

YouthAlive TRUST

Serving young people in New Brighton since 1989

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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Chairman's Report November 2011

A friend of mine who is a psychologist and a former trustee of Youth Alive Trust once said to me "the human body doesn't know the difference between good stress and bad stress". Well this has certainly been a year where we have been put under stress. Beside the usual, eg: where do we get funding from? how do we staff that programme? how can we serve that need? is that activity safe?! But in 2011, we have had the addition of a few earthquakes and the expectations of another Rugby World Cup win. What a year!

Therefore massive thanks to our staff led by James, who have on numerous times well exceeded their job description and provided the young people in the community a sense of stability and caring in a difficult year.

Also, big thanks to our many volunteers' who without their hours of dedication and hard work, most of the programmes would not be able to run. We have also been helped by the wisdom and input from other organisations which we have partnered with. This help is very much appreciated and we look forward to strengthening these ties. Also thanks to the parents and caregivers who have tirelessly dropped off and picked up young people and also your support and encouraging words.

Lastly the funders that have paid wages, donated vans, provided sports equipment, sent young people on camps, paid our audit fees, etc. Thank you once again for year in and year out providing the means to continue serving the young people and families of our community.

The writer of proverbs said "A merry heart is like a good medicine" so I would like to think that Youth Alive Trust and it's supporters have brought some joy and laughter into the hearts of the children which has been a panacea to the stress that has sometimes surrounded them.

Have a happy and safe holiday break.

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Scott Pickering
Youth Alive Trust Chairman

Purpose & Aims

As stated in our trust deed dated 24th September 1989:

- 1) To provide an avenue for practical Christian service such as the provision of monetary, practical or spiritual assistance to the community and in particular to the youth.
- 2) To provide such assistance in such a manner as to carry with it a good Christian testimony so that those served in any way will experience the worth and concern of Christian love.
- 3) To provide such assistance (but not exclusively) in the geographical area served by New Brighton Baptist Church/now Grace Vineyard Beach Campus.

Relationship with Grace Vineyard Church

Youth Alive Trust was originally established by the leadership of Brighton Baptist Church to serve the young people of our community. The Trust was then used to purchase 111-113 Seaview Road, which then became known as Seaview Christian Centre. In 2008 the church merged with a larger city church, and became Grace Vineyard Beach Campus. Youth Alive Trust has always based most of their programmes and offices in this building and in support, the church has always taken responsibility for building costs, insurance, renovations and building activities. The trustees of both trusts work closely together to find suitable outcomes for all involved.

Our purpose and aims clearly show the importance of “practical Christian service” and “Christian love” and this is primarily shared through our staff and volunteers. The majority of our leaders attend Grace Vineyard and believe that supporting their community, giving of their time and energy and living a Christian life in view of local children and young people is part of their Christian service. Most of our programme have a element of Bible teaching, which is made clear to all parents. The Christian faith is not forced or coerced upon any child or young person on a Youth Alive Trust programme and children are freely encouraged to share their own beliefs, whatever they may be.

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WHAT DO WE DO?

Youth Alive Trust was established in 1989 to meet the needs of children and young people in Brighton and surrounding suburbs. We aim to support young people holistically; socially, emotionally, mentally and spiritually through our programmes and our dedicated staff and volunteers. This project has grown and adapted to meet changing community needs and currently we do this through 7 different areas;

1) Safer Streets Programmes. These are all our after school and evening programmes, ran by many volunteers and staff. Including **Cheeky Little Monkeys** (weekly club for Years 1 - 4), **WAVE** (weekly club for Years 5 & 6), **Rock Solid** (weekly club for Year 7 & 8) and **Sodium** (weekly club for Years 9-13)

2) In-Schools Programmes. Supporting the students in their classrooms, at lunchtimes, and through extra curricula activities. Offering mentoring, one on one support, sports coaching, school camps, day trips, lunchtime activities and being positive role models. Our key schools are Central New Brighton, North New Brighton & Aranui High Schools, although we have good connections with others.

3) Holiday Programmes. These fun filled programmes run 4 times a year for four different age categories, 5-9's, 9-12's and 13-18's, for one week in every school holidays. These are CYF's approved and we are contracted to the MSD.

4) Camps. We take young people on trips, camps and weekends away throughout the year, Amped Camp, Base Camp, Boot Camp, Famine Sleepover, Eastercamp.

5) Library Youth Worker Support. We have a contract with Christchurch City Council to place youth leaders in New Brighton Library 7 days a week from 3-6pm. We also provide daily activities for children in the holidays.

6) Community Events. We support Christchurch City Council events such as the Beach Blasts, Skate Jam, I Heart New Brighton and other youth initiatives. We organise an annual Family Fun Night, an EPIC Dance Party and also host dance groups and bands when available.

7) Youth Leader Training and Support. Attracting and training volunteers to work in their community. Placing them on different Safer Street Projects and organising training events throughout the year. We also host Praxis students, offering them experience, support and a structure for their practical work.

What is youthwork?

Youthwork can be misunderstood by society. New Zealand Ministry of Youth Development have released a strategy encompassing all youthwork. The Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (YDSA) consists of a vision, principles, aims and goals, and also suggests actions that can be taken to support the positive development of young people.



The Vision

A country where young people are vibrant and optimistic through being supported and encouraged to take up challenges.

The Principles

The principles of youth development outline what the youth development approach is all about. They can be used as a checklist and a tool for developing youth policies and programmes and in working alongside young people. The principles are as follows:

1. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS SHAPED BY THE 'BIG PICTURE'

By the 'big picture' we mean: the values and belief systems; the social, cultural, economic contexts and trends; the Treaty of Waitangi and international obligations such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE BEING CONNECTED

Healthy development depends on young people having positive connections with others in society. This includes their family and whānau, their community, their school, training institution or workplace and their peers.

3. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS BASED ON CONSISTENT STRENGTHS-BASED APPROACH

There are risk factors that can affect the healthy development of young people and there are also factors that are protective. 'Strengths-based' policies and programmes will build on young people's capacity to resist risk factors and enhance the protective factors in their lives.

4. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS THROUGH QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

It is important that everyone is supported and equipped to have successful, quality relationships with young people.

5. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS TRIGGERED WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE FULLY PARTICIPATE

Young people need to be given opportunities to have greater control over what happens to them, through seeking their advice, participation and engagement.

6. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS GOOD INFORMATION

Effective research, evaluation, and information gathering and sharing is crucial.

Together, these six principles can help young people to gain a:

- sense of contributing something of value to society
- feeling of connectedness to others and to society
- belief that they have choices about their future
- feeling of being positive and comfortable with their own identity.

The Stars of Youth Alive Trust 2011

Youth Alive Trust wishes to thank the following staff & volunteers! Without their hard work, faithfulness, dedication, commitment and servant heart, these programmes would not have been possible!



YAT Staff & Students 2011

(back row) **James Ridpath, Gemma Creek, Teisha Nicholson, Matt Tait,**
(front row) **Amber Henderson, Rob Hart**

Cheeky Little Monkeys

Gwenda Cripps

Lorraine Harris

Rob Hart

Marie Rovers

Bronwyn McKenzie

Abbie Gilmore-Scott

Andra Patterson

Tyler Collins

WAVE

Sophie McKenzie

James Ridpath

Sam Thomson

Deborah Swaney

Matt Swaney

Kelsey Williams

Amber Humm Patterson

Library Youthworkers

Gemma Creek

Matt Tait

Amber Henderson

Kirsten Clement

Jeremy Shute

Sam Thomson

Sodium

Matt Tait

Gemma Creek

Rob Hart

Kirsten Clement

Lucy Morten

Abiel Dayo

Jeremy Shute

Matthew Tonkin

Rachel Grooby

Jeremy Grooby

Kirsten Roome

Simon Woodlock

Jess Stevenson

Greg Steveson

Rock Solid

Rob Hart

Amber Henderson

James Ridpath

Steven Hannen

Natasha Graham

Jordan Van Irsel

Kate Rayner

Kelsi Henderson

Connor Watson

Kieran Fitzgerald

5-9's Holiday Programmes

Teisha Nicholson

Matt Tait

Josiah Dayo

Lisa Grant

Tom Lochrie

Georgia Dickson (junior leader)

Laura Dickson (junior leader)

Amber Paterson (junior leader)

Molly Roberts (junior leader)

Connor Watson (junior leader)

9-12's Holiday Programme

James Ridpath

Josh Haythornthwaite

Amber Henderson

Gemma Creek

Michael Pickering (junior leader)

Eliza Cowey (junior leader)

Eloise Wookey (junior leader)

Emma Fitzgerald (junior leader)

Trustees

Scott Pickering (Chairman)

Andrew Hill (Treasurer)

Linda Hampton (Secretary)

John Grant

Stan Tawa

Cheeky little Monkeys

years 1 - 4



Our team had started up again for 2011, when plans, like most people in Christchurch were abruptly interrupted. So instead we pitched in with the rest of the Youth Alive Trust leaders, to help run the daily children's programmes for the community in Central New Brighton School grounds. Here we were able to touch base with a lot of our regular children and parents. We started back again with only 11 children but the numbers steadily increased and we were back to 30 children on the roll by term 3. Word of mouth has brought new enrolments right up till mid term 4.

It has been great to have the use of three vans this year which means we have been able to access places further afield. The children absolutely loved their visit to 10-pin bowling which was a new experience almost for all of them. We lost the help of our high school leaders until term 4 due to afternoon school on the other side of the city. It was good to have their enthusiastic help back for term 4. Thank you to Abbie and Keziah!! We have had the help of a great young man of the future, Tyler Collins, who has been attending our programmes since he was 5 years old and is in his last year at Central New Brighton School. Our adult leaders this year were myself, Lorraine Harris, Marie Rovers, Bronwyn McKenzie and Praxis students, Rob Hart and Amber Henderson. Their experience and heart for the children has been invaluable in contributing to another successful year of investing into these children's lives and into our community's future.

Thank you for your support in whatever way you may have contributed.
Gwenda Cripps



WAVE 2011

*"Ride the Wave
of life and live
above the line"*

years 5 & 6

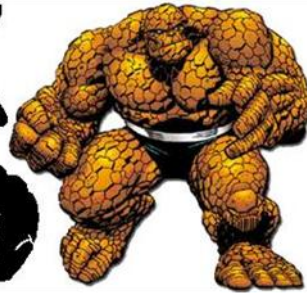
WAVE has continued to be a fun loving club on Monday tea time for children from all the local schools. Led by Sophie, a long time volunteer with Youth Alive Trust and other experienced leaders and ex staff including Matt & Deborah Swaney and Sam Thomson. We picked up a number of children after the post earthquake programmes and they've kept coming all year. Every week there is a new fun activity or challenge, from photo challenges, scavenger hunts, van rallies, dessert challenges and treasure hunts. We plan at least 2 trips per term to places like the movies, bowling and clip and climb, and all this for only \$20 a term!

Setting the right culture of WAVE is important as it will follow through with the individual into the other clubs and programmes. Our WAVE acronym is: **Welcoming Attitude Values Enjoy** and we still talking about "riding the Wave of life and living above the line". It is great to see so many of last years WAVE attendees in this years Rock Solid. It's great that we can journey with a child and their family all the way from the age of 5 to 18, through the many clubs and programmes we run. We're all wanting the best for each individual and to be that listening ear, that encouraging big brother and to give that reassuring smile every week - who knows what difference it's really making in the community!





ROCK SOLID



years 7 & 8

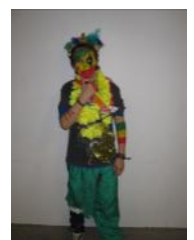
Hanmer Springs, photo rally's, chocolate night, fear factor, pizza challenges, project runway, ice skating, movies, dance parties, making music videos, amped camp & Break from the Quake are just some of what the young people got to do this year!

This year we had Robert Hart and Amber Henderson coordinating Rock Solid for the first time. The year started with a jump start of around 40 young people attending the first Rock Solid. After that the year was all go! Rock Solid's role grew and has kept growing. We said that we could not take any more young people and yet more kept coming along. The role now has 70 young people registered!

38 young people from Rock Solid were blessed by Youthtown and were given the opportunity to be flown up to Auckland for a week – all expenses paid! The week was jam packed with epic activities such as Rainbows End, Eden Park, Auckland Zoo, Sky Tower, Motat, Movies and so much more...

Rock Solid in conjunction with the Blue Light Police arranged and held a Year 7 & 8 EPIC Dance Party. The night was held at the New Brighton War Memorial Hall which was a primo building overlooking the sea. This event had over 120 young people attend from the seven local full primary schools we invited. The young people had such a fantastic time they have asked for it to become an annual event!

This year has probably been the biggest Rock Solid New Brighton ever and even if we say so ourselves - probably the best! The young people come from all the local primary schools and it's so good to see them making friends which are continuing out of school too. The volunteer leaders have worked extremely hard too, and without their weekly dedication, it would not run. We wish our graduating Year 8's all the best for next year and hope to see them at our new Year 9 & 10 programme next year...



Sodium



YEARS 9 - 13



We had to begin our club nights at the end of term one due to building restrictions. At the beginning of the year we were getting a large turnout of young people, youth ranging from the ages of 13 to 15. We also had a new member of Staff join us, Gemma Creek. Gemma has worked in Aranui and New Brighton for the last five years and already had great rapport with many of the youth.

For the first two terms we ran Sodium as we usually do an open drop in centre that runs on Friday nights. We always made the place as cool as we could, lots of game stations, Pool, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, Table Football, Cards and good music and yummy food. After the February EQ we lost a lot of our original young people, they either moved away or moved school. Therefore we were seeing a whole new group coming to Sodium. This came with a number of challenges, and our old culture was taken over. There were a few incidents of stealing, drinking alcohol outside Sodium, violence and intimidation. We closed on two occasions, got extra training and support, banned anyone who stepped outside the boundaries and tried to readdress the culture of the group.

We decided to change the format of Sodium in Term 4, to run on a Monday night, with two vans, 4 leaders and 16 young people. We wanted to be more intentional in our youthwork, and build deeper and stronger relationships with those that wanted it. This will be the beginning of setting a new culture amongst the teenagers and building for the future.

Each Monday consists of a fun activity, such as a Sumner BBQ, a van rally or mini golf. We believe our vision and goal of this group is to give 16 young people a place of belonging and fun, a place to learn new things and new skills and a place of safety and respect.





ARANUI HIGH SCHOOL

2011

Our goal and purpose at Aranui High School is to support both students and staff, encourage school spirit, build leadership and to be a positive influence amongst the students.

It has been an eventful year for us as youth workers at Aranui High but also a year with a lot of nature's interruptions. The February earthquake closed the school for half a term! Once the youth came back to school we were asked to run two weeks of events every lunch time. We did this in term 4 last year with the September quake and the students loved it! This time our events included Patonk, Four Square, touch rugby, Fear factor, Volleyball, Human Noughts and crosses, a pirates Scavenger hunt and more. The favourite event was the Scavenger Hunt, most likely because it involved free chocolate!

Throughout the year we youth workers have helped out at the school Breakfast club which feeds up to 100 students. We have run a Tuesday Drop In Centre that is popular with the students - particularly on wet days. We renovate the room to include a pool table, ping pong, board games and game consoles. We have put on events on Thursday lunchtimes, for instance a Guitar Hero competition and a ping pong comp that even got some of the teachers interested. Gemma has been mentoring a few girls that have been chosen by the school as needing extra support. She also coached the Senior B Netball Team which trained during the week and played on Saturdays. Matt has been helping at the Learning Support Centre on Fridays with four boys - a boys club where they learn general social and practical life skills. It has been a busy and challenging year for both youth workers but one that was very enjoyable and very worthwhile.

By Matt Tait and Gemma Creek





Central New Brighton Primary School

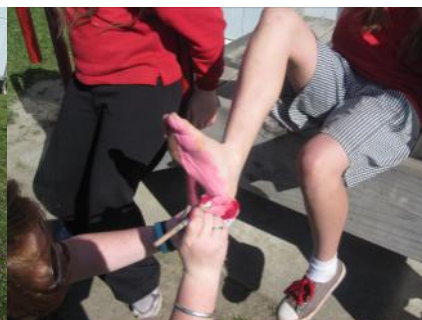
We have continued to work closely with the school over the road in 2011, which started by running the Post EQ Programmes on school grounds. This was followed by a Welcome back to Central New Brighton School Fun Day organised by YAT and a visit from Squirt the Clown. On a weekly basis we have been able to offer 2 male youthworkers who have supported and organised some lunchtime activities and been a male presence in an all female school. We have helped on school trips, been on the schools senior camp and also get called in when extra pairs of hands are needed! We worked with funding from Variety to organise a day trip for the whole school to Willowbank and the movies - which was a big success. We have coached the Year 5 & 6 football team and the Year 7 & 8 football team and taken them to Hagley Park for games every Friday afternoon throughout the winter. The Senior team also entered a 6 a side competition, which qualified for the Canterbury Tournament for the first time in its history. We have also been proactive in finding new football clothing, equipment and goalposts for the school as it builds on this popular game.



North New Brighton Primary School

This year the Praxis intern youth workers have been working with North New Brighton Primary School. The year kicked off with a fun afternoon put on for North New Brighton by Youth Alive Trust after the February earthquake.

The youth workers have been engaging with school life by coaching a winter year 7 and 8 football group, going on the senior school camp, going in at lunch times and for lunchtime support. Amber has worked closely with the Year 8 Girls and saw the need to give them special attention before going to High School. She formed a weekly Group each Thursday which is teaching the girls to journal, new craft activities and to look at themselves in all their beauty! The youth workers have become a real part of the school and have even been invited to the Year 8 formal.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Our vision for running Holiday Programmes at Youth Alive Trust is to give the children of the New Brighton Community a fun safe holiday option and allowing parents who work or study a quality, affordable childcare option. It also gives us a chance to introduce families to other programmes we offer and also to train and build up our future junior leaders.

2011 saw another 8 successful Holiday Programmes despite the earthquakes (January, April, July, October). Both of our Junior (year 1-4) and Senior (year 5-9) programmes, which cater for up to 24 children with each being booked up everyday with a waiting list of people keen to get their children on our programme.

All our staff come from other area's of Youth Alive Trust, and we also use some of our up and coming high school aged leaders in junior roles. This gives us a great chance to develop leadership in our young people who get to work alongside some of the best holiday programme leaders in the city! Thanks to our MSD contract and the Christchurch City Council grants all our staff are now paid a wage and we can offer high quality activities at affordable prices! Our Holiday Programme are always spoken of very highly, and have had parents mention that due to our leaders engaging with the children as soon as they arrive, they walk away feeling safe in the knowledge that their children are in good capable hands.

Junior Programme: Years 1-4 (5-9 year olds)

We have had some new families join us this year as some of last year Juniors had graduated up to the Senior Group. Highlights this year were Ferrymead Heritage Park, Living Springs, Gymnastics, 10 Pin Bowling, Willowbank, Antarctic Centre, Super Hero Day and Treasure Hunts are among only a few of the activities that we have done.

Senior Programme: Years 5-9 (9-12 year olds)

We welcomed some of the last year Junior Group which is always a lovely addition to the whanau atmosphere that is the Senior Group. Highlights included Gymnastics, Godley Head, Living Springs, Hanmer Springs, Mountain Biking, Orana Park and Wheelchair Rugby to name only a few.

Sodium Breakaway

At the beginning of this year we were funded by MSD to provide a Holiday Programme for 27 teenagers. This is the first holiday programmes that we had done for teenagers, after many requests, so we welcomed the opportunity. Our first one was in January and second was in April. The first week we went to the movies, played T-ball, went ice skating, had an afternoon of indoor games, went mountain biking, went to Akaroa and much more. In April we went to mini golf, bowling, Hanmer Springs to name a few. The programme was between 12-5pm as we thought this would fit within teen sleeping hours. After our first programme in January, Sodium Breakaway became very popular and by the time April came round we got a lot of the same ones.

One of the most exciting thing about running this programme is the fact that it's completely free for young people, they don't have to pay a cent! A majority of the youth we work with wouldn't normally be able to afford a week like this if we were charging - so it's exciting that they get such a great opportunity. See our highlights video on You Tube - the link is on our website.



Library Youthworkers

Youth Alive Trust has youth workers working at the New Brighton Library after school each day and in the weekends. The youth workers are kept very busy down at the library as it gets full of young people coming down to go on the computers, play games and hang out with each other and the youth workers. We have got to know a lot of the young people quite well as they are there most days, they come from some of the local schools. We work with all ages, but mainly 10 - 17 year olds. Some are also involved in some of the other Youth Alive Trust clubs, Holiday Programmes or events, so there is good cross over in their lives.

The main role of Youth Workers in the library is to connect with the young people who are coming in to use the library facilities and to support the library staff in making the library a safe place and a place of respect for all people. With so many young people using the library as a hang out zone I'm sure you can imagine it would get quite noisy from time to time, so the Youth Workers are also there to support the librarians by trying to keep the noise level down and by provide other activities for the young people to do. We often get out some of the games that are stored at the library such as connect four, cards and battleships.

Since the February Earthquake, we were approached by the Christchurch City Council to run holiday activities in the Library, as there were a lack of recreational facilities in the area and there was a need to keep young people occupied. These activities ran every afternoon in July & October holidays and included things like Zumba, Jewellery making, basketball, chalk art, juggling lessons and photo challenges. The librarians are also great with the young people and have also been a great support to us in the work we do at the library.



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Youth workers transform New Brighton library

Gina McKenzie

AN innovative project designed to turn New Brighton Library into a youth destination has become a model for other libraries to follow.

Over the past two years youth workers from the Youth Alive Trust (YAT) have been running a fun informal afterschool programme for students.

"Before the programme started

there were security guards at the entrance of the library and the atmosphere was quite different.

"We've noticed a very positive improvement and the library has become a community hub where younger people can feel comfortable," Youth Alive worker Nicole Reddington said.

Ms. Reddington said between 20 and 30 students visit the

library daily for the programme which operates from 3pm - 6pm each day.

"It's not a structured programme but a way of relating to them and enjoying activities together.

"Some of them don't have anywhere else to go and this is a safe place for them.

"We get to know them well and if there are any issues we know

how to deal with them."

New Brighton Library team leader Kate Ogden said having youth workers in the library has been extremely helpful.

"We are now better at handling difficult situations and the environment has definitely improved."

Youth Alive Trust team leader James Ridpath said other libraries are considered adopting the programme.

"When the new city library is built they will offer a similar model to what we're doing here.

"The idea is to make libraries friendly and welcoming to youth."



Library fun: New Brighton library has become a fun after school destination for students. Youth Alive Trust worker Gemma Creek plays cards with Jayden Thompson, 12, Jayden Wall, 12, Kianna Austen, 12, Analia Bennett, 11 and Moana MacDonald, 11
Photo: Gina McKenzie



NEW BRIGHTON LIBRARY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

AMAZING RACE

**10th-21st OCTOBER
Monday-Friday
2PM START**

Monday 10 Oct
Martial Arts

Tuesday 11 Oct
Juggling

Wednesday 12 Oct
Olympics Day

Thursday 13 Oct
Capture the Flag
(or Plasticine)

Friday 14 Oct
Gaming Day

Monday 17 Oct
Giant Day

Tuesday 18 Oct
Jewellery Making

Wednesday 19 Oct
Amazing Race

Thursday 20 Oct
Chalk Art

Friday 21 Oct
Zumba

FREE!

Jenga

ZUMBA

YOUTH ALIVE

Christchurch City Council

Post EQ Childrens Programmes

A MASSIVE thank you to the many volunteers, organisations and entertainers who worked alongside us as we delivered childrens programmes after the February Earthquake. The need came from the immediate closure of all local schools, and the unknown date of their reopening. As a local trusted agency that provides children and youth activities, we were approached by local parent asking if we were going to offer anything while the schools were closed. With discussions with Central New Brighton School and some key leaders and staff, we put together a fun childrens programme, on school grounds from Monday 28th Feb. Our daily programme ran for 11 days, and over 1500 children signed in! All this was done with a youthwork staff team of 4 paid staff, 12 key volunteers and over 70 volunteers, who gave of their time setting up, running sports, crafts, painting faces, making jewellery, looking after bouncy castles, cooking sausages, entertaining, signing children in, chatting to parents and families and bringing smiles, laughter, and hope back into a scared community. We had different entertainers each day, including people who donated their time for free from all over the country! We had very positive feedback from parents, children and the community, and got numerous thank you letters, and some good media coverage, including Newspaper articles, and TV Cameras visited us too!

NEWS

CHRISTCHURCH MAIL, MARCH 9, 2011 23

Casting earthquake blues away...

More than 500 youngsters turned up in the first four days of Youth Alive Trust's special programme at Central New Brighton School and more are joining in.

The idea was to give children structure and keep them engaged, Youth Alive team leader James Ridpath said.

The programme would run week days, 10.30am to 12.30pm until school reopened.

The free activities for pre schoolers to 13 year olds included sports, bouncy castles, games, sprints, arts and crafts, barbecues and entertainers.

It started after parents dropping in to Grace Vineyard Church's beach campus care centre inquired about activities.

"We had no power, no water and no building to use but we wanted to do something, and it's amazing how it's all come together," Mr Ridpath said.

Teachers, sports coaches, mums, dads and teens joined with Youth Alive's regular staff and volunteers to run the fun activities.

Sport Canterbury and Tiddlers Multisport had also offered their resources and coaches.

"The atmosphere has been brilliant all week, and parents have been so thankful that their children have had something to look forward to every day," Mr Ridpath said.

"Routine is an important way of getting over this disaster, so we've kept it light hearted and had lots of laughs."

One mother said it was the first



Fun time: Beach kids enjoy the moment.



Get moving: Youth Alive teamster Tash Britt leading a dance workshop for youngsters in New Brighton.

time her daughter has left her side since the quake and the first time she had seen her laugh.

"Some parents were making the most of the free time to clean

houses and do other tasks or meet for coffee.

■ Youth Alive Trust can be contacted on 3885459 or visit www.yat.org.nz



Clowning around: Entertainers having fun. PHOTOS: ANTHONY CRAIG PHOTOGRAPHY.

Media

The Post EQ Childrens Programmes features in numerous media outlets, including TV3 News, Breakfast News, News Talk ZB, Christchurch Mail and Pegasus Bay News. For more footage of the programmes see the links to YouTube on our Website.



Light relief: Children and volunteers enjoy the bouncy castle at the Youth Alive Trust children's programme in New Brighton. *Photo: James Ridpath*

Robin Raymond

IT'S not being used for classes, but Central New Brighton School has been a hive of activity for young people across the eastern suburbs this week.

The school has been the base for a children's programme run by the Youth Alive Trust for two hours everyday, giving parents and kids a break and helping with life after the earthquake.

Youth Alive Trust team leader James Ridpath said around 600 children attended the event last week.

"Last Thursday we had 180 kids and families and every other day it's averaging around 100."

Even though the programme runs

outside, Monday's wet weather had not stopped over 70 children turning up to enjoy activities like face painting, football coaching and a magic show.

Around 20-30 volunteers are running the programme with donated supplies including marquees, bouncy castles and a free BBQ for the children.

Mr Ridpath said the programme was trying to provide as many options as possible for the children from circus skills to jewellery making.

"We've got different stations and the kids can just go from one to the other depending on what they want.

"People from the library are going to come down and do some story times. Sports Canterbury and Mainland Football are down doing coaching. Last week they did touch rugby and we had a dance workshop and a couple of magicians.

"After that the families can go over the road to the church and get a meal, because the [Grace Vineyard] church is doing hot meals."

Mr Ridpath said the programme would run as long as it was needed.

"We'll definitely be running for the rest of the week and after that we don't know, it depends on when the schools open up."

Schools Post EQ Fun Afternoons

Due to the success of the Post EQ Childrens Programmes, we had local schools ask if we could do something similar for them, as they were beginning to reopen. Children were scarred about going back onto school premises, as this was where most of them where during the Feb EQ. We wanted to promote school to be a fun place, a safe place and a happy place, so ran similar programmes and activities – including all our partners too and entertainers. The whole school would close for the afternoon and parents were also invited to join in, and the incentive of the free BBQ also helped! We then went on tour and did 5 Fun afternoons at local schools:

- Central New Brighton Primary
- South New Brighton Primary
- North New Brighton Primary
- New Brighton Catholic
- Freeville Primary

This catered for approximately another 1500 pupils, plus teachers and families who were also invited. They were so successful the schools have asked if we'd consider running such event at the beginning of each year. if we could find funds. Here are some photos and you can see video footage on YouTube.



Thank You Letters



11 April 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

On Wednesday 30th March, James Ridpath the local 'Youth Alive Trust' team leader coordinated a 'Fun Afternoon' for our school which was superbly organised and a fantastic success. Our students have gone through so much over the last six months so it was great to see so many happy and smiling faces.

Both staff and parents have commented favourably about the event and how much the children enjoyed it. Parents have also taken the time to write or email me about it.

Once again, our heart felt thanks go to James and his team! I have concluded with a quote from one of our parent's letters... "Thank you for organizing the afternoon in which my daughter especially enjoyed having the 'glitter nails' - personal attention approach and horse rides, bouncy castle, candy floss etc. I have learnt that only those living in the area can fully understand what the community has been through and are there to help each other through these stressful times!"

Yours sincerely

B J Bockett
B J Bockett
Principal

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14.4 2011

To whom it may concern:

Recently the Youth Alive Trust were integral to providing care and support for our children and many others in the Brighton Community after the February 22nd earthquake.

James Ridpath and his band of caring supporters initiated a free children's programme of activities during the mornings that the local schools were closed. This was an amazing initiative that meant some of our distraught children had a chance to relax and to smile with others that were going through the same things they were.

Once this school reopened on the 15th March they also organised an afternoon programme for us. This culminated in a 'fun afternoon' including games, face painting, food and skateboarding, (as below). I cannot express how much this meant to our children, staff and community and the difference it made to us reopening the school. ☺



Funding activities such as these is always an issue and we would support them in requesting any help with this that you could provide.

Yours sincerely

Tricia Carroll
Acting Principal

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11 April 2011

Ms R Sangster
Children's Ministry Director
Grace Vineyard Church
PO Box 12006
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Dear Rachel

We loved having Squirt visit our Year 1-6 students and staff. Thank you so much for organising it. We have heard comments such as "I haven't laughed like that for a long time" and "I laughed so much I had tears". Please pass our donation of \$100 to Squirt.

James and the wonderful Youth Alive team organised a fantastic Friday fun afternoon for the whole school. Everyone had a great time. Please pass our donation of \$150 to the Youth Alive team.

Again, many thanks.

Best wishes.

Deb Daines

Deb Daines
Principal



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LEAVER TERRACE
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30 May 2011

To Everyone at Youth Alive

Thank you very much for the wonderful family fun day you arranged and for the sausage sizzle you provided. It certainly put a smile on our school communities faces.

A wonderful time was had by all with a lot of laughter and fun and was a great way for the students to return to school and enjoy some fun times. Thank you also for what you did for the community in the days following the earthquake. You are a definite asset to our community and do a wonderful job.

I hope you enjoy the enclosed photographs of the day.

Again thank you for the lovely treats.

Kind regards

Linda Boyce

Linda Boyce
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
North New Brighton School

Silt Shifting & Care Centre

In the emergency situation after the EQ, our regular young people and volunteers got involved in helping shift silt from people's homes and helped with the food distribution centre that was operating in New Brighton. Many of them were involved on a daily basis, and it was through this activity, that they were able to help their own mental health. Sometime we would take a van of young people to help in a particular area, and this included after the most recent aftershocks on 13th June, when schools were closed for a few days.

They were given no pay or particular reward for their work, but it really made us youth leaders proud of their selflessness as they were helping strangers. It's this positive publicity that young people often miss out on, but being in a group environment was all the motivation many of them needed.



Other Post Earthquake Ventures

We had many opportunities to help the community after the earthquakes, some of which are shown on the next few pages. Other ways we helped included:

- Earthquake Packs for local Schools
- Finding families for a free Holiday to the North Island in January
- Squirt the Clown from Australia touring local schools to get everyone laughing
- Youthworker Mentoring for those affected by Earthquakes
- Finding funding for football equipment and clothing for Central New Brighton School
- Organising a day trip for the whole of CNB Primary School
- EPIC Dance Party

I HEART NEW Brighton

Over 1000 people turned up to Thomson Park for a community event which shouts out "I Heart New Brighton". Local community groups used earthquake response funding from NZCT to bring out the locals, raise community spirit, and celebrate what it is to live in New Brighton. Entertained by local bands NiuSeiLAH and the reformed Smoking Jacket, families took part in Tiddlers races, face painting, circus tricks, bouncy castles, skating, and enjoyed the park facilities while eating free sausages, candy floss and chocolate! "We couldn't have asked for a better day" said James Ridpath, Team Leader of Youth Alive Trust, one of the organisers. "It was cancelled last weekend due to the bad weather, and to have a scorcher of a day just brought the people out in droves! This was a chance to raise community spirits and tell the world we're proud to live and work in New Brighton and we're going to come through these difficult times even stronger".

Marcus Puentener, from New Brighton Project was stoked by how everything worked out, "It started when Belfast Community Trust wanted to do something for the eastside of Christchurch, and after a few emails and a couple of meetings with our key local partners, we managed to pull off a day to remember. We can't take credit for the weather, but if funding permits, we hope to run a 'I heart New Brighton' event next year too". T-Shirts with the events name deemed very popular and can still be ordered from New Brighton Project. Big Thanks to the conglomerate of partners and organisers who made the day happen: New Brighton Project, Youth Alive Trust, Christchurch City Council, Belfast Community Network, Tiddlers Multisport, NZCT, Youhtown, Skate School, Flying Kiwi Circus, 91ZM and all those who turned up to make it a day to remember! See the video on You Tube.



Post EQ Football Fest

Many agencies wanted to do something positive for the people affected by the EQ, including celebrity football stars! A contact of Wynton Rufer had been helping us on our post EQ children's programmes, and approached us about doing a special holiday programme for children, using our community contacts & organisation, as they're based in Auckland. We were able to publicise it through all the local schools, our networks and even take our whole normal holiday programme for a football fest. Over a 2 day period Wynton and his coaches used Thomson Park for coaching 400 children aged 5 – 12 years old. They gave away free footballs, and free food, and lots of autographs. Current All White Aaron Clapham also made a guest appearance! Thanks to our volunteers who helped make this happen, and hopefully we'll be able to use this contact for future events too!



Big name: NZ football legend Wynton Rufer playing an exhibition game with juniors and seniors past and present from the Halswell club last year.

Rufer to coach eastside kids

Football legend Wynton Rufer and his top coaches from his Auckland Academy WYNRS will run a Free Football Fest for children in the city's eastern suburbs hardest hit by the February 22 quake.

The coaching clinics will be held at Thomson Park, Marine Parade, North Beach next Tuesday (five to eight-year-olds) and next Wednesday (nine to 12-year-olds).

For the morning clinics (9.30am to 12 noon) both groups should register via Youth Alive Trust on 3885459 or office@yat.org.nz.

Registrations for the afternoon sessions (1pm to 4pm) for both groups are via Maureen Clark, (03) 3188271 or family-

clark@clear.net.nz.

Two hundred free soccer balls signed by Rufer, Oceania Player of the Century, will be handed out along with free sausages, free apples and free pump water donated by Auckland companies for the eastside youngsters.

Christchurch friend and spokesman Gideon Hoekendijk said most of Rufer's expenses had been covered by sponsors including Air New Zealand and Rufer's WYNRS academy.

Christchurch player and current All White Aaron Clapham will also be present on Wednesday.

"This promises to be such an encouragement to the kids in east Christchurch," Mr Hoekendijk said.

POST-QUAKE FOOTBALL FEST

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Family Fun Night 2011

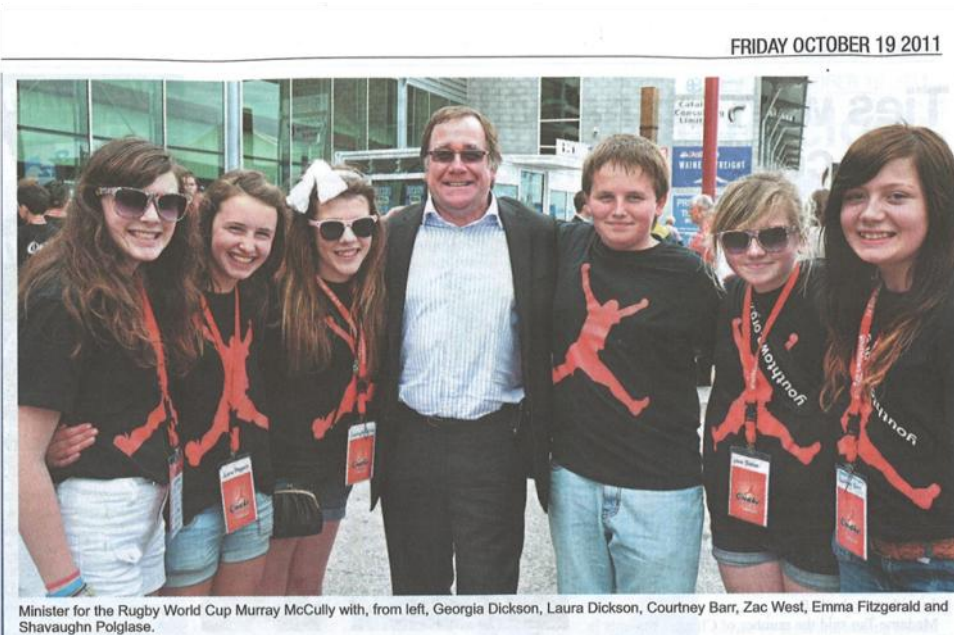
Around 500 people attended our sixth annual Family Fun Night on the night of Halloween and were treated to a huge variety of games, activities and treats! For only a Gold Coin Door entry, all the activities were free with opportunities to win heaps of prizes, such as the Stringy Apple Game, Pea Shooting, a Basketball shoot-out and Play Your Cards Right. Aside from the games, there were also bouncy castles, an arcade room with games like 4 player Guitar Hero & Wii, jewellery and bead making, face painting, café, BBQ, Candyfloss and well known Magician Elgregoe. Over 50 volunteers helped staff the event. Many commented how awesome the event was and how pleased they were to bring their children to a safe, fun alternative to trick or treating.

Big thanks to our sponsors for helping this event to happen, Christchurch City Council, Funky Pumpkin and Underground Coffee.



Break from the Quake Auckland October 2011

A HUGE Thanks to Youthtown Auckland, Youthtown Christchurch and their sponsors for organising the recent Break from the Quake for teenagers from Christchurch. We were privileged to take 86 young people who were connected to our clubs and programmes to camp Mota Moana, and were treated to an all expenses action packed camp + 8 of our leaders! We visited the Sky Tower, Eden Park, Rainbows End, Auckland Zoo, Motat, Zeal, The Viaduct and had a days worth of outdoor water activities! Everyone had an amazing time! The memories for the young people will last a lifetime and it will give them many positive memories from 2011.



Minister for the Rugby World Cup Murray McCully with, from left, Georgia Dickson, Laura Dickson, Courtney Barr, Zac West, Emma Fitzgerald and Shavaughn Polglase.

More Canterbury students take quake-break

AROUND 250 Canterbury students have descended on Auckland this week for the second round of 'Break from the Quake' camps.

Not-for-profit organization Youthtown had originally arranged for more than 500 children aged 10-18 to escape the city over the July school holidays for camps in the North Island.

However, inclement weather in both Christchurch and Auckland caused the cancellation of flights and postponement of the second week of camps until October.

Youthtown chief executive, Keith Thorpe

said a great deal of work and research had gone into setting up the camps.

"We are delighted to deliver the second week of camps for the children and youth of Christchurch who have experienced a tough year at the hands of Mother Nature and deserve a break."

The young Cantabrians are split between three locations in Auckland, Hunua and Huntly.

On Monday, Auckland campers were given a tour of the newly installed Maori Waka at the Viaduct followed by a live, personalised

performance from the Topp Twins at The Cloud and entry to the giant rugby ball on Queen's Wharf.

Campers in Hunua and Huntley have been taking part in a variety of activities such as a high ropes course, a disco and a Frisbee golf day.

All three groups will take a trip to Rainbow's End in Auckland.

The camps are free of charge, with all costs, including airfares, travel, food, accommodation and activities covered by Youthtown and other sponsors and supporters.

OUR Leaders

The glue of Youth Alive Trust is our enthusiastic, energetic, passionate, faithful, dedicated, servant hearted leaders! Nearly all are volunteers, who give of their time, energy, resources and often money to the children and young people of the community! We value them highly and believe in treasuring them and treating them as our most precious resource! Throughout 2011 we have had over 50 regular volunteers and staff on all our programmes, however during the time of the February EQ we had over 100 with volunteers coming from as far as Australia to help out.

Throughout the year, volunteers and staff are trained 'on site' by other more experienced Youth workers. This has been in areas like Trauma after the Earthquake, Behaviour Management, Ethics in Youth work and Anger Management. Our staff attended the 24-7 Youthwork Training conference with youthworkers from all over the country. There are also specialised training events throughout the year such as leaders retreats, which have elements of social bonding, envisioning and planning for the year.

We sent 4 of our up and coming young leaders to 'Emerge' which is a camp primarily looking to develop and encourage young youth leaders from all over the South Island. They are taught on issues such as youth culture, self care and being an effective leader.

As usual we end the year with a celebratory meal and reflecting of the year just gone. These are valuable times to excite our team about next year and reward all the hard work people generously gave for free!



THANKS



Networks 2011



Youth Alive Trust is a member of the Canterbury Youth Workers Collective. We abide by their Code of Ethics, all our staff are individual members and we attend appropriate training throughout the year.



Our Holiday Programmes are a part of the Oscar Network in Christchurch & also the Oscar Foundation. We attend local support meeting, obtain advice, get ideas from newsletters and attend training when appropriate.



We send trainee youth workers to complete the Youthwork Praxis course, and offer supported work experience. James is also on the local TAG Management board.



We join with and support local Christchurch City Events by sending our staff and volunteers to events such as the Beach Blasts & Skate Jam & I Heart New Brighton.

We have a contract with Christchurch City Libraries to supply paid Youth Leaders 7 days a week including the school holidays in New Brighton Library.



We are a part of the Canterbury Youth Services network & attend training, camps and meetings with other members.



We are registered with the Charities Commission of New Zealand, as advised by the IRD, grant making bodies and the government.



We are part of the 24-7 network. We have 2 Youth Workers in Aranui High School who are supported with Training and meetings where other 24-7 Youth Workers meet to encourage and support one another.



We are partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide mentors for young people in the community & local schools.



We have worked alongside a number of new partners this year, particularly in light of the Christchurch Earthquakes. We have ran joint events, shared resources, staff and skills at different programmes and events. We will continue to work with these agencies and develop these partnerships.

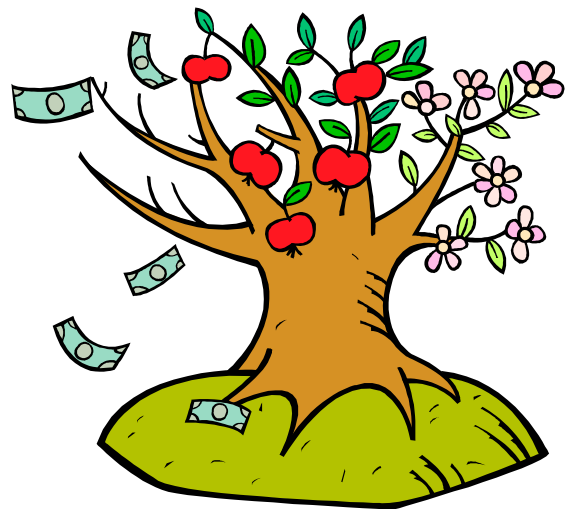


- Blue Light
- White Elephant Trust
- Tiddlers Multisport
- Sport Canterbury

FUNDERS

Without the generous and consistent support of donors and grant making bodies, the work of Youth Alive Trust would not be possible. Many of our activities are volunteer lead, but without the support of key staff, administration, transport, and the constant overheads, we could not operate. We have held a long standing relationship with many of our funders, but with continued rising costs and more groups asking for money, we are struggling to meet our budget. In 2010, we have launched Friends of Youth Alive Trust, as a way of attracting personal donors - those who believe in the work we do and wish to back it financially. However we are still reliant and very grateful to the following funders:

- Christchurch City Council
- Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS)
- Ministry of Social Development (MSD)
- Canterbury Community Trust
- NZ Lottery Grants Board
- Department of Internal Affairs
- Grace Vineyard Church
- Variety Childrens Charity
- United Way
- NZ Community Post
- BP Petrol Vouchers for Volunteers



2012 Plans

2011 has been a year of growth and new projects, and we're looking for new sources of funding to see this growth sustained and new needs met. Here are a number of needs we aim to address in the near future, if funding permits.

Male Mentor

One of the most common requests from parents, schools and other agencies is to ask if we have any male mentors we can provide. Since the earthquake, more requests seem to be coming in. We work alongside Big Brother Big Sister to find volunteers, but have found this very difficult. We would love to employ a full time male mentor who could work alongside primary school aged boys in the local school and local community. We propose they would mentor over 30 young people a week, some 1 on 1, and some in smaller groups.

New Year 9 & 10 Group

With so many Year 8's involved in Rock Solid there is a new programme to follow on their journey into 2012. Sodium does not fit every youth sub culture, and we have already had too many comments from parents and young people asking us what else is available for them next year, not to respond. Watch this space...

Programme Manager

Our staff have been stretched upto our limits in 2011 with time constraints and events, and we see the strong need to expand our management. Therefore we would like to employ a Programmes Manager, who would manage the current programmes, assess current needs, instigate new programmes and oversee a training programme. This will release time for the agency manager to focus on staff and volunteer support, marketing, networking, vision casting and future plans for a new Youth Centre for the area on our existing building.

Future Plans....New Brighton Youth Centre



Pre EQ



2. After Feb EQ



3. Current – rebuilt wall

Our Games Hall has been very well used for the past 20 years and is in need of a 'make-over'! This is the hall all our clubs use for a variety of activities, including ball games, sports, messy games, group activities and challenges. The February EQ made one of the walls unstable, and therefore it had to be demolished and rebuilt. Unfortunately this was our mural wall. The floor is carpet on top of concrete, which currently has rips in it and since the EQ it doesn't feel completely flat. It is a cold room, as the heater that's been used for the past 15 years is very average (and currently not been replaced). The roof has low bearing steel structures, which affect ball games. One corner of the room is dark and cold, and is used only as a storage area. We're proposing a BIG make over, and transforming the hall into the basis of a New Brighton Youth Centre in order to work with more young people, families and the community!



Current Sandpit



Current example of carpet



Spring Wooden Floor

Plans include:

- Making the room as large as possible by knocking out corners and prefab walls.
- Raising the roof, allow for greater versatility of games, especially basketball & netball.
- Spring wooden floor, suitable for sports, games and dance.
- Movable netting across hall, so ball games and other activities can take part at the same time.
- New heating system.
- A purpose built youth lounge looking over the sports hall.
- An information and guidance room for young people, parents or anyone in the community to get relevant information about young people, local programmes and where to go for help.
- New offices including other relevant agencies such as Big Brother Big Sister.
- New gate, lock & alarm system to allow the youth centre to be used by itself, without interfering with other areas of the building.

This sounds more like a dream, however we already have draft plans and in 2012 a feasibility study will be completed. Funding will our next hurdle, but if funders and donors can see the need and the effect our work has had in the community in the past 22 years - it will be an investment into the future of New Brighton. A local builder has estimated costs to be in the region of \$400,000 - we're looking for a miracle!

Friends of Youth Alive Trust

We're only able to continue doing our work because of funders and donors who also believe in what we do! A community organisation like ours needs good infrastructure, resources and staff to be effective, and that comes at a cost. If you've seen the impact Youth Alive Trust is having in the community, we're asking you to consider becoming a regular donor. With your support we're able to plan for the future and be less reliant on the lottery of Funders.

Friends of Youth Alive Trust is encouraging donors to give at least \$10 a month, preferably via Direct Debit. Many people will be able to give more, and we're hoping that this scheme will raise enough funds to support more youth workers in schools and in the community, more programmes and provide more resources and activities. As a friend you can choose to receive all, any or none of:

- ☐ Regular newsletters by post or email
- ☐ Invitations to Special Events and Presentations
- ☐ Youth Alive Trust Pen & Car Sticker

- ☐ \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$.....
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