

PSN SPECIAL EVENT

Ann Jacobs – PSN Special Event – Observations from New York: Incarcerated Mothers and their Children 15 October to 18 October 2018.

Ms. Jacobs has served as a national spokesperson, consultant and trainer on a range of issues including families and criminal justice, housing, child welfare and employment.

As a recognized advocate and reformer, Ms. Jacobs also founded the Women’s Justice Alliance, a consortium of over 100 service providers in New York State; she created the Institute on Women in Criminal Justice, a national policy centre dedicated to improving the policies and practices affecting women in the criminal justice system; and the Women’s Advocacy Project, a program in public policy and civic involvement for formerly incarcerated women.

If you are interested in meeting with Ann Jacobs in an informal roundtable discussion, please contact Anne Overton anne.overton@psn.org.nz



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN WARM

Thank you for your generosity and the love you sow into each of the items you donate for the children and their families that we work with. We’ve received blankets, socks, knitted sweaters and beanies which are distributed throughout our communities!



Blankets



BEST COMMUNITY CONNECTION IDEA



Sharing is Caring

“One Cooper Crescent family has brought together the community on their South Auckland street by setting up a free food pantry, inviting locals to give and take what they need. In Cooper Cres. There are open shelves and open hearts.”

Watch the video: <http://www.facebook.com/sevensharp/videos/272916949977145/>

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CARING FOR OUR WORLD MEANS CARING FOR EACH OTHER

A wonderful example of this is the Mairangi/Castor Bay Presbyterian Church working together with Bruce, the owner of Montrose Café Mairangi Bay, with support from Nic Ebert of Harcourts Milford on the ‘Two Cans for a Coffee initiative’.

Trading food cans for a free coffee has become a regular project for Bruce with the café’s ‘Two Cans for a Coffee’ promotion. For 2 weeks in July this year, café customers could bring in 2 cans of food to donate and receive a free coffee in return! All proceeds from the promotion were donated to Presbyterian Support Northern via our Family Works site at Mairangi Castor Bay.

The food cans went to the PSN Foodbank in Grafton, which helps over 200 families and their children each month with emergency food parcels. The foodbank relies heavily on donations and this was a much-needed boost for the volunteers and Miles, who manages the Foodbank. Mairangi Castor Bay Sunday School Service coordinator Pauline Gulliver initiated the ‘Cans for a coffee’ promotion. She said the Mairangi Castor Bay Presbyterian Church helped spread the word on Facebook and by distributing flyers to local businesses.

Supporters gave their time to the cause by encouraging the community to take along their cans one morning and exchange them for a coffee.



Bruce is looking at running another ‘Two Cans for a Coffee’ promotion at his Montrose café in mid-November to help the Foodbank in the lead up to Christmas. Caring for our communities is a wonderful way of caring for our world together.



Family Works staff Jill and xxxxx with the ‘Coffee for a can’ donations



WHAT'S ON

Here are some upcoming events to inspire you to get involved in your community.

Have you joined The 72 Club yet?



The 72 Club is Lifeline's latest national fundraising campaign currently running until the end of October. Our campaign concept is based on the 27 Club, whose members include artists like Amy Winehouse, Kurt Cobain and Janis Joplin, all of whom died at the age of 27, sometimes from suicide but always from some kind of self-destructive behaviour. The 72 Club is a positive twist on this original club, which invites Kiwis to support Lifeline and commit to a life worth living.

It's a club for everyone and people can show support in different ways:

- Downloading "A Piece of my Heart" on Spotify or iTunes
- Ordering a T-shirt or other merchandise
- Making a donation

Let's get behind this awesome campaign, so more Kiwis can live to 72 and beyond. Please play your part and make a real difference. Visit www.72club.co.nz

Monday 1 October

International day of older person 2018

'Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions' is the theme this year. **Engage broad audiences across the world and mobilize people for human rights at all stages of life**
Raise the visibility of older people as participating members of society, committed to improving the enjoyment of human rights in many areas of life and not just those that affect them immediately;



Sunday November 25

White Ribbon - Love is Not Violent

Family harm is preventable if we do our part. White Ribbon Day on Sunday, 25 November is an opportunity to raise awareness that love is not violent. Read the chapter on family violence in the Justice & Action book and become better informed and resourced as a church. For resources contact anne.overton@psn.org.nz or dd: 09 520 8624 or visit the Shine website www.2shine.org.nz



ELDER ABUSE

1 in 10 people aged 65+ will experience some form of elder abuse.

Source: The NZ Longitudinal Study of Ageing 2014

The majority of cases go unreported.

When I first learned about the extent of this issue of elder abuse I was surprised and perplexed. Perplexed because we are brought up to respect our elders and to value the contribution they make to our society. I appreciate that as we age we might not be able to manage technology as well as we would like and we sometimes repeat the same stories a number of times, maybe even becoming a little forgetful, but honouring our elders is about living out the scripture, "...love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

Some more stats: Abusers are often someone close to the victim

76% of abusers are family members

16% of abusers are a partner

44% of abusers are a son, daughter, or their partner

20% of abusers are a friend or neighbour

Older people or seniors are an asset to our society. Intergenerational connections between young and old are a great way to add value to each other's lives. I think of the pre-schoolers and the joy and laughter they bring when they visit the people at our Enliven Day programmes who are ageing or managing a disability or injury. Students writing letters to older people who find it hard to be mobile and are feeling a little isolated, is a creative way to build a positive caring relationship. Working in the garden together or just sharing stories brings history alive and gives younger generations a new appreciation of what has gone before.

Source: Age Concern Elder Avus and Neglect Service reports July 2016 to June 2017

Seek out and value older people and enjoy their gifts of wisdom and knowledge, and in return they offer grace and loving kindness.

If you have any concerns contact the Elder Abuse phone line below

ELDER ABUSE
IT'S NOT OK CALL 0800 EA NOT OK
SPEAK OUT 0800 32 668 65
superseniors.msd.govt.nz/elderabuse


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"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

- Matthew 22: 36-39