



# Thrive Teen Parent Support Trust

## Annual Report 2017-2018



## Chair Report

*E ngā mana, E ngā reo, E ngā karangatanga maha, Tēnā koutou.*

Every day I am reminded of the important work that Thrive is able to achieve. Touching people's lives, especially our tamariki and rangatahi is a privilege and I am honoured to be involved in leading this service along with my fellow Board members.

I celebrate with you all, the successes of our young parents and their children, whatever that may mean for them. I am told that over the last year, 108 teen parents and 62 pepi have been supported by our wee service. All of the 19 teen dads either joined the service with their partner or shortly thereafter. I know that the lives of the young parents and their children is far from simple, I know that securing a safe, warm and affordable home is difficult, that raising a child alone is, and can be tough, that not having enough of anything; money, kai, clothing, support and love can be really hard and that being left behind by loved ones and in some instances when your child is uplifted can be both depressing and heartbreaking. I also know that teen parents and their tamariki deserve a chance. A chance and an opportunity to be heard and listened to, to learn and become learned, to strive and to thrive and to reach their fullest potential. I, we, want the very best for our young parents and their babies.

On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank our CEO, Cinnamon Whitlock for her adaptability and commitment to Thrive and to the impressive team who continue to work tirelessly for our young teen parents and their children. We are genuinely grateful.

Nga Manaakitanga

**Josie Smith, Ngati Te Ata**

Chairperson



## CEO Report

Another year has flown by and I continue to be in awe of the our service that continues to continue notwithstanding our precarious financial position and our size.

In a society that fails to fully comprehend the harmful effects of its colonial past, we at Thrive attempt to shed light on the historical trauma, the intergenerational impact and institutional racism that is so evident in the daily lives of the many young parents and their whanau that we serve.

We know the importance of having the basic human needs met and how difficult it is in seeking help yet alone the right help. It is hoped that in the foreseeable future, more, much more research, policy gains, service development is directed towards enabling teen parents and their children to fully embrace their full potential.

I wish to offer my sincere gratitude to the many friends, donors, and services that support Thrive in delivering meaningful and measurable assistance and support to young mums and their babies and teen parent couples across West and Central Auckland. I understand that the transformational change happens when people genuinely and freely give and commit to change. Change, positive change happens when our village and whānau work together with a common purpose and goal in mind. Thrive with the overwhelming support of many has made a difference in many peoples' lives, young parents, their whanau, their babies.

All of what we do at Thrive cannot happen without the generous support of many who give, in particular 'The Warehouse — Westgate, Trust Community Foundation, Foundation North, Vodafone Foundation, Lotteries NZ, The Ministry of Health, Health Promotion Agency, Auckland Council and Oranga Tamariki. In addition we continue to receive great support from our partners; Littlemore, Waitakere Anti-Violence Essential Services and Te Atatu Maori Women's' Welfare League.

Finally, I wish to honour and acknowledge the leadership and trust bestowed by my Board, a group of strong minded, Iwi leaders, wahine toa and Wilson Irons who openly give, guide and love all that we do at Thrive. To the staff and to our volunteers special thanks for your above and beyond approach ... that tells me and everyone else that what we do here at Thrive is more than a job but a way of being and for that I am, we are truly indebted.

**Cinnamon Whitlock**, *Ngapuhi Ngati Kahu ki Whangaroa, Te Rarawa, Waikato*

**CEO**





**Parenting Young Together**



**Raranga Wananga**



**Whanau Tuatahi**



**Korean Consulate Visit and Food Bags**

# A Snapshot of our Year

## THRIVE TEEN PARENT SUPPORT TRUST

Confident young parents to be and young parents who are connected, empowered and enabled to parent positively with their children.

### Service Performance

### Year ended 30 June 2018



#### INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Social Support

89



#### KOHA

Food parcels delivered to clients by Thrive. Food supplied by Fair Food

276



#### SOCIAL ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Whanau (Clients over 20 years)

46



#### BABY CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT

Private donations and Littlemore Partner

84



#### VOLUNTEER NEIGHBOUR

Teen Parenting Programme

20



#### CHRISTMAS BOX

Sponsored



38



#### TEEN DADS

Mentoring and Social Support

19



#### KOREAN FOOD BAGS

Gifted by Korean Consulate

92

#### WHANAU TUATAHI

80



#### RARANGA WANANGA

Wahakura

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Wilson Irons

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Kiwibank

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Integrity Audits