



**Delta**  
Community Support Trust

*Caring for vulnerable  
people in our community*

# Welcome. *Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai*



For over 25 years Delta Community Support Trust has been responding to the needs of people experiencing disability, disadvantage, hardship and isolation from our community centre on North Avon Road in Richmond, Ōtautahi/Christchurch. Initially setup as an outreach of the North Avon Baptist Church today we operate as a community ministry of the Canterbury Westland Baptist Association and have grown to serve and involve thousands of people every year. The past few years have thrown some unique challenges to us all and Delta has sought to respond to the identified needs in our community being flexible in our operation to address those needs as they grow and change.

We have a wonderful group of dedicated people which consist of 3 managers, 25+ staff and 50+ volunteers working across four departments – Community Development Services, Friendship Link programme, Evergreen Club and Administration.

We look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to continue serving the needs of our community.

*Mike Stanley*  
General Manager

## Mission Statement

“In response to Christ’s love, we seek to empower people in Richmond and wider Christchurch to participate fully in community life by assisting them to establish positive relationships and personal growth.”

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We've learnt much, and continue to learn and grow, as an organisation and a community who seek to serve each other, especially those whom society disadvantages or marginalises. Early in Delta Trust's journey it became clear that our values needed to be expressed in a dynamic and nuanced way that anyone can interpret and apply

We invite you to consider whether you're feeling a call to get involved and/or support us. There's always room at the table for one more. Could that be you?

# History, Purpose, and Beyond

Delta Community Support Trust, originally a mission of North Avon Baptist Church, registered as a charitable trust in 1995. We began operating from the Church's lounge with the vision to support and empower people living in disadvantaged circumstances. Since those early days, Delta has grown substantially in response to local and city-wide community needs and aspirations.

Between 2003 and 2019, we operated from the former Shirley Rugby Club. In late 2019 with earthquake insurance settlement funds and extra fundraising, the Church and Delta Trust were able to complete and move into a new building on the former church building site. A second connected Stage 2 building by Crossway Community Church was completed in early 2021.

Together the two buildings are now known as the North Avon Community Centre at 101 North Avon Road and operate as one facility. This modern, comfortable, and more energy-efficient facility is an excellent asset for our local community. It provides Delta Trust with great spaces from which to continue our community activities and services.

After the North Avon Baptist Church ceased operations in 2021, Delta continued its work in the community. Now connected to and supported by the Canterbury Westland Baptist Association (CWBA), together we move forward with the Trust's Charitable Purposes.

"To meet the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and educational needs of the people of its local and wider Christchurch community. To alleviate the difficulties of those experiencing hardships of whatever kind, including financial hardship, and to bring relief through whatever means are available. To initiate, establish, and administer community services for people of all ages who, for any reason, need care, counseling or assistance. To carry out such other charitable purposes within New Zealand as the Trustees shall determine."

Through dedicated staff and volunteers, thousands of people have been supported by and involved in Delta over the years, making a significant difference in their experience of community life.



# Community Development Services



Approximately 3,000 food parcels given out each year



We offer free advocacy and budgeting advice



Delicious food at our community cafe



ESOL classes and international playgroup

Delta provides practical support for families/whānau and individuals in the lower socio-economic suburbs of East Christchurch.

*"If it wasn't for the Delta Food bank I would be reoffending"*  
-Foodbank parcel recipient

## **Community Development Services:**

03 389 0212

Foodbank: Mon, Wed, Fri, 10am-2pm

Footprints Café: Monday, 10am - 12.30pm

Friday Inn (Community Meal):

Fri, 10am - 12.30pm

Budgeting & Advocacy: By appt.

ESOL Classes: Wed, 10am-12.30pm

International Playgroup: Fri, 9am-12pm



### **Food Bank**

The Foodbank is a vital service in our surrounding community, providing last resort emergency food relief for over 1,500 individuals and families/whānau each year. We give out more than 3,000 food parcels, and more than 16,000 loaves of bread, buns, and muffins.

### **Budgeting and Advocacy**

We understand the difficulty of budgeting when income is insufficient to cover everyday essentials or one-off expenses. Help is available for supporting the repayment of personal debt and/or with purchasing necessity household items. We can also advocate on behalf of people regarding benefit payments, housing and bills etc.

### **Community Meal and Café**

Providing the opportunity for people in our community to share life together. On a Friday, for a generous-sized hot meal and dessert. Or enjoying a cuppa and baking, or light lunch in the warm, friendly atmosphere of our Monday Café.

### **Cultural Support for Migrants and Refugees**

We work with those new to Aotearoa New Zealand, giving them the support, they need to get established and make themselves more at home here. Our programmes include ESOL Classes, and an international playgroup for mothers and their preschoolers.

*"Delta worked with Oranga Tamariki and us, attended Family Group Conferences and visited us regularly over the past year. With this help we have been doing well with our parenting and are raising our baby on our own."*

*-Ann-Marie and Brent*

# Friendship Link



A programme for adults with intellectual disability



A wide variety of great activities to be part of



A loving caring community



Facilitating friendship and community

Our vision is to include and empower all people with intellectual disability by encouraging participation and personal growth. We seek to encourage and acknowledge their strengths and abilities. Loving, respecting, and valuing them for who they are.

The Friendship Link programme aspires to empower people with intellectual disability by:

Facilitating friendship among their peer groups and within the wider community, and providing everyday social opportunities and activities.



Our activities range from our infamous monthly Disco and Movie Nights to Pamper, Scrapbooking, Craft activities, Karaoke, Gardening, Dance, Exercise, and more! Our sessions and events are very well attended and there is ample opportunity for social experiences and to develop a variety of skills.

The Friendship Link activities change every few months according to seasonal changes to provide the best environment and skill opportunities for the participants.

*"I love singing and dancing with my friends at Delta"*

*-Carley (Friendship Link Member)*

*"I've seen her grow in many ways, establishing trust in others, learning new skills, trying new things and gaining a sense of belonging"*

*-Faye (mother of Carley)*

# Evergreen Club



Our programme is for those over sixty-five years



Monday-Friday  
10am-2.30pm



Encouraging community and friendship



Hot lunch, morning tea and cup of tea provided

Our Community Activity Programme for older persons, the Evergreen Club, is a daily activity programme for those over 65's who still live at home and are seeking additional support in improving and maintaining their current everyday life, health, and wellbeing.

We accommodate 20 members each day - Monday to Friday, 10am - 2.30pm, and are fully operational 48 weeks of the year.



The Evergreen Club embraces the aging process and sees it as an opportunity to make friends, learn a new activity, keep bodies nourished and supple, and keep minds active. Our caring team of well-trained and experienced staff keep the programme interesting and fun for members whilst fully monitoring their individual health, cognitive, and dietary needs.

Our vision is to see our members valued by society.

*"What was also good about Mum attending Evergreen was that Dad got to have some time to himself. He was happy to leave Mum in Evergreen's care, and the staff were always welcoming..."*



## Say Hello to our People!

The Delta team is made up of 30 part-time staff and over 45 volunteers. We are a diverse, passionate team from all walks of life working towards change in our community.

*"Delta is strong in their belief that change in people is possible and are willing to walk alongside them through this long road of changing and breaking cycles of poverty."*

*- CWBA Regional Leader*



# How Can You Help?



## **Volunteer**

Join our team of over 40 volunteers



## **Give**

Donations big and small make a difference



## **Partner**

Become a major funding partner with Delta



## **Promote**

Help us spread the word of Delta's work

If you would like the opportunity to contribute to the work we do at Delta, whether by volunteering your time, donating towards our cause, or becoming a major funding partner, we would be sincerely grateful and love to hear from you.

# Thanks to our Sponsors

We are so grateful for our supporters who make the vision and mission of Delta Community Support Trust a reality. From the largest funder to the smallest donation, every dollar counts, every gift of food, every voluntary act of service. We are humbled by their generosity and desire to be part of the difference Delta is making in the lives of those in our community who desperately need our help



As well as the above donors, we would also like to thank the following funders and organisations for their financial support:

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And the following organisations for their donations of food and other goods:

Foodstuffs Distribution Centre, Satisfy Food Rescue, Foodbank New Zealand, Kairos Food Rescue, Meat the Need, Kidd's Bakery, and NZ Food Network.



*Please contact us to Join our Mission!*

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*"It is a privilege to work alongside such an organization which works so hard and to such great effect for its community and beyond."*

*- Shirley Community Trust*