

ACROSS

Te Kotahitanga O te Wairua

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Welcome to new readers of our newsletter, Christmas has come around quickly once again, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

For those of you who may be reading about ACROSS for the first time and who may not know much about us, we are an Anglican and Catholic social service helping people in the community. At this time of year we are reminded of the many people we work with who will find this time of year particularly stressful. Our Mission statement below then is especially relevant ...

MISSION...

Providing professional social services to individuals and families in need ... to help people support themselves ... and find the help

What we do... Child, Family Support and Counselling

Child and family support which includes helping people deal with relationship problems in their family remained a large part of our work at ACROSS this year; people are able to refer themselves to ACROSS and because we are a community service there is no cost.

A counselling service is also available and the number of people enquiring about counselling has grown this year. People seek counselling for various reasons as John (not his real name) who came to ACROSS for counselling explains:

Newsflash

Looking ahead to 2007 our aims include offering a programme with groups of parents who want to find out ways to improve their communication with their children.

We will also be continuing, in Term 1 next year, our programme with children.

"I first came to ACROSS when I was struggling with a few problems I couldn't fix myself... it proved to be the right decision... I found the courage to pick up the phone and there were people on the other end who weren't asking me any personal details, in the end it was a very easy thing to do. To date I have had several sessions with a counsellor from ACROSS and am learning to deal with some personal issues... I would recommend it to anyone..."



For more information about the services and programmes we can offer, please contact:

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ACROSS people...

Welcome back to social worker Shu-Fei Lin who works with our many foster parents.

Thanks to our volunteers and supporters who continue to support our work. Volunteer Day which was December 5 saw the cutting of our cake recognising the commitment of our volunteers and foster parents.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 25 October, our Annual Report will be available online. The Board at ACROSS are:

- Doreen Creamer (Chairperson)**
- Barry Allport**
- Roger Clark**
- Lesleigh Eder**
- Mary Eastham**
- Eileen O'Connor**
- Lesley Read**
- Barry Stevenson**
- Max Tregonning**

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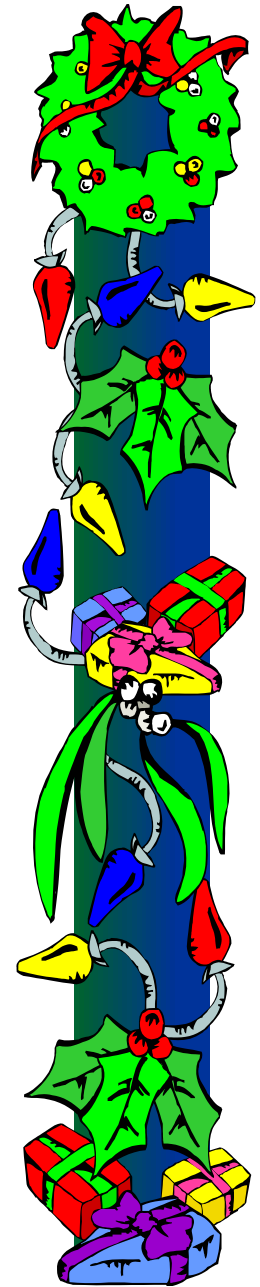
.. It's happening – we aim to have our new website up and running before Christmas ... so check out ACROSS on line.

SITUATIONS VACANT

... speaking of foster parents ... we are continually looking for caregivers who can provide alternative care for children. If you think this maybe you please contact Shu-Fei email slin@across.org.nz or phone 356 7486.

Thank You

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Your support...

Thank you to all those who continue to send us donations and monthly contributions. Your commitment to the work of ACROSS is very much appreciated. If you can help in further ways either through volunteer help or other financial assistance please give us a call or complete the form below and return to our office.

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