

Age Concern Auckland Update June 2021

Intervention Services Update

June 15th is Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It marks the beginning of a week, when we highlight Elder Abuse in the community and raise awareness of how Age Concern Auckland's Elder Abuse Response Service (EARS) can support older people who may be experiencing abuse.

Unfortunately statistics show that 1 in 10 older people in New Zealand will experience some form of abuse, which can be defined as behaviour or a lack of action, occurring within a relationship of trust, which causes harm or distress. The older person and the abuser are frequently members of the same family or they can be a person employed in a position of trust. Types of abuse can include: financial abuse; physical abuse; neglect or psychological abuse.

We encourage everyone to speak out if they are concerned about an older person they know. Our qualified and experienced staff have a wide knowledge of the needs of older people and their carers and will work closely with relevant organisations to address the abuse. Our service is free and confidential and our social workers are available for advice and individualised support.

Community Social Workers

Diane Anderson and Philippa Bell have joined Danielle Smith as part of our newly formed Community Connector team. In their role they support older people to access and navigate the services they need. Danielle, Diane and Philippa assist with social, health or wellbeing issues impacting on older people. Their social work roles are complementary to our Elder Abuse Response Service and Counsellor. To contact the service, please email Danielle.

You are amazing

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers - we couldn't do this without you.



Volunteer Audrey often takes her German Shepherd Wolfgang to visit with Margaret. Margaret loves her time with Wolfgang



Volunteers for the Asian Visiting Service bringing happiness and laughter to older Asian People

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Asian Services Update

We have recently welcomed Young Seo to join our Asian Services Team as a Korean Social Worker. This means that we are now able to offer all our services in Korean as well as Mandarin and Cantonese.



Technology for Seniors
Health Promotion Seminars
for Older Chinese

National Volunteer Week

The **20-26th of June is National Volunteer week** and this year's Theme is Recognise, Connect and Reimagine. We want to take the time to **Recognise** and thank everyone that volunteers for Age Concern Auckland, we see the difference you make in your local communities on a daily basis. Last year, our volunteers gave over 45,000 hours of support and **Connected** with 554 lonely and isolated older adults in our communities. Age Concern Auckland would not be able to be the driving force that we are in the community without our **AMAZING** Volunteers! Our special thanks to everyone who volunteers to support older people in our community. For more information on volunteering, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Emah Butler or phone 021 122 57214

Special Moments from our Visiting Service



Zel turned 95, so our Social Connections Coordinator Jennie, delivered the beautiful cake donated by the wonderful volunteers at GBB West Auckland.



Visiting can be a family affair. Joy enjoys not only Constanza visits but having her children visit as well.



Our Glenfield Friendship Group meet each fortnight for a catch up, filled with lots of laughs. Our thanks to our amazing volunteer Pam for coordinating this group so fantastically!



To contact your local office:

Central and West - **09 820 0184**

Counties Manukau - **09 279 4331**

North Shore - **09 489 4975**

Introducing “Oldie & A Goodie” our first public Fundraising Appeal 5th – 11th July 2021



Each year Age Concern Auckland needs to fundraise over \$1 million to deliver our free services and support to older people in our community. Our fundraising traditionally has been mostly through grants from Charitable Trusts and Foundations, however, in the past 14 months these grants have reduced and we are having to find new ways to fund our essential work.

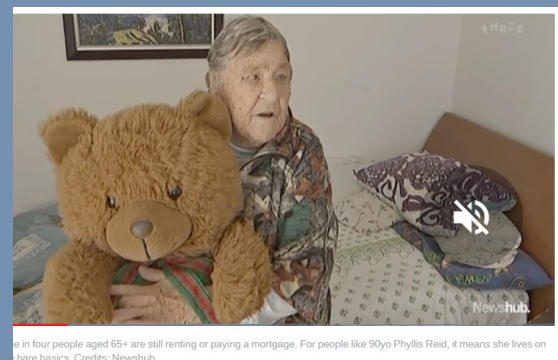
To assist us with this, we have developed an annual fundraiser called “Oldie & A Goodie” and it’s running from 5th – 11th July 2021. Oldie and A Goodie is about valuing the older people and things in our community in a fun and engaging way – that encourages Aucklanders to get actively involved and to donate to support Age Concern Auckland. A great way for workplaces and groups/clubs to be involved is by hosting an “Oldie & A Goodie” event such as: a cake stall using recipes passed through families; theming a casual Friday around vintage clothing; hosting an old movie/TV show event; finding uniforms from through the decades and getting front line staff to wear these and promoting the campaign to your customers or clients directly and asking them to engage and donate either as individuals or by running an event. For more information on how you can get involved or email Alexis Sawyers on 09 972 0092.

Advocating on the Important Issues

A very important part of our role is to speak out on the issues impacting on the older people we are working with and for. Recently we spoke out about two of these issues.



The impact on older people of removing cheques



The difficulty of surviving on superannuation alone.

Thanks for your Wonderful Support

Our heartfelt thanks to the following funders who have provided us with grants in the past three months:

Lottery Auckland Community, J M Butland Charitable Trust, Pub Charity, NZ Community Trust, Birkenhead RSA

Kevin Lamb, CEO Age Concern Auckland

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