CHALLENGE 2000'S CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2022





Ngā mihi o tēnei wā tapu - Kirihimete - ki a koutou katoa! Thank you, friends and whānau, for your support over what has been another very challenging year. Your generosity and love makes miracles possible. Blessings of peace and hope on you all! He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa! Damian Dempsey. Director

This year our staff, volunteers and young people designed a float for the Johnsonville Christmas Parade. The design they chose and the message painted on the side was: "WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER."

On the TOGETHER float, babies, infants, children, young people, adults of all ages, cultures, backgrounds, attitudes and traditions joined together to celebrate life, hope, love, peace and community.

Life is difficult. Life may be more difficult in 2023. And TOGETHER I know miracles and anything is possible. So in 2023 let's design and build a TOGETHER community and country. With love and gratitude for who you are and all you do, *Kitty McKinley. Founder*





Just a little of what's gone on this year...



Our MASSISS and YWISS team has provided support to over 1,050 young people and family members across 6 colleges. One principal commented: "Our Challenge 2000 team are outstanding, working with us as strong partners to help our students, whānau and community - they are gold!"



Challenge 2000 is Wellington's largest provider of Youth Justice programmes. A recent camp was a massive highlight for the team!

5 young people ventured down to Kaikoura for 4 days - getting up to fishing, kayaking and hiking, all while learning how to work as a team and to trust others.



This year, we supported over 30 young people to find safe and stable living arrangements, recover from trauma and acquire life skills to support their wellbeing. One of our Transitions to Adulthood young people said to us: "Thank-you Challenge whanau. You have been so amazing and supportive throughout my journey. I couldn't have done it without you."



As the demand increases significantly, our Food Bank Team has provided over 680 food and care packages in 2022.



...and so much more!

Challenge 2000 relies on community support for much of its work. Anything that you can donate to our work will be sincerely appreciated. If you wish to donate then please direct credit to: <u>Challenge 2000, 010519 0057660 00</u> or call Challenge 2000 on (04) 477 6827 for details about the assistance we most need. We also have a givealittle page: givealittle.co.nz/org/challenge2000

Gifts over \$5 are tax deductible. If you wish to obtain a tax receipt then please email info@challenge2000.org.nz with your address and name.

Thank you! Damian and all the Challenge whānau





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