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Dear Potential "Friend of YAT",

Thank you for showing interest in becoming a 'Friend of Youth Alive Trust'. We have a small but dedicated group of individuals who financially give regularly to us, and it makes so much difference! There are hundreds of stories of lives that are being positively changed through the support Youth Alive Trust offers this community, and the ongoing ripples of this change will last forever. In the past year we have provided safe and engaging activities for thousands of young people and families, but this has also opened the doors for us to go deeper into the lives of young people needing greater support. We have been supporting young people and leaders through grief, self-harm, teen pregnancy, suicidal thoughts, bullying, eating disorders, family dysfunctions, relationship breakdowns and addictions. It is a privilege to be walking with our local young people and families through these tough times, and also have the trust, training and networks to give them the best support they need. We would not be able to run our programmes without the support of the Friends of YAT, who get us out of a hole every year. We are able to apply for grants, but we are sometimes turned down, the funding pots are getting smaller, and the grants must be used for the specific purposes for which they were given and there is little room for discretionary costs when they arise.

Recent Friend of YAT donations have covered financial shortfalls in many areas, including counselling, volunteer costs, programming costs, subsidies to cover young people who can't afford camps or other programmes, new resources and equipment and other miscellaneous costs we don't have grants to cover. Our income is broken down into; 32% Grants, 14% Contracts, 35% Fees, 4% Grace Vineyard, 10% Friends of YAT, 4% Bank Interest, 1% Fundraising, and in 2019 we are expecting a shortfall, having employed a Mentoring & Volunteer Coordinator and offered our trainee youthworkers some paid hours, in order to better support our teenagers.

It really is up to you how much you want to give and how you give. Most people set up an Automatic Payment, and make a weekly, fortnightly or monthly donation. It is also possible to give through PayRoll Giving if your employer gives that option, and others have given just one-off donations when they can. Some have made Bequests to us in their Wills, and others want to make gifts for specific purposes, such as fundraising towards a new van. At the end of the financial year (after 31st March) we send you a receipt of all donations, and then encourage you to send it to IRD, and claim one third of it back!! Bonus!! Some have donated that rebate straight back to us and others have used it as a small savings scheme. We endeavour to keep you updated on our news with regular newsletters by post or email, invitations to special events/presentations and link you with updates on our Facebook and Website, so please email us with your contact details, including name, address, email addresses, and who you would like the receipt to be made payable too.

Bank: ANZ New Brighton
Account Number: 117892-0066444-00
Ref: Friend of YAT & Your Initial & Surname

Let us reassure you that any financial contribution given will be used wisely and resourcefully. We are careful with every dollar donated, and are always asking for freebies or discounts to make it go a little further. Our accounts are audited annually and can be found on the Charities Commission Website (www.charities.govt.nz) If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us or arrange a meeting. If you can think of a friend or family member who may also be interested in supporting us, please be our advocate!

Thanking you in advance,

James Ridpath
Youth Alive Trust Manager