PLANS - IN A ONE PAGE BRIEF

A new sense of HOPE and optimism is sweeping our city, as plans & dreams about what a rebuilt city will look like. We're not too interested in the bricks and mortar, but we are interested in the positive youthwork that can be done within bricks and mortar. 2014 is our 25th Birthday and we are at an advanced stage in plans for a purpose built youth & community facility as part of our present building - Grace Vineyard Beach Campus on Seaview Road/Beresford St. This old Dollarwise Supermarket is run down and still has the look and feel of what it was initially built for. We plan to transform a large part of the building into areas that will better serve the programmes we and other groups run. We are a community hub that has tens of thousands of people using the building every year. It was a key facility on the east of Christchurch after the earthquakes and continues to serve our community as it rebuilds physically and socially. The project is now 2 years old and has been through feasibility studies, architects, engineers, consents and received good media coverage. With the support of 3 major funders we have just reached \$1.3 million towards the revised fundraising target of \$2.2 million. The plans in brief include:

- **Youth Gym**

A multi purpose Youth Gym, large enough to play team sports, high enough to play ball games, warm enough for toddlers activities, and cool enough to do Dance Classes!

- **Entrances, Reception & Information Office**

An appealing building facade, entrance way and information office, welcoming to any visitor, parent or young person entering from the Beresford Street & Seaview Road sides.

- **Foyer, Roof & Structurally Tying**

Structurally tie the two buildings together to meet building standards, fix leaking roof and drainage, refurbish and bring natural light into the long and multi purpose foyer.

- **Youth Lounge**

A purpose designed Youth Lounge, for young people to relax, play games, do arts and crafts, listen to music, view activities in the sports hall and gather whole groups together. Includes double doors that lead into an outdoor courtyard and storage for equipment.

- **Ground Floor Offices & Level 1 Offices & WCs**

A variety of offices to cater for staff from a number of agencies working with children, young people and their families.

- **Music Practice Room**

A sound proof Music Room for young people to learn, play and explore different musical instruments, and develop new talents.

- **Budget Advice Centre**

Two rooms dedicated to offering free budget advice to locals, referred and self-referred, plus an administration office.

- **Under 5's Crèche & External Playground**

Modern and fully equipped Crèche with separate areas for under 2's and over 2's, childrens toilets, changing facilities and kitchen. With double doors which lead to a safe and fun outdoor play area for children including artificial lawn, asphalt, sandpits and decking.

- **Refurbishment of Toilet Block**

A modern toilet facility including male, female and accessible toilets blocks that serves all agencies and users of the building.