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**A night of  
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# From the GM

Looking out over the beautiful panoramic view of Ōhinetahi/Governors Bay this morning from the whare kai (dining room), I remain convinced that the centre is situated in the perfect place to provide the highly accessed respite for Canterbury tamariki. Our constant reminder of the need to ensure its sustainability and availability is highlighted every day when we hear the laughter and voices of the tamariki as they move around the centre.

The team here continue to provide that important one on one care and fun, building and influencing the confidence of our wee people, supporting their abilities to engage with their peers in a pro-social way while accepting each other's differences. If there is one thing that separates tamariki and adult's is their ability to not view difference as a 'negative difference'. They are our teachers when it comes to inclusivity!

Our outreach, Awhi Team, made up of talented social workers, youth workers, whānau ora navigator, referral coordinator and Tamariki & Family Psychologist have been busy out in community with home support visits. These outreach visits help to strengthen the relationships of whānau by the team sharing with

parents/caregivers the strategies and methodologies we implement at the centre that enhance the wellbeing of their tamariki. Most of these strategies are simple and easy to replicate at home while others may need a bit more community support from services, all of which are navigated with the support of the Awhi Team.

As we move through the last remaining 6 weeks of winter, where the days are shorter and we just want to hunker down and be warm, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support that ensures we are here for the tamariki of Canterbury. Your ongoing support enables Cholmondeley to continue to provide the high-quality child-focused respite care no matter what season we are in. If you are wanting to reconsider how you are supporting Cholmondeley then please contact Regan Hines (Fundraising Manager) who will happily discuss the various options of support and the needs your donation would alleviate for our tamariki and their whānau.

Ngā mihi nui

**Toni Tinirau**  
*General Manager, Cholmondeley*



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## Cholmondeley Charity Golf Tournament

**10 November 2023**





# Christchurch Schools Rally to Support Cholmondeley's Mission



## The spirit of unity and generosity from Christchurch schools strengthens Cholmondeley's ongoing mission to support the community.

At Cholmondeley, we're constantly impressed by the shared sense of purpose within the Christchurch school community. Our teacher, Nat, keeps an open line of communication with them, sharing updates about their tamariki's progress while at Kura at Cholmondeley. However, the support from these schools goes beyond just words. It's also the practical actions that truly make a difference in our city.

Their kindness never ceases to surprise us. It's heartening to see the younger generation of our city come together, pooling resources and energy to help those less fortunate and support local charities. Lately, we've had the privilege of being part of several events organised by schools to support our mission and further the work we do at Cholmondeley.

Take, for instance, Rangi Ruru's annual Cholmondeley boarding house talent show. After a fantastic display of creativity and talent, attendees contributed a gold coin donation to benefit Cholmondeley. Christ's College hosted a production of Peter Pan where they generously donated the evening's door sales and invited the Cholmondeley Children to enjoy the show.

Our Little Gems Party also saw helpful participation from volunteers, particularly the students from Christchurch



Girls' High School, who acted as wait staff for the evening. During our street appeal, we had a strong turnout of volunteers from Christchurch Girls High, Christ's College, Wāitakiri Primary School, Rolleston College and Governors Bay School. Their willingness to lend a hand was a clear display of community spirit.

Special thanks also go to Elmwood Normal School and Burnside High School for holding 'best dressed' and 'non uniform' days respectively.

The support, donations and volunteer hours from schools is a reminder that we're part of a generous community and is much valued by Cholmondeley. When we work together, we can truly make a difference.





# Remarkable Reta

**Cholmondeley Children's Centre takes immense pride in not only offering care but also creating a nurturing haven where tamariki can grow, flourish, and rediscover their childhood. Reta's story is one that highlights the supportive work our dedicated team carries out daily.**

For eight years, Reta has been a cherished part of our Cholmondeley whānau. During a difficult period of recovery, her mother lost custody, and Reta initially stayed with her aunt. Throughout these challenges, Cholmondeley provided the necessary stability for Reta. "We faced a tough period, but Cholmondeley was there," Reta's mother reflects. "Reta was with my sister at first, then back with me after two years. The support from

Cholmondeley was critical during this time for both of us."

Coming to Cholmondeley was initially for Reta to detach from the stresses at home and engage in fun activities and programs. Reta was 7 years old when she was diagnosed with insulin-dependent Type 1 diabetes. Reta's whānau and paediatric diabetes specialists were able to provide Cholmondeley with the training and ongoing support for Reta. "Without the trust and support of Reta's Mum, we couldn't continue with her stays". "I feel privileged that Reta's mum trusted in us to care for her, and to not let her condition get in the way of giving her the respite and experiences she deserved." Reta's journey is another example of the positive role Cholmondeley plays. "The care we've provided



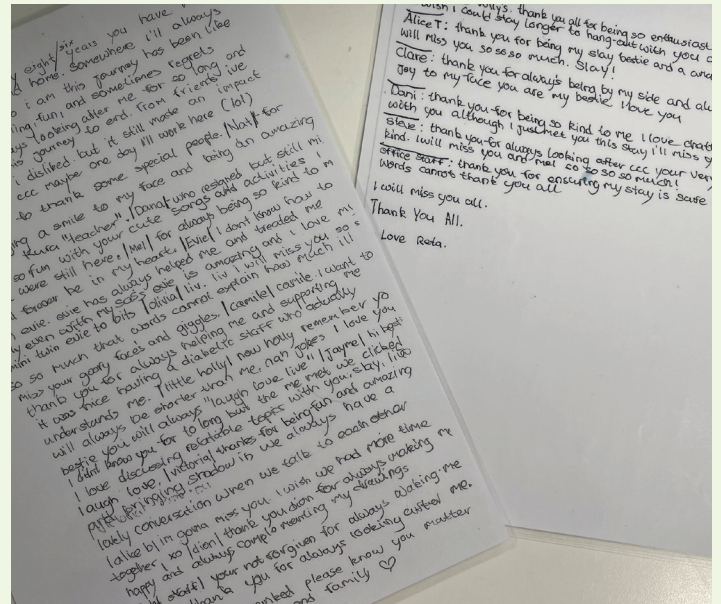
for Reta is what we strive to do at Cholmondeley," Lisa, our Practice Manager, shares. "Thanks to the awesome support from our community, we can create a respite service that meets the child's needs. Her diabetes added a layer of complexity, but our team was incredibly supportive and rose to the challenge."

Reta wrote a heartfelt letter expressing her gratitude towards Cholmondeley, recognising the special bonds she has created here, especially with Nat, her ever-supportive and constantly beaming teacher. However, Reta's circle of support wasn't just one person; it encompassed multiple individuals. Evie, with her constant kindness, Olivia, whose goofy face and infectious laughter Reta will dearly miss, Camille, Dana, Mel, and the rest of our incredible team have all played important roles in Reta's journey.

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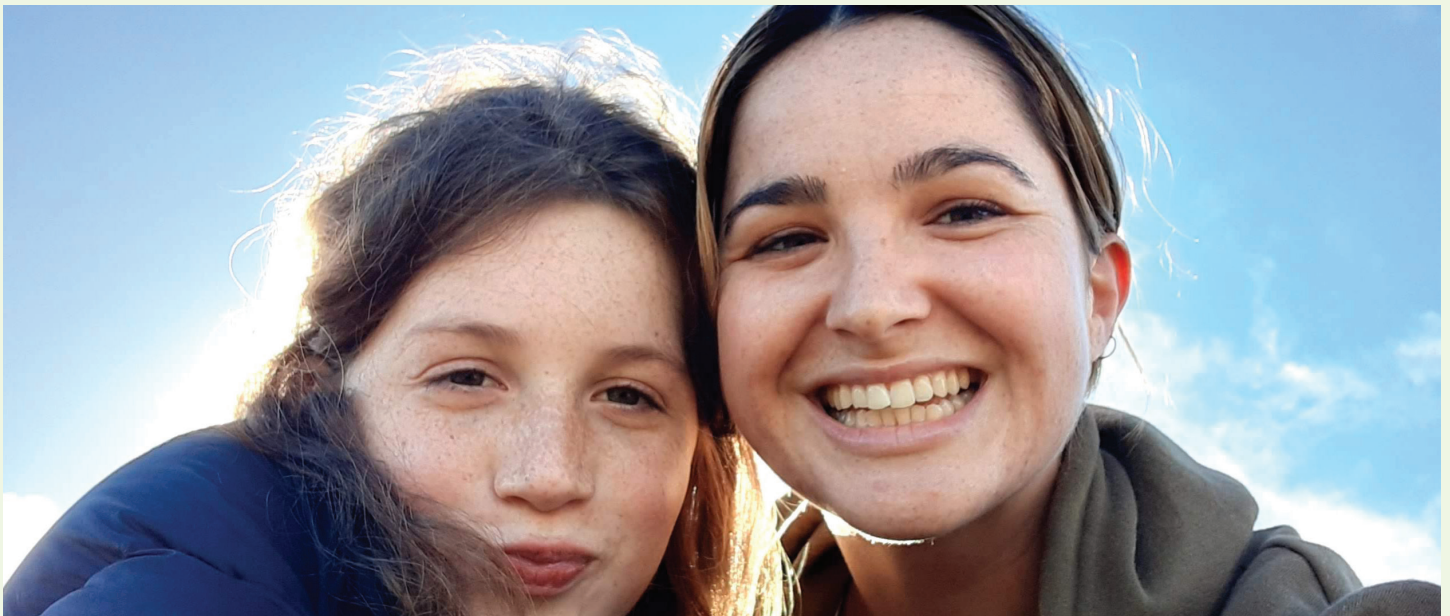
**Lisa continues, "Witnessing Reta's progress and her resilience has been truly remarkable. In spite of her complex health needs, she never lets it overshadow her spirit. Instead, she uses it to grow stronger and inspire those around her."**

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As her stays come to an end, and with a playful hint to return and work at Cholmondeley in the future, Reta acknowledges how our centre has positively helped her wellbeing. Her growth, resilience and energetic spirit are inspirational and we feel privileged to be part of her journey, and also those of the many other tamariki we support and nurture at Cholmondeley.

All the very best for the future Reta, we will miss you and look forward to your return as a potential team member!







# A Night of Celebration and Giving Cholmondeley's Little Gems Party

Cholmondeley's Little Gems Party once again buzzed with a sense of celebration, as friends of our organisation gathered to support a great cause. Held in the impressive Christ's College Dining Hall, the evening was packed with wonderful canapés, engaging auctions, and of course, the lively music from The Corks that kept everyone on the dance floor. The night was made even more enjoyable with the charismatic Jason Gunn as our MC, who kept the energy high and the smiles wide.

The Little Gems Party was another memorable event for all. Yet, it's important to remember the event's success is truly a testament to the enduring support and effort from our community. We want to express our sincere thanks to our naming partner, ILAM TOYOTA. Their support was a cornerstone in creating this successful event. A special shout out to our wonderful Little Gems

Committee: Kate Senior, Martine Swann and Greg Urquhart. Their energy, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts played a crucial role in making this event what it was.

We also appreciate the generous contributions from our core event sponsors and donors. Every act of kindness, every donation, every auction bid makes our mission possible. Following the event, we were heartened to see a handful of supporters who signed up as regular givers, bolstering our efforts to continue the good work that we do.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Little Gems Party this year. We hope your evening was as memorable as ours, and we're already looking forward to the next one! This event exemplifies the community spirit of giving and supporting each other, which is at the heart of Cholmondeley's mission.





# The Power of Community: Cholmondeley's Lifeline of Support

## How Regular Giving and Corporate Partnerships Keep Us Going

Cholmondeley relies on the support from our local Canterbury community. As an independent charity, our operations depend on the goodwill and commitment of our community. Each year, we face the challenge of raising \$3 million to meet our operational expenses. Astonishingly, 80% of this sum comes directly from the generous contributions of Canterbury businesses and individuals. Every time we turn on the lights at the Centre, we are reminded of the incredible community backing that makes our work possible.



### Regular Giving

The contributions from regular givers are essential to our operations. This support permits us to focus our energy on what matters most caring for and fostering the growth of our cherished tamariki. Here's a tangible example of the impact of such giving: if just 50 individuals contributed to a monthly donation of \$100, it would cover the annual food costs for our tamariki. The impact of these contributions is far-reaching, resulting from the cumulative effect of our committed supporters. It's more than monetary assistance; it's a commitment to our mission and a pledge to our cause. If you're inspired to join this vital group of regular givers, please use the form provided with this magazine.

### Go Media

GoMedia, a long time supporter, provides us with free access to their expansive digital billboard network. Through this support, we are able to effectively profile Cholmondeley and reach more members of the community with our message. Jason and the team also generously donate digital billboard packages for our event auctions, which are a favourite with the bidders. Our partnership with GoMedia and shared vision, makes a significant contribution to our operations. GoMedia's commitment to Cholmondeley's mission and our community, helps us to continue to enhance the lives and wellbeing of our tamariki and their whānau.



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