



Te Ope Whakaora

Spotlight On Community Loans

the affordable, ethical alternative



Home Schooling – not all children have equal opportunities

With classes being taught remotely via video platforms such as ZOOM, it's become apparent that learning in lockdown isn't all rainbows and unicorns.

Latest research shows that in some lower decile areas only 18% of students have access to a device and roughly 60 percent of families have internet. Families have found themselves in very difficult situations during the lockdown period and when you add in the stress of home schooling it's apparent not all students are presented with the same opportunities.

The Salvation Army's interest free NILS Loan may be the solution; we have put devices in the hands of 100's of low and middle income families, taking the stress out of this added Education cost. To see if we're the right solution for you, simply give us a call on 0800 854 009

Government fast-tracks protections against loan sharks

As a result of the disruption and financial pressures caused by Covid-19, the Government has brought forward measures originally due to start on the 1st June.

You can read the complete article on our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/TSACommunityFinance

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

Launched by BNZ and Good Shepherd our Community Finance team are able to provide a new Covid-19 loan designed to help people who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

COVID-19 loans can be used to pay outstanding bills like rent and utilities or to refinance or consolidate existing high-cost debt.

Suddenly out of work and stranded in a different city would be stressful at any time let alone on the eve of a nationwide lockdown; yet that's exactly the situation Fred found himself in. Through a robust financial conversation with one of our workers, and an application completed over the phone, Fred was able to not only get home but buy groceries and pay rent while he waits for his jobseeker support to kick in.

Fred had thought a high interest loan would be his only option so to receive the COVID-19 loan at 0% interest was a godsend, to say Fred was extremely grateful and relieved is an understatement.

If you need assistance, give us a call, we may be able to help.



COVID-19: Living in Lockdown

What unprecedented times we find ourselves in, living in lockdown fulfilling the task of staying home and saving lives.

Many of us find ourselves unable to work in what was our norm and I'm sure we have a new found appreciation of our children's teachers.

We salute all the essential workers out in our communities. Our Community Finance team are hard at work and whilst they have temporarily moved to phone based interviews, they are here to help. Give us a call on 0800 854 009 or visit www.salvationarmy.org.nz/loans

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