

# A Christian Child and Family Support Service



## The Open Home Foundation

The Open Home Foundation of New Zealand is a Christian Child and Family Support Service that works within the provisions of the Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act (1989). Founded in Wellington in 1977 Open Home Foundation has 15 Service Centres throughout New Zealand providing quality services for children, young people and their family/whānau.

Open Home Foundation staff and volunteers are from a variety of Christian Church denominations.

We respect the diversity of belief and ethnicity found within our nation. We encourage children and parents to be proud of their family/whānau and cultural heritage. In particular, we have a commitment to work in a manner which is honouring to Māori, and reflects the Treaty of Waitangi.

## The Vision

The Open Home Foundation has a vision: a vision of every child growing up in a secure and loving family; a vision of every child receiving a depth of care which will bless them for the rest of their lives.

Children need love without conditions, safety, security and a sense of belonging. This happens best when they belong to a family/whānau that is committed to them no matter what.

## Families in Need of Support

Families come under stress for all sorts of reasons. It may be on account of relationship breakdown, parenting or behavioural problems, poverty, alcohol and drug addiction, physical, emotional or mental illness.

Open Home Foundation responds to these situations and helps empower families to overcome their difficulties and bring love and security into the lives of their children. This is done through our social work support, foster care, parenting education, special purpose family homes and family mentoring.

Our services are provided to families with children and young persons aged between 0 and 17.

