



You help families and communities

De Paul House has been providing housing and family support services since 1986. It responds to the needs of homeless families. It accepts families of all nationalities and religions.

Nowhere to turn

Anna arrived at De Paul House reception in a state of shock. The mum of two-year-old twins was days away from being homeless. She'd tried every possible avenue to find accommodation since her long-term rental was no longer available to them. De Paul House was her last hope.

Anna wasn't used to asking for help. "I've never been in a situation like this before," she said. "When I came into the DPH office, I couldn't say it I just couldn't say, I'm going to be homeless this week. When I finally found the courage to tell them, I've got nowhere to live, I was just trying hard not to cry. All I was thinking about was my boys."

Like many families, Anna had already been through many struggles in her life but the sudden

prospect of homelessness came as a huge blow.

During her pregnancy, she'd been working in a physically demanding job until she was 22 weeks.

Anna was soon hospitalised with complications and spent the rest of her pregnancy in a wheelchair. The twins were born premature, spending the first months of their lives at the specialist care baby unit at Waitakere hospital. One of the twins still struggles with ongoing

health issues. Anna tried her best to provide for their ongoing care, using her savings to buy everything they needed.

The boys' father couldn't cope with the responsibility of twins with high needs so Anna brought them up on her own as a single mum. Anna managed but was devastated when her landlord told her she would have to leave.

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A gift in your Will helps future generations

A gift that keeps on giving; keeping your Catholic faith and values alive.

Many supporters of the Foundation want to know that their Catholic faith and values, which they have cherished throughout their lives, will have some lasting and positive impact on future generations. That is why they have made provision in their Will to support the work of the Foundation well into the future.

If you would like your faith and values to live on, so that future generations

will be cared for and supported, then please consider making your Will the Will of a Catholic and leave a gift to the Catholic Caring Foundation.

Leaving a gift in your Will is a most special and personal way of providing care and support to families and communities in the future, just like Anna and her twins.

If this special gift is something you would like to discuss, then please call, in confidence, our Manager Ann

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will (legacy or bequest), your gift would be truly appreciated. If you have already left a gift in your Will, thank you for ensuring that future vulnerable families and individuals in need will receive help and support.
Bishop Pat, Patron

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Anna spent 10 weeks searching for a property and was desperate and worried that she would never find somewhere, when she received the call that there was room for her and her twins at De Paul House.

Anna remembers arriving and feeling, "such relief. It was just like heaven! All my worries were just gone."

The twins attended the early childhood centre where they are making progress and are no longer the shy, cautious boys they were when they first arrived. Anna can now finally focus on being their mum and planning their next steps rather than worrying about where they would be sleeping. She also attends the onsite adult learning centre and is enjoying building her skills.

The team at De Paul House have done an amazing job of providing hope and possibility, and wrap-around support for this mum and her children.

Supporter Survey

A huge thank you for your valuable feedback. Your comments, insights and feedback are invaluable and will help shape the Foundation as we look at how we can best support our families and communities into the future.

68.9% Believed the Foundation was an important charity.

We asked you why supporting the Catholic Caring Foundation was important to you.

42.3% of you said it was because you cared about the areas of need where the foundation gives grants.

A further **53.8%** said it was because the Foundation was a Catholic charity.

Thank you for helping us reach 30 years of caring



Through the wonderful support of donors, parishes, schools, trusts, other foundations and those who have left a bequest to the foundation, we have been caring for our community for 30 years. Thank you for sharing the journey with us.

Will you support future generations?

A message from Bishop Pat

My dear brothers and sisters, over the past months, since I last wrote to you, two major events have burdened hearts all around the world.

We will never forget the horror of the killings of our Muslim brothers and sisters in prayer on 15th March in Christchurch or the callous bombing of worshippers at Easter Sunday Mass in Sri Lanka. Those who lost their lives were mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, brothers and sisters. They were cherished and loved, and now leave behind grieving families and communities.

I wanted to reflect with you how people of all faiths and no faith have stepped forward as if they were saying: we're not going to be defined by these terrible acts of cruelty.

It is at extraordinary times like these, that many of us, from all walks of life, feel united by a desire for a peaceful world and a resolve to continue our support of that which is good and life-sustaining for our families and communities.

Even though our hearts have been burdened, please know that your support of my Foundation is giving help to people in a practical way. You give help to a daughter or son, a mother or father, a brother or a sister.

You make a difference to someone.



Your support and generosity of spirit touches me greatly.

With every blessing,

+ *Patrick Dumenil*

Bishop Pat

Please join me for the Foundation's annual Caring Mass on Wednesday the 24th of July, 2019 at 11.30am. at the parish of Christ the King, Owairaka, 288 Richardson Road, Mt Roskill. — All welcome.

RAW – building hope for women in prison

"I feel so hopeful and inspired after the sessions, these are feelings I haven't felt since coming to prison."

Every year, RAW (Reclaim Another Women) takes up to 25 women who have been released from prison onto their Raw On the Outside Programme. The women are provided with safe accommodation, which gives them a secure start to

life on the outside. It is here that they receive on-going mentoring, support and counselling. The women are helped to gain an education, find meaningful employment, and rebuild relationships with their children and family.

RAW provides this vital support at a crucial time for the women, so that they can ultimately achieve emotional and financial prosperity, and have the skills and tools to build better lives for themselves and their families.

Since mid 2018, RAW has also been running a programme for 150 incarcerated women at Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility to build a culture of hope and ambition prior to release. Each

week a group session for a maximum of 30 women, for security reasons, meet to be inspired, motivated and to nurture their personal wellbeing. Each woman, in turn, shares what she learns with other women in the prison.

Nadene, an inmate shares what impact the programme has had on her during her time in prison:

"RAW has been great for my soul. I feel so hopeful and inspired after the sessions, these are feelings I haven't felt since coming to prison. What you have developed is incredible, I am so proud to be involved in my small way. What you have introduced to us inside and outside is JUST awesome." Nadene

In 2018, through your donations, RAW received a grant from the Foundation to assist them with counselling women in prison to help them on their pathway to building a better life on release.



Together, we've been caring for our community for 30 years.

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