

NEWSLETTER



TARANAKI
WOMEN'S
REFUGE

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Our Year in Photos

Pop Up Shop

Taranaki's largest sustainable pre-loved clothing sale was a huge event this year with thousands of items being loved once more by happy shoppers!

A huge thank you to all of our sponsors, everyone who donated, our amazing volunteers, keen shoppers and of course our wonderful committee for this year.

The Pop-Up Shop is always such a great event that involves the whole community – we love being able to provide something that everyone can get involved in and benefit from.

Keep an eye on social media for details of Pop Up Shop 2024!



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Runway for Refuge 2023

Oh what a night! Fashion, auctions, raffles, designer tees, goodie bags, the remarkable Mea Motu and more!

This evening is always an exciting opportunity to dress up and celebrate some of New Zealand's most talented Fashion Designers while remembering the why of what is the core of our mahi – providing a safe place for women and their children to get the support they need to become and remain free from violence.

The message that shone through from Mea was 'don't be a bystander, call the Police, get help.'

You should never put yourself in a dangerous position but you can always call for help.

Thank you to the very many designers and businesses that contributed so generously, to our volunteers, MC and Auctioneer, our guests and our amazing committee.

We look forward to the return of Runway for Refuge 2024!



Be sure to follow Instagram @runwayforrefuge2023 and Facebook @runwayforrefuge





..... *Runway for Refuge*

Deck the Rooms for Refuge

It was truly wonderful to have Deck the Rooms for Refuge return to our events calendar this year. Our incredible home owners generously opened their homes to over 1000 people decorated with their interpretation of Christmas and boy did they nail it. Even though the weather wasn't 100%, the feeling of joy, excitement was palpable and it really was a great day out.

A huge thank you to all of the businesses, individuals, volunteers, friends and family that helped contribute to such a joyous event. We are already looking forward to Deck the Rooms 2025!



Did you attend our events this year?
We welcome your feedback, please click on the survey links below.



..... *Deck the Rooms for Refuge*

Annual Appeal 2023

This was our most well supported Annual Street Appeal yet. With students, volunteers and businesses heading to the streets to take a stand with us, it felt pretty awesome to have a visible presence in Taranaki. Thank you to everyone who donated, shared a kind word and supported our mahi. We look forward to being out and about again in July 2024.





Thank you for your support Taranaki

Thank you to our Volunteers

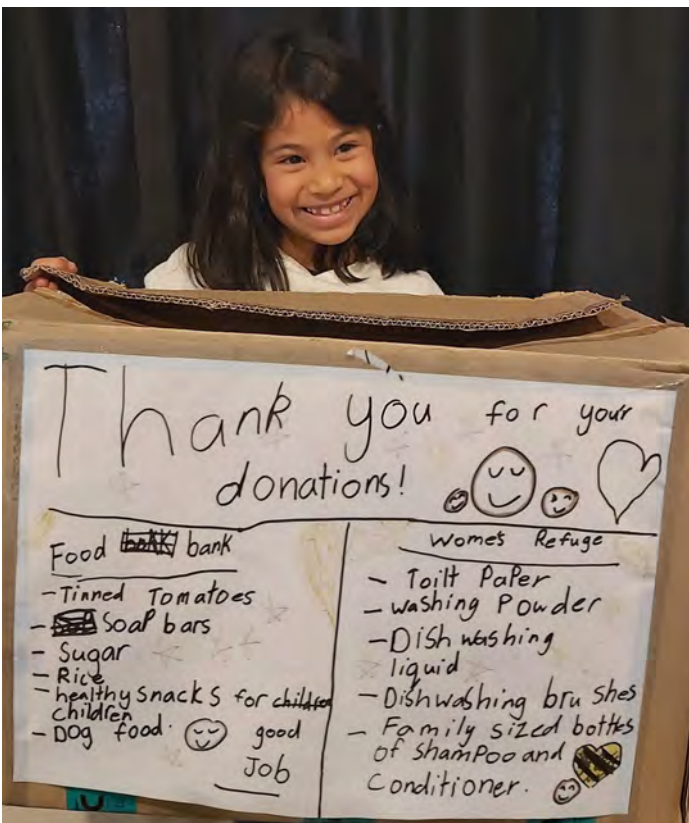
It takes a huge amount of work to provide services, run events and get everything we need to done, without calling on staff who need to be at the coalface. This year we have been blessed with so much support from our volunteers in all facets and we want to give them a heartfelt thank you. Often they work without search for thanks or acknowledgment but we couldn't do what we need to without them. Thank you all so much for what you do, we are so grateful to you!







So grateful for your Donations





Staff Changes

We farewelled two brilliant social workers this year, Sam and Ruby who have both moved on to new roles and great opportunities. We wish them all the best and thank them for their passion and dedication to their work at TWR.

We have recently welcomed a new social worker Georgia who has hit the ground running and look forward to Cheryl taking up the reigns of a new role - Team Leader in early 2024.

Christmas Message

From our Manager

May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings you and your family joy be yours this holiday season. If you have had a year of challenges, we hope that the new year brings you new and exciting possibilities.

If you are fearful of your safety, you should ring the Police on 111.
If you **qualify for emergency accommodation** ring MSD on 0800 559 009.
If you require our support over the Christmas and New Year period, we can be contacted via 0800 827 973.

We wish you all a wonderful safe summer and a happy 2024



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.

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On behalf of all the women and children in Taranaki who will benefit from your generosity, we sincerely thank you for your kindness.