

# SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



## NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

**Spring is a time of growth** - for the Foodbank we have welcomed into the network **Good News Community Centre** in Nawton and **Waimarie: Hamilton East Community Centre**- a warm welcome to both centres! Thank you to **The Salvation Army**, who have long been an amazing support of the Foodbank mahi, as we celebrate our recently signed partnership agreement.

We are grateful for the input of **Aaron Martin** who was the Foodbank manager through to March 2024, and we welcome **Debbie Wilson** into this role. Debbie, who started with the Foodbank in July, was previously with Victim Support and brings her experience in the social sector both in Aotearoa and Australia.

### Volunteers

The Foodbank is abuzz with energy from our volunteer team and we are thankful for each one. We have said some goodbyes this year with a number of valued long-term volunteers retiring - we miss you! and we have welcomed some new faces who we are enjoying getting to know.

### Donors

Each donor is a beautiful toanga as we work together to gather up food for the Foodbank shelves and then get it out to our nine centres. To the long-standing donors, thank you for faithfulness and to our new donors some of whom have joined the mahi for the first time this year thank you for choosing the Foodbank. We pray a blessing on each of you.

# WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE



Big shout out to Scott from Pukete Neighbourhood House for creating the website. This is a great way to help everyone access our services faster and easier.

Check it out at <http://www.hamiltonfoodbank.org.nz>

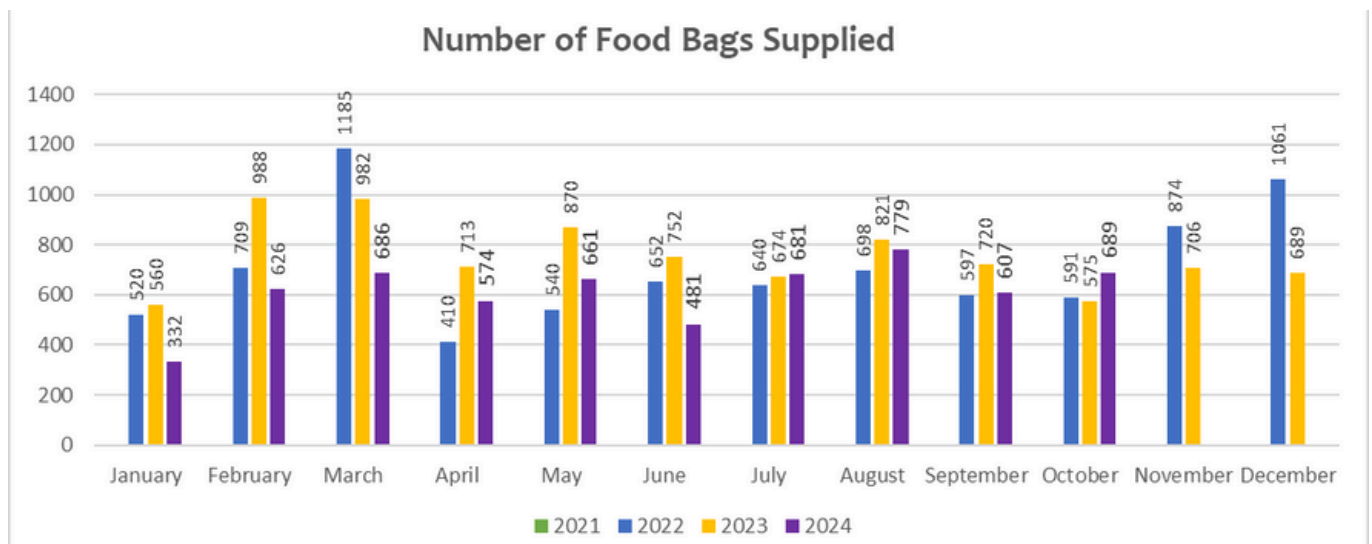
# CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The Christmas season is coming up fast and like you we have been working hard to prepare for the rush. Everyone feels the bank account crunch over the holidays, especially whanau who are already struggling to make ends meet. We love that with you we are able to help provide kai to ensure people have food in their cupboards and on the table at this special time of year.

## Brown Paper Bag Appeal

Over November we are focused on the Foodbank annual food drive : the Brown Paper Bag Appeal. We welcome schools, churches, businesses and other organisations in gathering the kai that is needed.

How does it work? Contact us on 07 856 2520 and we will provide paper bags to you with each bag having an attached list of donation suggestions. People take a bag home, fill it up and bring it back to their particular organisation to either be delivered or collected by us. It's as simple as that!



# OUR SUPPORTERS

SINCERE THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS AND DONORS. THE  
FOODBANK LOVES YOUR GENEROSITY AS WE FEED THE  
CITY TOGETHER.



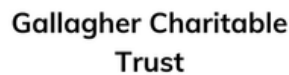
All donations big or small make a huge difference to fill empty tummies and communicate that our Kirikiriroa community cares when times are tough. A big thank you to all our donors including:



- Bakers Delight
- Community Fruit Hamilton
- Cathedral of Blessed Virgin Mary
- Fonterra
- Four Square Tamahere
- Gateway Church
- Grat Pak
- Hamilton Christian School
- Link Green
- Meat the Need
- NZ Food Network
- Pak N Save Clarence Street
- The Salvation Army
- Southcity Christian School
- St Peter's Cathedral
- Volare Bread



## AROHA NUI 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 (Tuesday & 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

### SPRING FRUIT & VEGE:

Beans - Broccoli - Cabbage  
Carrots - Cucumbers - Lemons -  
Lettuce - Oranges - 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.*