

NEWSLETTER

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TARANAKI
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REFUGE

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Runway for Refuge

When we asked Runway for Refuge Event Manager for 2023, Neisha Herbert what her most treasured wardrobe item was she replied, "My sparkly wedding shoes, so much love, so little places to wear them, runway might just be their next outing!"

You may have seen Neisha, sans sparkly shoes, coordinating at NPDC Summer Scene, WOMAD

2023, Festival of the Lights or know her as the owner of event styling business Chaos to Confetti. An experienced Event Manager, Neisha has launched into R4R planning with energy and enthusiasm! "People can expect more. More silent auctions and more fun!" she said. She has an equally passionate team of committee members who Neisha says "bring a wealth of knowledge and experience who, have



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 15th 2023

high expectations of ourselves, each other and the event so you know it will be incredible.”

Assistant Event Managers Tash Lewis and Victoria Garrick are used to supporting from behind the scenes but were both honoured to be asked to bring their considerable event experience to support Runway for Refuge.

Designer Relationship Manager and Fashion Designer, Brooke Barrett returns for the 6th year to perfectly round off this creative crew.

They are all looking forward to working alongside what they call an incredible team of women and are relishing the opportunity to do something fun for such a wonderful cause that supports so many local women and families.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date and start planning your outfit!

Donations

Taranaki Women's Refuge is grateful that our community supports us whenever we have the need.

Often, when we have a specific need we will put the call out on social media and without fail our tribe comes through. In the past 8 years every need has been met and that is, well, pretty amazing right?!

What we have found in recent years is that there is a growing number of not for profit organisations that have moved into the space of donations and offer excellent services to our community. We have connected with some of these groups and they have been a huge asset for us, co-ordinating good quality donations and making sure they can get to the areas they are most needed. This also means our staff can spend their time on what is at our core, supporting women who are living with Domestic Violence.

If we have an immediate need for donations we will continue to accept them and get them straight out to families. If not we may suggest another organisation as an option. Of course you are free to choose what to do with your donations and we absolutely appreciate you thinking of us, calling and offering to help.



- St Vincent de Paul
- Nurturing Families Taranaki, previously Mummies in Need
- Pregnancy Help
- Soroptimists International of New Plymouth
- Food Bank
- Waitara Community Knitting Circle



Pop up Shop 2023

Collections for our beloved Pop Up Shop are well underway with delightful donations rolling in from all areas of the community.

Event Manager, Katey Kat has been overwhelmed by the quality of men's and women's designer and good quality everyday wear, shoes and accessories received so far. Katey said "We are getting a great range of womenswear which is fabulous and would welcome lots more including active wear, menswear, shoes and accessories."

Katey is excited to bring some new ideas and an enjoyable pre loved shopping experience to Pop Up shoppers this year. When we spoke to Katey about the Pop Up Shop committee she said she is so excited to be working with a group of super talented women, who each bring something different to the table. "I love that we are from such different backgrounds and are all just so driven to use our skill sets to create a successful shop. We are all busy but also all

passionate about being involved, so we all make it work around work, children and life admin."

Katey was an immediate yes when approached to be involved in Pop Up Shop 2023, she wasn't perturbed even when we warned her of the



extent of work involved. “Why wouldn’t I do it?” she exclaimed. After she entered her home in Deck the Rooms for Refuge 2019, she said she learnt more about what Taranaki Women’s Refuge does in the community and just how important it is. “I remember thinking I’d quite like to continue supporting this cause.”

Of this role, Katey has “really enjoyed a new challenge and meeting so many new people who are just doing their everyday jobs but are wanting to be supportive of Taranaki Women’s Refuge.

OPENING EVENING

October 6th, 6pm
New Plymouth Raceway

SHOP OPEN DAILY

October 7th to 15th
9am - 5pm

If you, or your business wants to get involved with donations, volunteering or sponsorship we would love to hear from you.

Email Katey at
popup@taranakiwomensrefuge.co.nz



Our Vision

“To influence the prevention and reduction of Domestic Violence in the Taranaki community.”

2022 Recap

Much of the 2022 was spent hunkering down, focused on providing consistent service throughout whatever challenges arose. Housing issues continued to provide strain in many areas, our Transitional Housing team worked hard to support families into their own homes. The Refuge team were busy throughout the year noting a number of new clients reaching out for support which is both concerning and hopeful. Our Crisis Line was busiest over the summer months, with peaks in December and January. Police reports continued to grow. This could suggest an increase in reporting which is also hopeful.

A review of our men’s programme revealed that 75% of men who have attended the programme were self-referrals and 74% were wanting support for their current relationships. These results reflect the aim of the programme which is providing a service for men who want to change the way they think, feel and behave in their relationships.

Taranaki Women’s Refuge are an independent, non-profit Charitable Trust. Our services are confidential, non-discriminatory and for all women aged 18-65 years’ old who have been or are experiencing Domestic Violence.

Our Services Include:

- 24-hour 0800 crisis line
- A confidential safe house (criteria applies)
- Safety planning
- Advocacy, advice, information, support, intensive social work
- Whanau Protect home safety systems
- Transitional Housing (referrals via W&I only)
- Community Education
- Aspire Men’s Project
- Collaboration and referrals to appropriate external agencies
- Referrals received from Police, Crisis Line, website, community office drop ins, TDHB, external agencies both government and community

VACANCY

CALL OUT WORKER

Do you enjoy varied work that is purposeful? Are you looking for part time work to supplement your income? Do you have an interest in supporting women to become safe?

After more than a decade, one of our wonderful evening call-out workers has decided it's time to move on. We are now seeking expressions of interest for this essential part time position. The primary objective of this role is providing after hours assistance to women and children who are at immediate risk of domestic violence. You will be on a 2 weeks off, 1 week on roster with a small and dedicated team who respond to crisis line referrals between 5pm and 8am daily including weekends and public holidays. This is a paid position.

You will have:

- 2 or more years experience working with women and children in crisis – desired but training will be provided.
- Ability to record accurate information.
- Knowledge of Tikanga and Kaupapa Maori.
- Full drivers licence.
- Respect and understanding of individual rights
- A belief in the rights to safety and freedom of choice for women (and their children).
- Ability to convey high personal and professional integrity.
- Good communication and listening skills.
- Ability to identify and manage one's own stress.

While the demands of this role can at times be low, the responsibility of being available on your rostered days is essential. If you would like to know more or have any questions please email:

admin@taranakiwomensrefuge.co.nz
for an application pack

Do you want to know how you can support Taranaki Women's Refuge?

We gratefully receive one-off or regular financial donations

INTERNET BANKING

Our account details

TSB Account Number 15-3942-0563679-00

CREDIT CARD

You can also make a secure donation using your credit card. Please go to

www.taranakiwomensrefuge.co.nz
and click "Donate Now"

Contributions are tax deductible

FOOD DONATIONS

The Taranaki Women's Refuge always welcomes donations of food to support families in our community. We appreciate donations of non-perishable or frozen food, which can be dropped into our office.

Taranaki Women's Refuge

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