

Churches helping people

April 2021



Helping Families in Hastings/Napier for 30 Years

Good morning all

Thank you for your continued support of our work to help those in need in the Napier/Hastings areas. In the first three months of this year, with your help, Christian Lovelink has helped 163 families with 2744 items, an average of 17 items per family. Without you, this would not be possible.

About us

For those who are receiving this newsletter for the first time, and who may not know much about Christian Lovelink, we are a not for profit registered charity that gives household goods to those in need in the Napier/Hastings areas. It has been operational in the Hawkes Bay for 30 years this coming December. All the goods are received from generous donations in our Hawkes Bay community. We have a team of approximately 40 volunteers who contribute over 5000 hours each year. There are currently over 20 different non government agencies referring families to CLL for assistance. We also receive a good number of "self referrals" from people who have heard about us in the community.

The year so far

In January Christian Lovelink very unusually for summer, we ran out of blankets . An SOS was sent out, and **many thanks to all those who responded**. You saved the day!!! Unfortunately, with autumn setting in and winter on the horizon, once again our **cupboards are completely empty of blankets and duvet inners**. So, please, if any of you have blankets or duvets, or know of anyone who has these, contact us and we will arrange to have them picked up.



Alternatively you can drop them off at the office of

**Stuart Nash MP 155a Tennyson St Napier OR
Anna Lorck MP 129 Queen St East Hastings,
the week of May 3rd to 7th.**

Many thanks to Stuart and Anna for helping CLL in this huge area of need.

Christian Lovelink continues to give out large amounts of linen (sheets, towels...) and to date this year 100 beds have been given out.

Challenges

Due to the increased number of referrals for people in transitional housing, where the recipients often have nothing other than their clothes, the main challenge is in the turn around time for processing orders. A “house lot” takes time to put together, and will often be one complete truck load, meaning that only two orders can be delivered on that day. **On average, it will take one week from the date of the referral receipt from an agency to delivery**, longer if it is a Hastings referral and it does not line up with our delivery schedule, which to Hastings is not daily. **Agencies can pick up orders themselves direct from the warehouse with permission from Ian Jones the Operations Manager.**

The need in the Hastings area has grown substantially over the last quarter, with CLL now delivering 2 days a week to Hastings, sometimes 3 days a week. Previously it was only once a week.

Needs

Currently the need is for blankets, duvets, cutlery (knives, forks, spoons...), pots and pans and the long standing ongoing need for sets of drawers as well as the blankets and duvet inners mentioned earlier.

We have had a number of organisations who have donated items to CLL when upgrading furniture etc. in their facilities, so please remember us if you have spare items. If we can reuse it, then we are always happy to take it off your hands.

Communication

If you'd like to know more about our Organisation, visit the Warehouse (referring staff only), or have Ian, our Operations Manager give a presentation, then contact the office on 843 9803.

Thank you

Finally just a big thank you to all those people and organisations out there who help us in any way. Thank you for your time, your referrals, and the items you donate to our Organisation. It improves the lives of the people that receive the goods and the fact that this can be done without increasing their debt is such a blessing to them.

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