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Jigsaw whanganui was recently invited to contribute data for a comprehensive report into the funding gap between what the social service sector is funded to deliver and what it in fact delivers. The report was commissioned by Social Service Providers Aotearoa. These are services that are essential to the wellbeing of New Zealand families, whanau, children, and communities. The report found a \$630 million gap in annual funding by the Ministry of Social Development of essential services provided by community organisations like *jigsaw whanganui*. Our own experience fully aligns with the findings of the report:

Providers are not funded for the basics. Under the current funding arrangements, providers generally do not receive enough funding to cover basic running costs and certainly not enough to invest in their sustainability. They are taking on a high level of risk and many describe their position as financially unsustainable.

The community and provider workforce is underpaid and overworked. It is getting harder for providers to attract and retain staff, given the growing wage gap between the public and private sectors. People employed by social service providers are under-resourced and stretched, and their situation appears unsustainable.

Providers are often forced to compete against each other, leading to adverse outcomes. The competitive tendering process benefits better-resourced providers. This approach also means providers are incentivised to accept under-funded contracts, and disincentivised from collaborating with each other on joined-up service provision.

Providers are struggling to make ends meet. Providers will stretch themselves to fulfill their 'duty of care' and meet community needs, rather than turning them away. They endeavour to make ends meet through heavy reliance on additional philanthropic funding, public donations, and other funding strategies.

Ultimately, New Zealanders are not getting the support they need. Under the current social service system, providers are struggling to meet the high level of service demand, and they are forced to triage clients in need. People often wait too long for limited services that are too inflexible to meet their complex real-life needs.

The full report is available at www.sspa.org.nz/funding-gap.

We look forward to the Ministry of Social Development acting on the recommendation to lead the preparation of a budget bid for Budget 2020 to address the \$630 million underfunding. This will enable us to provide a strong, sustainable service for our community.

Thank you for being a *jigsaw whanganui* supporter.

Noho ora mai.

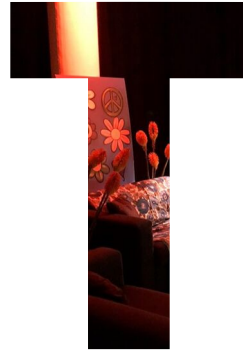
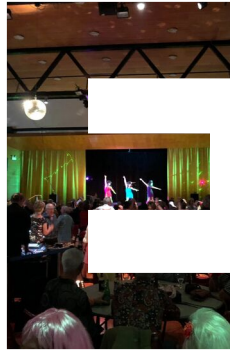
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Oooh the night that was! 21st June 2019 will be one to remember. We sung, we laughed, and oh how we danced.

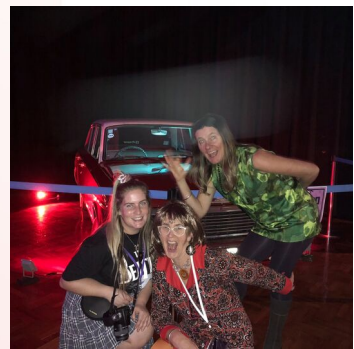
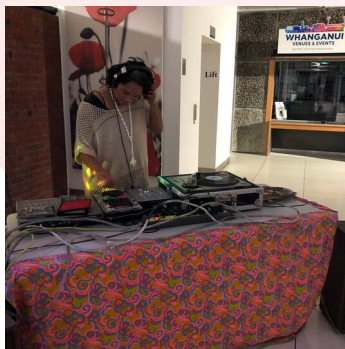
The costumes, the food, and the Beat Girls themselves did not disappoint!

The girls got the party started off straight away with the watsui and the mashed potato, and the dance floor was filled in seconds.

The evening was a huge success, with *jigsaw whanganui* raising \$10,000.00. This fundraiser would not have been the success it was without our sponsors and volunteers. So firstly, a huge thank you to Fuji Xerox; Prue Anderson; Dominator Garage Door Solutions; Spooner, Hood & Redpath Ltd; Whanganui Sound and Lighting. And secondly, a massive shout out to all of our volunteers: Tina Drayton, Gina Guigou & staff, Maddy Newton, Rae Doughty, Raewhyn Matthews, and board members. Your support to put on this night was very much appreciated!

We have been overwhelmed with all the positive feedback and people asking if we will be doing another night similar... Well the cats out of the bag! We are excited to announce that we will be hosting another night full of dancing, singing, and of course brilliant costumes on 19th June 2020!

So if you or someone you know would like to be onboard as a 2020 event sponsor please get in contact with us now!



REINS

Riding Experiences Inspiring Next Successes

REINS was established for *jigsaw whanganui* in 2014 by former staff member, Stephanie Robinson. REINS aims to support children and young people in building their confidence, self-esteem and developing their skills in managing their behaviour. REINS was developed based on the benefits of animal assisted therapy. Research suggests that the behaviour of horses is similar to humans, such as social and responsive behaviours, that make us able to make connections with them easily. We are very fortunate to have experienced horse woman and teacher, Susan Cameron, now leading the delivery of REINS for *jigsaw whanganui*. To join the REINS programme, children must be referred by a social worker, health professional or similar.

Recently, our lovely Rachael got to head out to REINS to catch up with one of the whanau on the programme. Check out her recount below:

What a lovely sunny day riders and parents had for the recent end of term celebration for the REINS Programme. What made my day even more special was having the chance to talk to some of the children and parents attending this very successful programme. The children's enjoyment was obvious, and the parents were all very proud of what their children had achieved on the programme.

Emily aged 8, her dad, and I talked about the REINS programme and the changes they have noticed while attending Stage 1 and Stage 2.

We talked about life before REINS. They had been through a lot in Emily's short life. Her brother had passed away, which meant a lot of changes for everyone and put the family under a huge amount of grief and stress. Emily had also gone through another traumatic event that was completely out of her and her family's control. She now suffered from anxiety and depression, and she was finding it hard to smile.

When they heard about the REINS Programme through Emily's Social Worker in Schools at *Jigsaw Whanganui*, it seemed like a perfect fit for Emily with her love for unicorns!

One of the conditions for joining the REINS programme is that one parent or caregiver must attend with the child each week. Emily's Dad made this commitment, which showed Emily how dedicated he was to her wellbeing. Emily's Dad said that he enjoyed participating, and he found that working with the horses confirmed for him the impact REINS was having on her. He could see that the emotions Emily was going through were real, and it helped him understand a lot more about Emily and what she was feeling and learning. Emily's Dad felt that the weekly sessions had created a very strong father-daughter bond, for which he was very grateful.

The school and family have both noticed a lot of positive changes in Emily since the REINS programme. Her confidence has grown, and she is better at problem solving. Through learning to tell how a horse is feeling from its body language, Emily can now recognise and acknowledge her friends and family's feelings, which, in turn, encourages her to be more caring and thoughtful, especially with her little sister.

Although Emily has gone as far as she can with the REINS Programme, completing Stage 1 and Stage 2, Emily is still riding high, as her family have enrolled her in a recreational horse riding group, so her love for horses and unicorns is fulfilled.

Emily's final words...."It makes me so happy"





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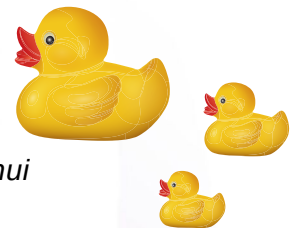
In the recent months we were lucky enough to receive donations from Small Talks, SAYGO, GOME, and the Maori Land Court staff.

We also received grants from Maragret Watt Trust and Lottery Community Grants. We are very appreciative of these donations, and are especially excited when we have walk-ins gifting us unexpected donations! Thank you!

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT US

Want to support *jigsaw whanganui* but you just don't know how? We've put together a small list of things that will go a long way to helping us work alongside families and whanau:

- ✓ Shop at New World & place tokens into the *jigsaw whanganui* box
- ✓ **Sell 10 (or more) Duck Race tickets**
- ✓ When selling your house, list it with Jean Clark at Bayleys and mention *jigsaw whanganui*
- ✓ Remember *jigsaw whanganui* in your will
- ✓ Become an EPiC Supporter, see details below



If you would like to support us and the work we do in another way, please give us call, we would be more than happy to have a chat about it.

I would like to support families to be the best they can be!

Please accept my donation of \$_____.

Payment made by:

Cheque

Online bank transfer

Bank transfers can be made to account number 02-0792-0110661-01

Please contact Tim at *jigsaw whanganui* if you would like information on donations by automatic payments or bequest to *jigsaw whanganui*.

Our EPiC Club Supporters donate from \$7.00 per week to support our intensive social work services. If you would like to become an EPiC supporter give us a call on **06 3451636**. Support a local charity and be part of sustainable and meaningful change in people's lives.