

Caring For Our Community

Thank you to over one million kiwis who volunteer their time and skills - you are largely unseen but very much appreciated!

Volunteers are not just people who collect money for charities on collection day. They are lawyers, administrators, trampers, doctors, grandchildren and website designers. They are also the life blood of many community and not-for-profit organisations. Kapiti and Horowhenua need more of these precious people.



Above: Volunteers from Volunteer Porirua, an organisation that matches Kapiti and Horowhenua volunteers up with the right job, celebrate during last year's International Volunteer Day. Manager Lynne Harding says volunteering is a way of getting involved in your community and giving something of yourself and your skills.

December 5 International Volunteer Day

After a career as a secretary and raising two children, Wendy Frost decided she wanted to do something she felt passionate about that made a difference. She is a new volunteer at Family Matters in Paraparaumu. "I've got a desire to encourage and promote families. We can all read the newspaper and think things are appalling. I want to actually do something about it," says Wendy. "I believe that whatever you do, no matter how small, it will make a difference. You don't need to give your life over - just an hour a week."



Volunteer Day



Volunteers come from all walks of life and do a wide range of jobs; these young volunteers helped out with a new Kiwi enclosure programme.

To become a volunteer, get in touch with the organisation you'd like to volunteer with or contact Volunteer Porirua on 04 237 5355 (www.volunteerwellington.org.nz) They'll help you match your skills and interests with the right organisation.

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