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Wilson Home Trust appoints new manager

With more than three decades' experience in the not-for-profit sector, newly appointed Trust Manager Chris Jones brings a wealth of knowledge to The Wilson Home Trust.

Mrs Jones has been with the Trust since 2017 and in the acting manager role for the past five months.

Founded in 1937, The Wilson Home Trust is a private entity that provides services to physically disabled children and their families in the upper North Island. The Trust offers a raft of information, support and grant-funding initiatives from 13 acres of coastal land and gardens at Takapuna.



Above: New Wilson Home Trust Manager Chris Jones.

Waitematā DHB is a Trustee of the Wilson Home Trust and runs the Regional Respite Service and National Child Rehabilitation Services, from the North Shore site.

Mrs Jones says her vision for the Trust is for the organisation to continue to be responsive to the needs of beneficiaries, enhancing their wellbeing so they can live their fullest lives.

“This is a special organisation, where we are able to work closely with the families.

“We make a difference and because we are a ‘small’ trust, we can be adaptable to the needs of our beneficiaries, which is quite unique. Being responsive to what the real needs are, is about being there for our families.”

Due to COVID-19 disruptions, 2020 did not allow the Trust to travel as much as staff would have liked, something Mrs Jones is hoping to remedy as soon as possible.

“We need to continue to extend our reach, and further develop the relationships we have with a wide range of stakeholders across the entire region, from Turangi to the top of the North Island.”

Mrs Jones is originally from the United Kingdom and moved to New Zealand 31 years ago, switching from the private to the not-for-profit sector on arrival. Since then, she has held roles with the likes of Age Concern, Epilepsy New Zealand, Hearts & Minds and Be. Lab.

“This sector is where my passion lies because every day you go to work, you’re doing something that’s for the greater good. I am very excited to accept this permanent position.”

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