

# BUDDIES NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017



## Buddies Graduation



In April Buddies Peer Support Service held its graduation ceremony at St John in the City and welcomes eight new Buddies to the ranks of those who had completed their full Buddies training.

Candice The Hutt Buddies coordinator acted as M.C. for the night, which brought a great flow to proceedings, plus insight into the support Buddies provide.

The evening was full of fun and laughter balanced with just the right amount of informative speakers, who spoke on the subjects of the Peer Support movement, recovery, hope and the big difference Buddies make, spending time with Tangata whai ora at both Te Whare o Matairangi and Te Whare Ahuru.

At this point, I would like to thank our speakers Angie Egerton (Oasis), John Tovey (CCDHB) and Peter Barnett (Kites Trust). The Amazing support from the O.T. department( thanks' for the waiata guys) , Kites Board members, Kites Staff, the Buddies Team, all the Whānau and supporters of Buddies who made the night a success. The biggest thanks and cheers is of course saved for the Buddies graduating class of 2017 -

Jayshree, Joanna, Amy, Clarissa, Christina, Gail, Susan and Philip.

Well done, and we are proud to call you “Buddies “!!  
And there was cake.

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