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## Tamarind helps families move from From Hardship to Hope

From left: Jason Peacock - Director and Country Manager, New Zealand, Katherine Blaney - Information Coordinator, Rebecca Hopson - Business Services Coordinator



Major Sponsor of From Hardship to Hope Kids Health Fund

By Virginia Winder

A charity that helps children and families during stressful hospital stays has touched the hearts of those working at Tamarind in Taranaki.

The oil and gas exploration and production company has donated \$12,500 towards From Hardship to Hope, being run by the Taranaki Health Foundation.

Tamarind's sponsorship committee of Katherine Blaney, Rebecca Hopson and Jason Peacock say the charity can make a tangible difference to people's lives.

"Each of us have known people where the children have been ill, or the parents have been ill and we realise it puts a lot of strain on a family," Katherine says.

"It's when people need the support the most," Rebecca adds. "It couldn't be more of a stressful time and being able to help is special."

Jason agrees. "Everyone is affected by illness at some point."

He knows that there are many families who can't afford the support needed when somebody gets sick. People can run out of sick leave or may not be able to afford something as simple as a taxi, but don't meet criteria for other help.

"We want to support people who are not as fortunate as we are."

When in need, the family is assessed by a Taranaki District Health Board social worker and then support can be accessed immediately. This is particularly important for families who are told their child needs to go to Starship Hospital within hours.

Foundation general manager Bry Kopu says a family may need petrol or grocery vouchers, accommodation support and even help looking after other children.

"On behalf of the foundation, I want to say a huge thanks to Tamarind. Their support is invaluable and enables us to do so much more to help families and children in need," she says.

"The generosity of businesses like Tamarind enrich our community and improve the lives of people living in Taranaki."

"We are happy to be involved with the foundation," Jason says. "It's an important role they are playing."

"We want to acknowledge the hard work the Taranaki Health Foundation does and we want to support them to do that," Katherine says.

The company, formerly AWE until it was bought by Tamarind a year ago, has been sponsoring community projects since 2007.

It has supported the health foundation since October 2014, particularly with the mobility garden at Taranaki Base Hospital and the We Heart Taranaki campaign to raise \$3.6 million for a new angiography machine and suite.

Tamarind has a policy to improve the areas around the world where it's based. "We like to try to assist in leaving the communities in a better place than when we arrived," Rebecca says.

## Pre-school FUNdraiser!



Thank you to Kidszone families and staff who have donated over 60 kids books to the new Parent's Zone with a fun dress-up book drive. Well done!



## RJ Eagar adds comfort to Parent Zone

By Virginia Winder

A Taranaki-owned and operated family business is supporting the next generation.

To further enhance the upgraded Parent Zone room at Taranaki Base Hospital, RJ Eagar has donated furniture and soft furnishing to ensure parents and babies can have quiet times in attractive and comfortable surroundings.

For the Taranaki Health Foundation project, the business has provided a leather La-Z-Boy recliner rocker chair, a La-Z-Boy two-seater leather couch, charcoal-coloured commercial carpet tiles, a Luxaflex blind and a curtain to provide privacy for feeding babies.

Director Michael Eagar says the business, started by his parents nearly 70 years ago, believes in supporting the community. "We are Taranaki born and bred and it's very good to give back and support organisations throughout Taranaki."

He says this project is extra-special because it is for young mums and dads with new babies. "When you come to hospital, you can come somewhere nice and have bonding time," says the father of three grown-up children. He also has two grandchildren.

"Having babies can be stressful, especially for mums, and we thought it was a good thing to support."

Being able to sit in a peaceful, well-furnished room will enable couples to have a quiet time with their young ones. "It doesn't matter if it's child No 1, 2 or 3, it's always special, and that's why I thought it was such a good cause."

RJ Eagar, based in New Plymouth and Stratford, provides quality, on-trend, furniture, bedding, flooring and window treatments.

Taranaki Health Foundation general manager Bry Kopu says the room, which had been in urgent need of refurbishment, looks amazing.

"RJ Eagar's generous sponsorship has made this project a reality and we are very grateful for their enthusiasm. It is wonderful that whanau and visitors will have a calm, family friendly space to take their children."

The new parent zone is on Level 2 at Taranaki Base Hospital adjacent to the corporate entrance and surgical outpatients.



Michael Eagar, in the new Parent Zone room, says it's important to give back to the community.



Vivien Lewis (left) and Bry Kopu with some of the 350+ blankets donated to the Safe Sleep Programme to help babies. Thank you to all of the wonderful knitters and blanket makers!

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