

Well done you! Another donation for foodbank



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Waikato Family Homebased Childcare staff all got involved with collecting for the Christain Foodbank. From left: Claire Barbour, Lucy Weaver, Sarah Gill, Laura Myers, Carly Redwood, Jim Ellis and Jenni Ellis.

HAMILTON home-based educator Linda inspired her colleagues to collect for the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank 2008 Foodbank Challenge.

She read in *Hamilton This Week* that a challenge was out to help fill barren shelves at the foodbank, which has been inundated with demand from hungry families.

"Why don't we get involved as a community service," she suggested to her workmates at Waikato Family Homebased Childcare.

Soon carers, children, staff and parents had collected a huge carton of non-perishable food which is now on its way to needy people in the city.

Homebased Childcare's Jenni Ellis says the exercise was especially useful for children, and the centre was proud to be involved and keen to assist.

The challenge has been met by a range of individuals and companies ranging from international personnel firms, chartered accountants and gymnasiums to childcare centers and schools.

City families are being hit with rising food costs, high petrol costs, power bills and, in some cases, job



losses. It all adds up to hard times.

Hamilton This Week has published stories and pictures around community-minded companies who have collected and donated supplies to fill an ever rising call on emergency food supplies.

Foodbank staff report that demand for assistance from the Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank is up 60 to 70 per cent. They say large families, in particular, seem to be finding it difficult to cope.

Food donations from families and individuals can be left at The Crosslight Trust, Dinsdale; Anglican Action, Family Works and Catholic Family Support, Hillcrest; Te Whanau Putahi and Desert Springs, Hamilton East; St Vincent de Paul, Frankton; Methodist City Action, London St and most churches

To make Foodbank donations call direct on (07) 856 2520.