



THE SAFETY NET PROJECT

A HOST HOME INITIATIVE AIMED AT ENSURING THAT ANY ENCOUNTER OUR RANGATAHI HAVE WITH HOMELESSNESS IS BRIEF, RARE, AND NON-RECURRING.



We need your help to make a difference in the lives of young people in our community.

Right now, if a young person is experiencing or at risk of homelessness, there's no guarantee they'll have a safe place to stay.

Massey Community Trust, Kaipara College and Outwest Youth are working together to respond to this need in our local community. Our goal is simple: to ensure that when a young person is at risk of homelessness, we can intervene early, ensure they are safe, and connect them with the support they need.

- **50%** of our homeless population are young people (2023 Census)
- **29%** of secondary students (Years 9–13) experienced severe housing deprivation in the past year (Youth 2000)
- **38%** of Rainbow Rangatahi surveyed had experienced homelessness (Youth19NZ)

The Safety Net is a host home initiative that provides a safe, supported, and healing alternative to motels as emergency accommodation for young people aged 16–24. Short-term host homes offer a safe place for rangatahi who are experiencing homelessness due to a variety of reasons, including family conflict, poverty, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

We're looking for compassionate, caring individuals or whānau willing to welcome a young person into their home and their lives, whether for one night or up to six months. During this time, the young person will be supported to reconnect with whānau or explore other housing options with the support of their local community.

Could this be you?

- Do you have a spare room?
- Would you consider hosting a young person, even just for a night?
- Do you want to be part of a community-driven solution to youth homelessness?

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Will you join us in being “the village” for our rangatahi? Together, we can ensure that any encounter our rangatahi have with homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring. If you're interested in becoming a host home and want to learn more about how you can support this mahi, please get in touch with Josh the Safety Net Coordinator, by email and cc in Tracey Roberts - Kaipara College Counsellor.

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