

5. CORRESPONDENCE

C) APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – GLENROY FAMILY CAMP

The following letter has been received from Jeff Macey, Community Youth Worker of 'Our Youth, Our Community' Trust, seeking funding from the Board's Discretionary Fund.

"The 'Our Youth, Our Community' Trust is hoping to run their second Family Camp to be held at Glenroy Lodge, (80 km west of Christchurch) during the weekend of 27 to 29 October 2000.

This camp is strongly focussed on developing social skills for children and youth who attend our programmes. Parental attendance is also recommended as our programmes address 'parenting with confidence' as 85% to 90% of these children and youth, are 'at risk'.

Currently we have 150-200 children and youth (aged between 5 to 16 years) attending our three weekly programmes with over 100 children and youth along with some parents joining in the 'Friday Family' programmes.

Our first camp was held in June 1999 which was made successful by kind contributions from various Linwood businesses and also with a grant of \$1,800 by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

It is this aspect that we again humbly request your financial assistance for, to make this year's Family Camp another success. We are applying for a contribution of \$1,800.00 from the Board to assist in operational costs to cover this camp. Our proposed budget is attached for your perusal.

Your kind generosity to support and develop these young people would be appreciated very much as we consider this to be a long term investment and money well spent. By providing them with the necessary social skills in a caring and safe environment beyond the walls of destruction, it may just be the starting point of breaking the 'at risk' cycle for the whole family.

Too many children, too many youth and families slip through the system. This has to stop. Not at the end of a disastrous life-style, but at the beginning. Help us to help these children and their families to better themselves and see beyond the grief and self doubting environment that manifests this unfortunate degenerate life pattern.

We cannot afford to see our communities become impoverished by reckless minds, and yet this seems to be so familiar in many areas of Christchurch.

The 'Our Youth, Our Community' Trust focuses on helping those who have fallen through the cracks of the system, attempting with all its capacity to develop the potential of these young people and their families within our community.

We have also enclosed our last Quarterly Community Workers Report which we hope you find interesting. We welcome and appreciate your support to this programme and hope you find favourably to our request.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.”

The Community Development Adviser, Lynnette Ebborn advises that the following funding was provided to “Our Youth, Our Community’ Trust from the Community Development Fund in the 1999/2000 year:

\$2,000 – volunteer expenses for running children and youth programmes.

\$2,000 – paid worker mileage allowance and external supervision for a worker in a stressful environment.

\$500 – Awesome Youth Camp 2000 – training for leadership.

In addition, the Board provided funding of \$3,040 from Project Funds in the 1999/2000 year to the Linwood Baptist Church for supervision.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: For discussion.