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New Horizons for Women Trust

supporting education, innovation and research for women

Celebrating 20 years

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From the Chair

It was an honour and a pleasure to attend the six award ceremonies that were held around the country at the beginning of September.

36 well deserving women who are dedicated to making a difference to themselves, their families and their communities were the recipients of awards to a value of **\$123,000**.

There is a huge need in our communities for what the Trust has to offer – this is very evident in these hard financial times and we must continue to attract more funding, to help women achieve qualifications, gain self-confidence and finally the independence that employment brings for both themselves and their families.

As always the stories from our second chance recipients were inspirational and humbling as they struggle with both family and financial demands.

Our research and special awards are made to women working in areas that are significant to New Zealand women. We are supporting research on why solo mothers are politically inactive, women in management roles in the not-for-profit sector, literacy skills of teenage mothers and their children, a project, *The Women's Charter: A History* and a workshop to bring together women leaders working for peace and social justice along with public service management.

This year two inaugural Second Chance Foundation Studies Awards were presented to students who are working toward studying at a higher level of education and have successfully completed foundation courses to pathway them to further tertiary education.

Mavis

Second Chance Preloved Fashion Sale

The Second Chance Group has already set the date for their next and ninth annual fashion sale – Saturday 23 March 2013 from 9am to 1pm at the Wesley Church Hall, 75 Taranaki St, Wellington!

Diary this now – and make plans to grab yourselves a bargain or two and have some fun at the same time!

The organisers are keen for clean good quality clothing and accessories donations, so ladies if you are going to be at home take the opportunity to use the upcoming Labour weekend to have your annual clean out!

Drop off points will be available from January, however if you are unable to store your clothing donations arrangements can be made for one of the Organising Group to pick these up. Either email or phone Sharon Cavanagh at shazzacav@gmail.com or 027 4903 469.

Some of the group were honoured to attend the September awards ceremony in Wellington where three awards were presented by the Second Chance Group Co-ordinator Sharon Cavanagh. The women who received the awards are truly inspirational, a credit to themselves and their families/whānau/fono and certainly deserving of their awards.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday 23 March Second Chance Preloved Fashion Sale

Friday 12 April – AGM

Trustees

As some trustees are coming to the end of their term, the Trust has asked all nominating organisations to circulate among its members a request for applications for trustees for 2013. There will be a selection process followed by an interview. If you have not had this sent to you and are interested please contact enquiries@newhorizonsforwomen.org.nz

Applications close:
4 November 2012

Highlights: Award Ceremonies

Christchurch

The Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies provided a fitting venue for the 2012 Christchurch New Horizons for Women Awards Ceremony. The event was hosted by PACIFICA Women and Zonta Club of Christchurch North. For many Christchurch women life has been challenging since the recent earthquakes and the trauma and disruption that followed. For women on the tertiary education pathway, life became even more of a struggle balancing study along with their family, community and their own needs. To get an insight into the impact of winning a New Horizons for Women award, I asked two of this year's recipients what winning an award means for them - **Mish Lasseter** was one of four **Second Chance awardees** this year. For her, the award is helping her reach her current goal, to finish her degree. It has eased the financial burden she faces as a full time student and mother of four children. Mish says 'Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. I want to give thanks to the New Horizons for Women Trust for awarding me this scholarship'

Daphne Marsden, who received the **SROW Research Award** was one of the two research recipients in Christchurch this year. Daphne is exploring Christian women's experience of domestic violence in her thesis. For her, being a recipient of a New Horizons for Women Research Award means so much because it signals that other people are interested and concerned about important, sometimes unvoiced issues that relate to women, which need to be called into light and explored. She said 'That someone was interested and willing to support me, someone who also held high regard for women, was very affirming and encouraging. It said to me, someone else thinks my topic is important and it means I can get a bit of help too with resourcing my work for which I am grateful.'

Finally, **Danielle O'Halloran (Canterbury President of PACIFICA Women)** shared a wonderful story about one of our last year awardees. In 2011 **Alex Tito**, a Science student at Canterbury University, received the **Alma McCrae Second Chance Award**. Danielle said that Alex has been so motivated by the award and the support and recognition that she has received at university that she has made the decision to continue in her Science studies to a master's level, with cervical cancer the focus for her thesis. - *Marg Lees*



Amy Collings, Victoria Sawyer, Heather Humphrey-Taylor, Mish Lasseter, Daphne Marsden, Rosalie Telea-Bradbrook

Dunedin

Award ceremonies are rather like weddings. Whatever hiccups happen along the way, it is always OK on the day. Actually there were no hiccups at Dunedin this year. The sun shone, the awardees were nice and early, the speakers were interesting and thoughtful and our two awardees nearly moved us all to tears with their acceptance speech. Every picture tells a story and this photo tells several. The first thing I see is the huge smiles from our awardees **Maryanne Christie** and **Karen Thomson**. Both had travelled to Dunedin for the ceremony. Maryanne is on track to complete her Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) at Otago University's Invercargill Campus. Karen, from Te Anau, is a top distance student at Massey. When she completes her degree Karen hopes to do internal auditing and has a long-term goal to be a chartered accountant.

The smiles on the faces of the presenters are pretty big as well. **Lynette Grave**, who presented the **Rita King Second Chance Award**, said "Although they [the awardees] benefit financially I think those who present and award the scholarships benefit just as much from the feel good factor." At 96, **Dawn Ibbotson** whose generous donation established the **Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Fund** has a very lively interest in the awardees who receive awards each year. - *Pat Sivertsen*



Dunedin Awards

Back row: Lynette Grave, Karen Thomson, Maryanne Christie, Hermien Van't Klooster
Pat Sivertsen, Dawn Ibbotson, Mavis Shuker

Hamilton

Different ages, stages and places marked the profiles of the 3 awardees at the Hamilton Awards ceremony on Sept 4th held at Wintec Gallagher Hub. However what united them was their quest for tertiary study, their success at passing their courses and their determination to overcome obstacles and barriers. Collectively they expressed their gratitude to New Horizons for Women Trust and also our sponsors for recognising their efforts and giving them financial assistance for their studies.

Proud families and friends watched **Raelene Masters, Tanya Edwards and Gloria Hunia** accept their awards. We the audience were privileged to not only hear their stories, but also listen to the inspiring journey of our guest speaker – Kirsty Barber – a 2011 Research Award recipient. As the

organising trustee for this event I left this ceremony feeling very satisfied that NHWT has lived up to its vision – “Empowering women to reach their potential” Roll on 2013 so we can do it again!! – *Gaye Barton*



Palmerston North



Six Manawatu women have been rewarded for returning to university as adults, after having to abandon studies earlier in life. They were presented with their awards at a ceremony held at Wharerata, Massey Campus, Palmerston North. “The thing adults fear the most about learning is to fail,” said UCOL's deputy chief executive (Academic) Bonnie Dewart, who added that all these women had the courage to accept a challenge to change the course of their lives.

All women have had to face juggling study with family and financial commitments but are encouraged by the recognition of NHWT's financial help and support.

Priscilla Carston, Kate Pringle, Karenza Dix, Hayley Prisk, Shannon Gibbs, Balsam Taha

Auckland

The Auckland Award Ceremony was held at the YWCA in Scanlan Street, Grey Lynn and co-hosted by YWCA and PACIFICA. Guest Speaker Sina Moore, National President YWCA, shared her own experiences on her pathway to education and emphasised it is a 'life long journey'. Six women received Second Chance Awards – all had stories to tell and it was a joy to have families and friends there to share 'their moment'.



The highlight was Dame Cath Tizard being present and also very appropriate as Dame Cath presented the first awards in 1993. Dame Cath was a personal friend of Sonja Davies so wonderful that she was able to present the Sonja Davies Peace Award to Tanya Newman who accepted on behalf of Kotare Trust. The award will enable the Trust to offer a 'Women Crafting Justice' workshop. This is a workshop that will bring together women leaders working for peace and justice in Aotearoa to provide each other with support, engage in dialogue and creatively express themselves through the use of craft. The workshop is designed for women working for front-line women's organisations, such as women's refuge and rape crisis. Their work is often highly stressful and their contributions to creating a just and peaceful society undervalued. The purpose of the 'Women Crafting Justice' workshop is to honour this work, nourish participants and provide a forum for relationship building, stress relief and creative expression.

Dame Cath spoke of her long time involvement with New Horizons and her support of the work that it does.

The Trust is privileged to have such an inspiring woman as one of the Patrons.

Wellington

The Wellington Ceremony saw the presentation of 12 awards with a large group of family, friends and supporters attending – a great atmosphere of celebration!



Joanne Lawrence was presented with the 2012 Ria Mc Bride Public Service Management Award. She will use the award to study for a Masters in Public Management at Victoria University, Wellington. This will be her first studying experience since leaving school in the U.K in 1986 and joining the British Diplomatic Service. Her assignments have taken her around the world from New Zealand, the Falkland Islands, Islamabad in Pakistan to Kabul, Afghanistan as well as working in London to support the British Office in Baghdad following the Iraq war. During some of these postings she was working with the women and children in these communities. A particularly memorable time was when she was the first woman for

many years that travelled from the Foreign Office in London to Pitcairn in her role as coordinator of Operation Unique (the sexual abuse trials). Getting there was quite an experience and one which took many weeks. Since 2005 she has lived with her family in Napier and works for the Ministry of Social Development but has not completely opted for the quiet life as she spent much of 2011 assisting with the civil defence welfare response following the February earthquake and was then seconded to the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority in the Community Wellbeing team.

2012 Awardees

Second Chance Awards

Alma McCrae Second Chance Award: **Heather Humphrey-Taylor**

Barbara Wood Second Chance Award: **So'onaalofa Sharon Aspinall-Su'a**

Chenery Memorial Second Chance Award: **Karina Rakete**

Eva's Attic Second Chance Award: **Rebecca Ula Tumanu**

Graduate Women Manawatu Second Chance Awards: **Balsam Taha, Shannon Gibbs**

Jack Ilott Second Chance Award: **Kathleen Kupa**

Milli Green Second Chance Award: **Hayley Prisk**

Monica Hissink Second Chance Award: **Gloria Hunia**

NHWT (Anonymous) Second Chance Award: **Rosalie Telea-Bradbrook**

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Second Chance Awards: **Andrea Joyce, Rebecca Leaia, Mish Lasseter**

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Mildred Keir Training Award: **Raelene Leonie Marsters**

NZ Federation of Graduate Women North Shore Second Chance Award: **Ana Kaufononga, Michelle Pearson**

Olive Tree Charitable Trust Second Chance Award: **Karenza Dix**

Peg Hutchison Second Chance Award: **Victoria Sawyer**

Professor Alan Williams Second Chance Award: **Kate Pringle**

Rita King Second Chance Award: **Karen Thomson**

Rua Stevens Second Chance Award: **Anna Holloway**

Second Chance Group Wellington Preloved Fashion Sale Awards: **Julia Avia, Samantha Dollimore, Jennifer Roberts**

Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Second Chance (Foundation Studies) Award: **Priscilla Carston**

Waikato Graduate Women Second Chance (Foundation Studies) Award: **Tanya Edwards**

Research Awards

Janus - 1995 NGO Research Award: **Rose Ryan of Heathrose Research**

New Horizons for Women Research Award: **Amy Collings**

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Wellington Branch Research Award: **Frances Neill-Weston**

Society for Research on Women (SROW) Award: **Daphne Marsden**

Special Awards

Society for Research on Women (SROW) Elsie Locke Award: **Gay Simpkin and Marie Russell**

Ria McBride Public Service Management Award: **Joanne Lawrence**

Peg Hutchison Opportunity Award: **Leyla Charmaine Paine**

Sue Macdonald Opportunity Award: **Juhi Lohchab**

Sonja Davies Peace Award: **Kotare Trust (Tanya Newman)**

2012 Award Sponsors

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Second Chance Group

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The Olive Tree Charitable Trust

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Donors

Each year a range of awards are funded by Endowment Funds managed by New Horizons for Women. These funds are the result of the generosity of many donors – both individuals and groups. In addition to the New Horizons for Women Fund there is the Peg Hutchison Fund, the Dawn and Arthur Ibbotson Fund, the Janus - 1995 NGO Research Fund, the Society for Research on Women (SROW) Elsie Locke Award Fund and the Sonja Davies Peace Award Fund. The fundraising partnership between New Horizons for Women and Eva's Attic funds an award.

The funds continue to grow through the generosity of our donors and 'friends' and this is very much appreciated.

Award Ceremonies

The award ceremonies are often hosted by women's organisations and supporters of the Trust with both financial assistance and people to help with the running of the events – the Trust could not host events without this generous assistance.

Sponsor Spotlight: Milli Green Second Chance Award



Last year Milli Green and her daughter Judy Owens, a Past Trustee attended the award ceremony in Palmerston North. Milli was amazed at the calibre of the awardees and suggested she would like to donate an award so Judy joined her as a sponsor for 2013. Unfortunately Milli was unable to attend on the day due to ill health and Judy presented the award to **Hayley Prisk**. Hayley is studying toward a Bachelor of Nursing, UCOL, Palmerston North Campus.

She sees education as providing a better future for herself and her son. Hayley is looking forward to using some of her experiences to help others and to touch people's lives in a positive way.

Hayley visited Milli at her home to thank her for the award.

Friends of the Trust

The new initiative for 2012 *Friends of NHWT* is slowly growing and a big THANK YOU to those who have joined or donated this year.

I received a delightful letter from **Noelene Nuttall** who has just celebrated her 87th birthday and has joined as a *Friend*. She writes - 'If being a Friend is OK with Lianne Dalziel (June Newsletter), that's OK for me too'
Congratulations for your birthday Noelene and thank you for your support.



New Horizons for Women – Friends Membership

New Horizons for Women invites you to be one of our friends.
Your friendship will help us to continue to administer a variety of awards that benefit New Zealand women in their tertiary education, innovation and research.

I enclose an annual donation to join the *Friends of NHWT*.

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