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Chairman's Message

This issue of our newsletter marks another important milestone in the journey of the Hawke's Bay Foundation - we are now generating our own funds from invested donations. Going forward, the Foundation will have a secure source of income to make grants each year within the community, with the amount continually increasing as more donations join the investment pool.

Currently, HBF has over \$1.3 million of funds invested. Based on the growth projections we have for the Foundation, we expect our distributions to grow from \$50,000 annually to in excess of \$500,000 in the next 10 years.

Most significant, though, is the fact that at that 10 year mark the very first dollar ever donated to the Foundation will still be intact and continuing to benefit the community - every year, forever.

It's a stunningly simple concept and extremely exciting to see it at work in Hawke's Bay. Our current donors are gaining enormous satisfaction from their involvement and we know you will too.

Please join us - contact our office on 06 870 4648 for more info.

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HBF driving forward with the Howard League...

The Hawke's Bay Foundation has announced the first funding allocation from its own invested funds. The inaugural recipient is an Unlicensed Driver Education Programme, facilitated by the Howard League for Penal Reform. It is aimed at reducing New Zealand's high rate of incarceration, particularly the imprisonment of unlicensed drivers after their third offence.

Hawke's Bay Foundation Chairman, Rebecca Turner, says this is a turning point for the organisation and marks the beginning of a permanent source of funding to support local charities.

"While we have already helped many groups through our role as regional funding manager for the Tindall Foundation, their criteria did not allow us to fund activities like the Unlicensed Driver Education Programme, so it is very exciting to be part of this incredible initiative. We wanted to give to a cause that will have an amplifying effect throughout the Hawke's Bay community."

Having secured the active support of the Corrections Department, Napier parole officials, the Napier Police and District Court Judge Tony Adeane, the programme is delighted to receive the Hawke's Bay Foundation funding, which will be spent on assessment and course materials and on fees for the driver's licence tests.

Anne Brown, coordinator of the Howard League Literacy Programme at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison, explains how the programme operates.

"Probation staff refer offenders to me for assessment. My job is to identify possible barriers to their gaining a Learner Licence. Literacy testing is just one aspect of my initial interview with candidates. In most cases, necessary literacy teaching can be embedded into a six week programme, which covers the content of the New Zealand Road Code in ways that are suited to the individual learner."

"Other identified barriers include lack of access to a computer to practise the tests and to money to pay for sitting the test. Support from the Hawke's Bay Foundation will be crucial to getting offenders fully licensed," says Ms Brown.

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(Chairman), Jules Nowell-Usticke
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(administrator), Andrew Wares,
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Q&A Your questions answered...

Q: Why would I not leave all my wealth to my children?

A: We believe children would quite easily accept a small portion going to their community especially if they themselves have benefitted from a good Hawke's Bay start and knowing that the community will be a better place as a result of their parent's generosity. This is something they will be reminded of every year with the HBF keeping in contact to show the difference it's made – what a lovely way to be reminded of a loved one!

You can choose to leave a set figure or a percentage of your estate, capped to a ceiling value if you wish. The percentage rate is a popular option as it will always be relative to the remainder of your estate that your family will inherit.

Q: How do I go about leaving a gift in my will?

A: Your lawyer can help you with this and we do recommend that you seek professional advice. Hawke's Bay Foundation has prepared a document with sample clauses for your will which your lawyer can use as a guide and can be easily tailored to suit your specific wishes. This can be downloaded from our website. Funds over \$50,000 become a Named Fund.

Introducing Jessica O'Sullivan – Trustee

Welcomed to the Board in October 2013, Jessica O'Sullivan is a strategic planning consultant in the health and wider public sector in Hawke's Bay. Previously a lawyer, Jessica practised in Auckland, London and Beijing before returning to New Zealand to make Napier her adopted home. Ten years and two small children later, she can't imagine living anywhere else. Jessica is the Co-President of the Napier Parents Centre and a trustee on the Napier Community Childcare Trust.



Jess O'Sullivan

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Reflections from an HBF Donor

Imagine...local Mongrel Mob and Black Power Presidents and members, together with their families and a few policemen away at an outdoor camp - all playing nicely, no drugs, no violence - the whole focus being on the kids and having a good time and respecting one other ...

...a young offender who has already done jail time, out on parole and trying to sort his life out with the help of caring adults as mentors - ready to start an EIT mechanics course so he can break out of a downward spiral, get a job and build a positive life for himself...

...former prison inmates-turned-mentors, in partnership with their supportive families, helping young offenders go straight while cementing their own positive turn around in life...

You might say, "nice vision" or "it sounds too good to be true" or "it could never happen here, not in Hawke's Bay".

But it is happening, right now at Camp David - thanks to an amazing organisation, Youth Quest. Having had the privilege of visiting Camp David with a Foundation delegation, it was a humbling experience to meet and speak with the dedicated people running this organisation. Youth Quest was launched in Kapiti in 2007 and has grown under the inspirational leadership of Paul and Tanya Fong. Paul has a background in the NZ Army, Personal Security and the NZ Police. Together Paul and Tanya have dedicated the past 7 years of their lives helping to positively transform the lives of over 600 at-risk boys.

They have earned the respect of local judges, law enforcement and social services agencies because Youth Quest has been able to demonstrate tangible and measurable results. And all of this has been accomplished primarily by relying on private donations and sponsorships.

Now Youth Quest is working its magic here in Hawke's Bay. Having come to the Camp David facilities in mid- 2012, Paul and Tanya and their committed team are already helping to make our community a better place to live, one boy at a time. I've decided I'd like to join with the Foundation to help support this deserving organisation through a private donation. I am confident that the more high-risk youth it can reach, the fewer will be in our prisons and more on the way to leading productive and positive lives. This means a more liveable community for all of us.

Visit www.youthquest.co.nz for more information about the organisation, or contact us if you'd like to become a Youth Quest supporter through the Hawke's Bay Foundation.

Tax Time - a good time to give...

Giving money to charity before the end of the financial year is a great way to reduce your taxable income and get your refunds back quicker.

Remember that you get 33% of your donation back as a tax credit!

If you'd like to take advantage of these tax benefits, talk to us about the best option for your own situation. We are an umbrella organisation which makes effective giving simple and easy. We link those who want to give, to local causes with emerging issues, charitable organisations and community resources doing the best work in Hawke's Bay.

Would you like to help us make Hawke's Bay a great place to live, work and play?

Let us manage your charitable giving...for more information please contact Jules or Bev on 06 870 4648 or email: info@hawkesbayfoundation.org.nz

Timing is everything - talk to us before 31 March!