

WORKING TOGETHER WITH GREATER IMPACT



Presbyterian Support
Northern

We partner with other experienced, passionate and specialist groups in joint projects that acknowledge cultural diversity, enhance lives and strengthen communities.

WORKING WITH OTHERS

- + **Shine with Family Works** – a formal partnership which provides a full service to victims of family violence. Shine provides crisis intervention, while Family Works follows up with counselling and social work support. Family Works also supports Shine in the extension of their safe@home programme in Tauranga and South Auckland.
- + **Plunket Family Works** – a collaborative practice model that delivers early-intervention support for vulnerable families in South and East Auckland. The partnership means Plunket nurses can focus on health care while the family worker addresses underlying social issues.
- + **Mothers and Babies Unit** – Family Works and Plunket work together to support mothers and their babies in the Auckland Region Women's Corrections Facility at Wiri. The partnership helps women and babies in the prison's self-care units to bond well, enhances parenting skills and prepares mothers for reintegration into the community.
- + **Family Works and IOSIS** – through the Family Centred Services Fund, IOSIS and Family Works employ a shared family worker based in a local school to provide support for families affected by family violence in South Auckland.
- + **Waitakere Family Start** – a partnership with The Fono West Auckland to deliver an intensive home visiting service for at-risk babies and children in Waitakere.
- + **Youth Workers in Secondary Schools (YWiSS)** – in conjunction with the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Family Works provides nine mentors in seven secondary schools in South and West Auckland under contract to the Ministry of Social Development and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

- + **Connecting the generations** – senior students from Saint Kentigern's College and St Cuthbert's College in Auckland regularly visit Enliven elderly or disabled clients to share company and conversation.
- + **Family violence community presentation** – organised by Family Violence Response Coordinators in the Bay of Plenty. These presentations are designed to prevent family violence through networking and community action.
- + **Project Co-op** – twice yearly, youth from Presbyterian Church youth groups offer practical help to Presbyterian Support Northern clients. Their 'simple acts of kindness' include gardening, housework, cleaning or baking.
- + **Love in a box** – each December, junior students at St Cuthbert's College, Auckland, choose gifts for families with children of a similar age (5-12 years). They pack them into Christmas boxes for distribution via Family Works to struggling families throughout the region.
- + **Foodbank support** – Presbyterian churches and schools regularly donate food items or money to the Presbyterian Support Northern Foodbank, and send teams to stock shelves and pack emergency food parcels.
- + **Dee's group** – a dedicated group of about 35 volunteers provide friendship and stimulating activities for older people in Mairangi Bay and Takapuna.

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BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS...

Lesieli and her family struggled after the birth of their sixth child. They had very little income and Lesieli felt stressed and overwhelmed until a Plunket nurse referred her to the Family Works family worker integrated into their team.

The family worker helped Lesieli access food parcels and budgeting support. She also supported Lesieli in enrolling her preschooler at kindy and encouraged her with regular visits. Lesieli has a job now and life is much better. She is grateful for the support she received from the Plunket Family Works team.

“It gave me peace and took a big hard rock from off my back.”



FRESH AIR, FISH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

YWiSS mentors and students enjoyed a day on the water with TV fishing expert Geoff Thomas. Learning to fish together and sharing an outdoor adventure was a great opportunity to cement relationships between the mentors and young people, YWiSS team manager Andy Pilbrow said.

“It was great seeing some of the kids really enjoying the mentors’ company. It showed how far the relationships had come.”

Mentors in the Check and Connect programme work with year nine and ten students who are at risk of becoming disengaged from high school, helping them solve problems and set goals.



Sheryl Campbell Photography



SCHOOL'S CANNY IDEA

Senior students at St Cuthbert's College ran a sculpture competition for the benefit of the Presbyterian Support Northern Foodbank.

The girls collected tins of food, created sculptures with them and then donated the cans to the Foodbank. The winning entry was a house and garden, symbolising aspects of a good home and community.