

**You**  
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**LIVES**

**Annual Appeal**

## Finding a place to call home

**Trying to find a new home with a new-born baby was tough for new parents Sam and Rebecca. Their search for finding an affordable place to live was almost impossible.**

Sam and Rebecca were in a new relationship when they had their baby. Sam worked on medium to low wages and Rebecca was on maternity leave from her job. They were just managing to make ends meet by living with Sam's parents but when his Mum and Dad said that they were moving, the young couple had to find a place of their own.

Trying to find a rental for \$500 a week was a real challenge.

They kept getting turned down and were frustrated with getting nowhere. They felt discrimination and high rents were a barrier, even though they were looking for rentals of \$500 per week.

The young family were referred to De Paul House who moved them into a two-bedroom unit for transitional housing, and worked with them to get them registered on the public housing wait-list. They joined

over 26,000 others who were also desperately looking for a safe place to call home.

**At the end of March, 2022 there were 26,868 on the housing register. This is an increase of 13.4% from the end of March 2021.**

A generous landlord contacted De Paul House to offer them his two-bedroom rental.

The landlord wanted to give the family a 'hand up' and help them get settled. He offered a secure rental, affordable rent, and a three-month rebate on the rent if the couple looked after the unit well.

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The team at De Paul House put forward Sam and Rebecca's names, as they had proved themselves to be hardworking and good tenants who had looked after the DPH unit in a good condition. Once the couple had been given the go-ahead to move into the rental, the team at De Paul House also provided the family with furniture, kitchen and household goods, bedding, and food parcels to assist them in setting up their new home.

Thanks to the wrap-around support to help them get settled into their new rental, and the supportive landlord, the family are now able to look to their future. Rebecca is looking for part-time work and Sam has changed jobs so he can work locally and have better work prospects.

They have established a very supportive and respectful relationship with the landlord, who is keen to continue to support this young family.

Our thanks to De Paul House for sharing this story of transformation for Sam and Rebecca\* and their young baby. De Paul House was set up by the Daughters of Charity, St Vincent de Paul and the Northcote parish of St Marys in the early 1980s as a response to the problems of homelessness faced by local residents. They have been providing housing and vital wrap-around family support throughout the North Shore, but the demand for their care and support is continuing to grow.

*\* not their real names*

## Bequests - the gift that keeps giving

By leaving a gift in your Will to the Catholic Caring Foundation, you will be ensuring hope for future generations.

If you would like your faith and values to live on, then please remember the Foundation in your Will.



***We'd love to see you at the Foundation's annual Mass on Wednesday July 27th at 11.30am at Christ the King Church, Owairaka.***

## Helping our young people find light in the darkness

**Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust works with young people at-risk in South Auckland. They provide in-school programmes and a safe space for young people to go to after school with guidance and mentoring from caring youth workers.**

"Growing up I had a lot of confidence issues which would sometimes mean that I'd use aggression to deal with my problems. I didn't know a better way.

Then a couple of years ago I got referred to a PACT youth worker by my high school. I started spending time with him and got involved with PACT Boxing. The leaders that took it invested a lot of time into me and gave me skills so I could make better

choices. I've learned discipline and acceptance of how life is. Through boxing I know how to defend myself without making it more violent.

**If it wasn't for PACT, I'd likely have been in a very different place right now, probably in a gang or making other bad choices.**

I have mental and emotional challenges, but PACT is like a light in the darkness, and I can process things in a healthy way on the boxing bags.

The mentors and some of the other boys understand my struggles and it helps knowing that people understand me and can relate to what I'm going through.

PACT is more than just a youth organisation - it's like family to me. I know that they are always willing to spend time with me and I can rely on them. I think if it wasn't for PACT, I'd likely have been in a very different place right now, probably in a gang or making other bad choices.

I believe in myself now and I'm setting goals for my future. The PACT mentor is still there for me to support me and provide practical help.

I will always be grateful to PACT and the difference they've made in my life."

**Our thanks to PACT for sharing this testimony from one of the many young people that they help to turn their life around.**

**Can you help us with a monthly gift?**

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## You help our elderly

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## You help our young people

Early intervention programmes for at-risk youth  
Mentoring  
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Counselling  
A second chance at education



## You help our community

Counselling  
Social work support  
Advocacy for health, housing, benefits, and finances  
Wrap-around support for those facing homelessness



## You provide food assistance

Food parcels and meals  
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