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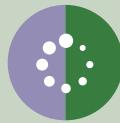
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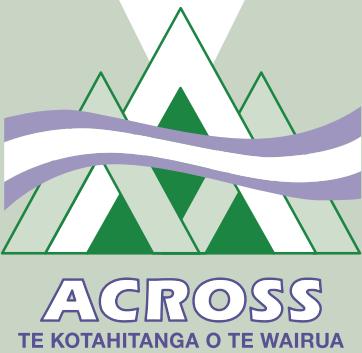
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# Annual Report

## 2019



**Putting Children First - Helping families build positive futures**



## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It is a pleasure to present the 29th Annual Report on behalf of the Board of ACROSS Te Kotahitanga O Te Wairua. The AGM provides me with the opportunity to again acknowledge the continued contributions of our staff. It is with great regret that I have accepted the resignation of Graeme who has led our staff for 14 years. We wish Graeme and his wife all the best in their relocation to Hamilton and his contributions will be greatly missed. Graeme's positive and proactive approach in managing the affairs of ACROSS has meant that we have been able to consistently deliver outcomes that meet our vision.

The year has seen a number of changes and among these is that several staff have moved to permanent positions with the securing of longer-term funding from Oranga Tamariki. I would also like to acknowledge the service given by several long serving staff who have left during this past year but in doing so I also acknowledge those new staff coming on board who I am sure will contribute to our joint vision in an enthusiastic and caring manner.

Graeme's departure will be significant given his representation for ACROSS in many areas, one of which, the DHB Cluster Alliance Group he joined this year as an NGO representative, also his representation on the NZ Council for Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) and more recently his initial work with the City Mission Trust. The numerous ways in which Graeme performs his duties will provide a challenge for our organisation to replace. Graeme's commitment to the shaping of social policy in Palmerston North cannot be understated and for this we are extremely grateful.

The recruitment and retaining of skilled social workers has always proven to be a challenge for many organisations such as ACROSS and it is with much appreciation that we were recently advised of 7.5% increase in funding to assist with this.

We continue to deliver programmes that meet the needs of our target sector

across a range of areas and this reflects well upon our staff. Facilitating activities have further strengthened the delivery of services locally.

Sincere thanks also need to be extended to the Board of ACROSS and those that serve on the Finance Committee. To Peter Horgan, who has chaired our Finance Committee, I wish to thank you for the immense contribution you have made over many years, and at the same time welcome Angela Scott who will take over the responsibilities Peter has carried. Liam Greer has taken on the role of chairperson of the Finance Committee.

I would also like to extend our gratitude to Darryl Pinny, our auditor, and Alison Green who assisted this year with revising our trust deed.

To those who have been charged with the responsibility of governance over the past twelve months I would like to also extend my thanks. Our board has been relatively stable over the past year, and so to Paul Derbyshire, Kathleen Field, Liam Greer, John Mills, Max Tregonning, Nigel Dixon (who joined us during the year to replace Angela Harper), Graeme

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Munford, and Ingrid Vlieg (Minute Secretary) thankyou.

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**Mary Sutton**  
Chairperson



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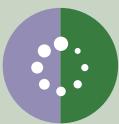
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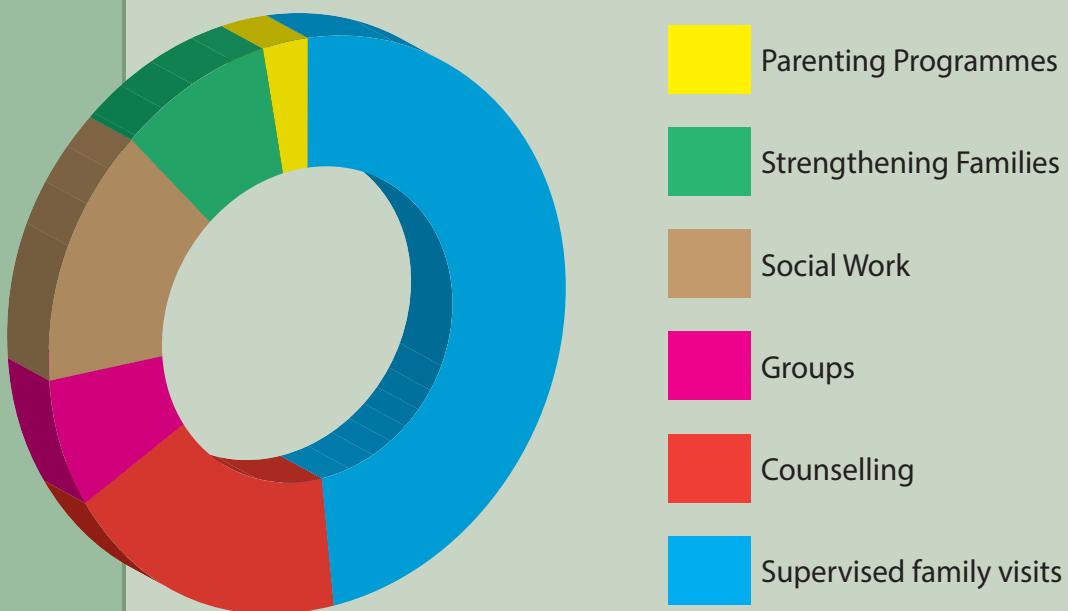


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## DIRECTORS REPORT

Again, this year we have had a steady demand for services, with over 400 referrals for family/whanau support, counselling and parenting programmes; included in those referrals are those attending our bereavement suicide group and postnatal depression programme.



It has been an important year in which we have focused on our new vision and mission and in particular continuing to work closely with other community groups and organisations, particularly through our strengthening families programme.

We are looking at increasing that support available, which means expanding into areas where there is greatest need – the Triple P positive parenting programme adapted for children experiencing anxiety has been an example of that.

This is my last annual report after 14 years at ACROSS. There have been some significant changes over that time, having basically gone from a foster care agency to a child and family/whanau support agency in that time. Fundamentally our core work is now helping people manage everyday challenges and offer support that is accessible.

One of our biggest achievements has been responding to the needs in our community as they have changed – some of that has been because of funding but it also about ensuring we do what makes a real difference. We cannot do that without the support of staff at ACROSS and I want to thank all those



who I have worked with over my time, acknowledging too, those who have served on the Board over that period and who have kept the vision of ACROSS going.

**Graeme Munford**  
Director



**Triple P** Positive Parenting programme includes discussion groups on parenting issues provided by Triple P practitioners. ACROSS coordinates and delivers the Triple P programme (for parents of 3-7 year olds) and supports the training of other practitioners. One to one support is also available.



**TALK** which stands for 'talking about anxiety with kids' is a group for children aged 8 to 12 (and their parents) experiencing anxiety.



**SPACE** (Supporting Children Alongside their Parents Education) programme, with new parents in Palmerston North and Feilding, with between 5-12 parents attending each of three groups offered throughout the year.

**Strengthening Families**  
*Whakapiripiri Nga Whānau*  
[www.strengtheningfamilies.govt.nz](http://www.strengtheningfamilies.govt.nz)

The **Strengthening Families** programme offers a range of help to family/whanau by lead agencies.

**The Incredible Years**

**Incredible Years** Parent programme is an intensive 16 week programme provided for parents of children aged 3 to 7.

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**Postnatal depression support group**

A 10 week programme for women experiencing **postnatal depression**.

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**Bereaved by suicide support group**

A support group for those **bereaved by suicide** meets twice a month at ACROSS.



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Actual This Year \$	Actual Last Year \$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	178,791	193,226
Revenue from providing goods or services	721,643	747,484
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	67,218	64,675
Other revenue	14,690	20,009
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>982,342</b>	<b>1,025,394</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Expenses related to public fundraising		
Volunteer and employee related costs	677,956	663,476
Costs related to providing goods or services	235,181	217,775
Other expenses	55,679	48,168
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>968,816</b>	<b>929,419</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>13,526</b>	<b>95,975</b>

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2019

	Actual This Year	Actual Last Year
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank accounts and cash	743,906	682,686
Debtors and prepayments	43,884	51,347
Inventory		
Other current assets		
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>787,790</b>	<b>734,033</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	62,294	69,824
Investments	80,000	80,000
Other non-current assets	163,568	163,568
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>305,862</b>	<b>313,392</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,093,652</b>	<b>1,047,425</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Bank overdraft		
Creditors and accrued expenses	46,061	26,287
Employee costs payable	36,543	33,208
Unused donations and grants with conditions	61,593	52,002
Other current liabilities		
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>144,197</b>	<b>111,497</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Loans		
Other non-current liabilities		
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>144,197</b>	<b>111,497</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>	<b>949,455</b>	<b>935,928</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Capital contributed by owners or members	794,660	794,660
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	154,795	141,268
Reserves	-	-
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>949,455</b>	<b>935,928</b>

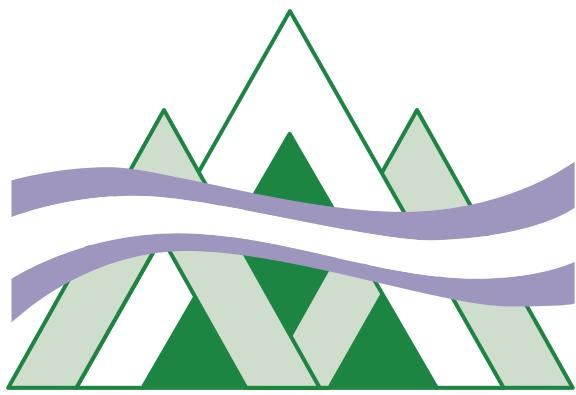


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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
NZ LOTTERY GRANTS BOARD  
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL  
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