

# Charity of the Month 2024-25

Nominations for beneficiaries of opshop  
distributions for the coming year at the AGM



Youth in Transition is a group of skilled, dedicated and passionate people committed to supporting young people who are dealing with issues such as low self-esteem, anxiety, depression and suicidal ideation. They are based in Manly Village.

Over the past three years they have helped hundreds of young people, aged 10-24, to get through their struggles and transition to a life worth living.

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*StepsForward*, formerly known as Hibiscus Coast Family Services and Parent Aid, has been operating since 1997. They are based in Macaulay House, 682 Whangaparaoa Rd.

*STEPSforward* Family Services provide social support to those facing challenges. They work along side individuals, children and families/whanau, drawing on their strengths and resources in order to create positive long-term changes. Services provided include Social work, Home Support, Parent Education, Strengthening Families, Finance & Budgeting.

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### **HBC Community House FOODBANK**

HBC Community House FOODBANK provides food parcels to local families, referred by various agencies, who need some temporary support to help them through a difficult time.

Each parcel contains a variety of basic food items that can be used to make meals for several days. They aim to include things for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for children's lunch boxes, and often provide basic food for dogs or cats also. A typical parcel for an average family of two adults and two children has a value of over \$100.

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Providing food parcels to people in the Whangaparaoa area.

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Firefly Children's Home (FCH) is based in Kathmandu, Nepal founded by Amanda McKay from Stanmore Bay. FCH cares for 100 Nepalese village children whose parents have either passed away, disappeared, are imprisoned or are too poor to feed them.

In a country where there is no social security and the political situation is highly controversial, FCH provides a unique opportunity for abandoned children and orphans to be educated, loved and cared for in a traditional environment.

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### AUCKLAND CITY MISSION SUPPORTS THOUSANDS OF AUCKLANDERS IN CRISES EACH YEAR

The Mission provides unique and specialised health and social services to marginalised Aucklanders

These Services include:

Calder Health Centre Services	Crisis Care & Community
Distribution Services	Elder Persons Service
Homeless Services	Social Detoxification Service

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**Salt Community Trust Orewa Christmas Day Lunch:**  
A yearly initiative to host a Christmas lunch for the needy and disconnected in our community

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Coastguard Hibiscus is one of 25 Coastguard units forming the Coastguard Northern Region. The unit consists of local volunteers with the common goal of saving lives at sea.

Coastguard Hibiscus operates two Coastguard Rescue Vessels: a 9.5 m Naiad RIB based at Gulf Harbour Marina, and a 7.7 m Sealegs™ amphibious vessel based at Stanmore Bay. Despite being crewed by volunteers (with jobs and families), the boats and their crew are available to respond to any emergency 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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## I GOT YOUR BACK PACK

IGYBP provides emergency care packs filled with practical and essential items to the most critical cases of women and children (survivors of domestic violence) going through refuges nationwide, they also provide men's and age specific babies packs

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A budgeting service which visits people in their own homes to work out tailored budgeting plans so they can manage debt, and be able to pay their essential bills and have money for food.

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### Hospital Chaplains

#### North Shore and Waitakere Hospitals

Hospital Chaplains offer pastoral, spiritual, and religious care to those within the DHB community in accordance with the Te Whare Tapa Wha model of health.

Chaplains listen and provide service to all people regardless of their religious denomination, faith orientation, belief system, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

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WanderSearch Tracking program is a simple tracking system for people living with a cognitive impairment who have the potential to wander. Wearing a WanderSearch pendant means people can live in the community and enjoy maximum independence without the need to live in a secure facility. It ensures caregivers have confidence that their loved ones will be found if they wander from home and acknowledges the right of all cognitively impaired individuals in the greater Auckland region to be kept safe in their community.

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Woven Earth work with frontline domestic violence support agencies to help family violence survivors rebuild their lives by furnishing their houses with love and dignity to create a home for them to start the next chapter of their lives. Once families secure a place to live they need to then fill that house with furnishings that enable them and their children to live a dignified life where their basic needs are met.

This is where Woven Earth steps in.

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Providing practical wrap-around support and fellowship for grandparents and Whanau carers who are the primary caregivers to their grandchildren on the Hibiscus Coast and surrounding areas.

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Te Pā (previously Prisoners' Aid) is a kaupapa Māori organisation that responds to community needs and vulnerable whānau who are either in the justice system, exiting the system, or have been deported from overseas.

They provide a range of housing, employment, wellbeing, education, cultural identity, mentoring and whānau services at a critical time in their transition back into society.

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