

# Caring For Our Community



Under the new training initiative, Project Tumanako (Project Hope) these young people organised a dinner with gang liaison Sam Chapman (pictured front right) Manager Mike Chaise (pictured back right) says "We used to send our kids somewhere else to get fixed up, so I thought it would be good if we had something locally for our young people." Mike is also working on ways to organise early intervention in troubled families. "A parent knows what's going wrong with their child but some don't have the strength or skills to fix it themselves. Sometimes we have to show the young person how to be strong enough themselves. It comes down to how much they really want to do it."

## HOUSE OF HOPE

**"We all have the choice to either bring out the good or the worst in people."**

It's a Church but it's not a Church. It's a gym, but it isn't just a gym. The House of Hope in Otaki does so many things it's like the unofficial Otaki community centre. And out of a lot of struggle and desperation, there's a whole heap of positive people do amazing things.



12 years ago The House of Hope was the Jubilee Hotel. After it was fire damaged due to a gang related incident, a group of Christian businesspeople decided to use it as a place for community restoration and healing. They run holiday programs, Christmas in the Park, training programmes, a games room,

**"We're based on the idea that there is always some hope, no matter what your obstacles are."**

counselling service, and is home to many different community groups and services. The 15 accommodation rooms are always full of people who need a bridge to get over particular challenges.

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