



CRAFTING THREADS OF AROHA

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Crafting Threads of Aroha is a new Charitable group in the process of applying to become a Charitable Trust. Our purpose is:

- To facilitate the supply and distribution of crafted and other items to the community, to meet the needs of people and animals within New Zealand, primarily for (but not limited to) relief of poverty and aid in recovery;
- To create awareness and promote the volunteer production of crafted items for people and animals in need, via social media and public events within New Zealand;
- To support and work with like-minded persons, organisations, and institutions, to fulfil the Trust's purposes; and
- To promote the arts of knitting, crochet and sewing within the community and facilitate or assist in the teaching of these crafts.

At present we have 350+ crafters in the Greater Wellington region who make knitted, crocheted and sewn items for distribution to charities in our region. We receive donations of yarn and fabric for our crafters which we distribute widely, and have a range of tools and equipment in our store in Seaview which are available to anyone who needs them.

At present we have no funding, but future priorities include developing a website and a simple ordering system for the charities we serve. We have a committee of five but plan to increase that, and spread the load a little more.

Our charities include:

Cancer Society, Mary Potter Hospice, Plunket, Foster Hope, The Nest Collective, Wellington Women's House, Women's Refuge, House of Grace, 4TheKidz, Endo Warriors Aotearoa, Little Bundles, and a whole heap more.

We also work with Common Unity Project, Kiwi Community Assistance and a range of other organisations with a common purpose.

Our crafters produce a range of items from baby clothes for Plunket, Neonatal units, the Nest Collective, and Little Bundles; to beanies for kids in schools, the homeless, and the elderly; slippers for kids in low decile schools; knitted knockers for mastectomy patients; shawls, knee rugs and drain bags for cancer patients; knitted hearts for Mary Potter Hospice; animal beds for SPCA; toys and blankets for 4TheKids and so on. We are also starting to work with some Corporates to repurpose garments – mostly corporate uniforms.

Kay Coolbear, Joint Co-ordinator