



**RESPITE CARE
COTTAGE**

**“TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND TRUSTED
HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE”**



OUR VISION



- “ To provide a trusting caring environment for children with additional needs that encompasses specialised health care and valuable education opportunities, in a home away from home environment embracing all individual whanau.”





WHO WE ARE



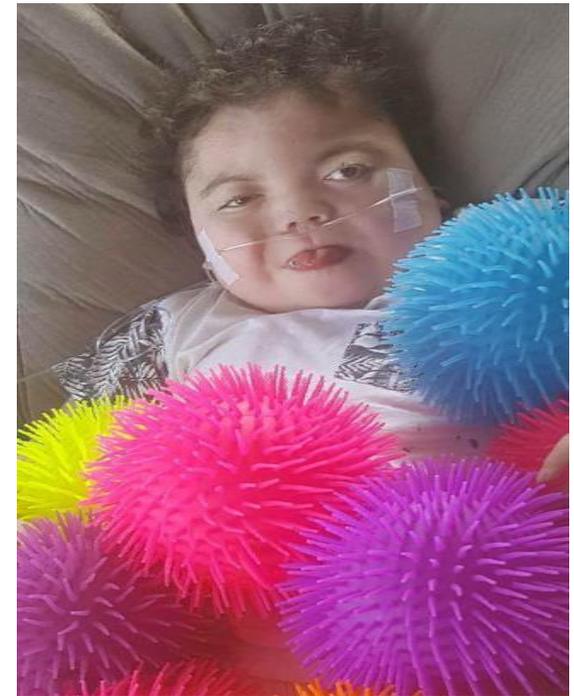
- Kind Hands is staffed by a team of Registered Nurses an ECE teacher and trained carers.
- Current Hours are Monday to Friday 8am – 5.30pm and one weekend a month which will expand next year.
- The facility is designed to accommodate children who have medical needs or a disability, provide education and accommodate all individual needs
- To ensure consistency of care, the team at Kind Hands work closely with other health and education professionals involved in the care of the children.



KIND HANDS CAN OFFER



- Flexibility
- Transition from hospital to home
- NGT weaning
- Isolation for those children needing a side room
- A home environment with wheelchair access
- Family networking opportunities including support groups.
- Consultation and support by telephone





RESPITE



Kind Hands provides structured respite care and support for children who:

- Are aged under 6 years
- Have a disability and/or
- Are medically fragile and/or
- Are technology dependent
- Supported by ACC
- Supported by other funds i.e carer support, family options...





ECE



- ECE trained teacher on site Monday to Friday 8 -5.30.
- We have the support of Ministry of Education and special education.
- Kind hands is able to offer a very unique service run by nurses and a teacher who have accumulated many years of specialised experience.
- ECE was something our Whanau expressed they wanted alongside of nursing. We have created this trust by having a nurse who knows how to take care of all of the developmental and health needs i.e feeding pumps, oxygen etc and a teacher to support their child's educational component.



CHALLENGES



- Funding has been the greatest challenge
- Finances
- Building process and consents
- Fire and emergency
- Writing all the policies
- Health and Safety
- Regulations for both Respite Care and Early Childhood Education compliance.
- Day care Licensing
- Unrealistic expectations from Whanau and Healthcare.
- Setting boundaries around Whanau



REWARDS



- Having Tamariki and their Whanau who have never been able to have a break away or been able to go to a day care facility but now have a place to go and feel like they belong.
- Our Community has been an incredible support with how they have come together, which has made me so proud to be a Northlander.
- Happy and successful stories of how Kind Hands have helped our Tamaki throughout Northland.
- Staff
- ECE Licensing/funding
- Watching your husband build your dream and watching it come to reality.



CONCLUSION



- Despite the Challenges achieving my dream has been worth every minute – these pictures speak for themselves For me Kind hands comes from my heart

**Why fit in when you
were born to stand out?
-Dr Seuss**



This is my Why