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To Whom it May Concern

Support for Te Whangai Trust

The Te Whangai Trust has become something incredibly special within the wider Franklin communities and continues to provide services and opportunities to many of those who have, for a variety of reasons, not been able to take advantage of other opportunities in life.

The Trust has an outstanding vision and aspirations, lead by their charismatic and determined Trustees and staff. The leadership that has been displayed is of such quality that it empowers those who not only enter into the schemes operated by the Trust, but those other stakeholders that support or engage in other ways.

Working with others has always been a strength of the Trust as they recognise the value in a collaborative approach whereby they facilitate the bringing together of skills, resources and needs which is something that adds to the value this organisation brings to the community as a whole.

Their success has created pressure on the ability to meet demand and requires them to seek further assistance from a variety of sources to enable them to continue to deliver what they do in our community. I have been privileged to view and discuss their plans and see first-hand how they wish to enhance and extend their capacity to improve the lives of others.

The Franklin Local Board has recently provided support to them as recognition of their input to, and alignment with, our local economic development strategy.

We fully support the Trust's endeavours, and seeking of further funding.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Baker
Chairman

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