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Winter is here! Rain, snow, hail, thunder and lightening..... "Still not enough rain", I hear some say. As I look out my window through the torrent, that it is hard to believe!

It is affirming to read, in your minutes, references to Branchlink. The fact that it is appearing in the "Head Office" section and there is follow-up related to the information that has been provided tells me it is a useful tool. I am committed to keeping Branchlink regular & brief. Regular.... so you look for it and brief.... so that it is read.

This issue contains the information you need about seminar so that you can consider the funding implications for your branch.

BRANCH SEMINAR – DISTANT DRUMS 2008

The annual seminar is an opportunity for representatives from every Heart Children New Zealand Inc branch and support group to come together for a time of training, development, and discussion on key issues.

HCNZ inc will fully fund the **chairperson** (or their delegate) from each affiliated branch **and a family support worker** from each affiliated branch and support group. The regional Board Representatives will also be funded.

All other committee members are welcome. We actively encourage additional representatives from your branch, to attend the seminar however this cost will need to be met by your group.

The information brochure, registration forms & deadlines will be mailed & emailed during July.

FOCUS Family Support - the way forward
VENUE Centra Hotel - Auckland Airport
START Friday 12th September 6:00pm
FINISH Sunday 14th September 1:00pm
COST Delegate package \$ 75.00pp
Accommodation \$140.00pp
Two night / share twin basis

STAFF ACTIVITY

We are all very concerned about Debbie our public relations coordinator. She is unwell and has been admitted to hospital. While she is away Iyanthi will be looking after her projects so please direct any queries you may have had for Debbie to Iyanthi. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is back with us soon.

BANK ACCOUNTS TO ASB

Only four to go!!!

BOOT CAMP 17th – 20th July

This is all set to go. The program looks great – interesting, varied, & thought provoking. It is good to see these new initiatives being trialled. We hope this will be an annual event.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

The fund raisers are "knackered". This is a 5:10pm Friday comment. I'm hopeful that they will be re-charged by Monday!!

Funding applications are being prepared for seminar. This is an important development event for the organization and we are hopeful that funders continue to recognize this.

Funding applications are also being prepared for Camp Brave Hearts one of the "basic services" on our annual calendar.

Remember to Please get your final Awareness Week reports through to Liz as soon as you can.

BRANCH EMAILS

We have been investigating the feasibility of an email address for each branch. This is to be tested with one branch for 6 months. If there are no issues the service may be offered to all branches.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences go to Nigel & Liz Wilson. Their 15 year old son Cameron died this weekend. Many of you will know Nigel as your cardiologist. You may not have known that he too had an un-well child. His understanding was always deeper than the medical expertise he brought to the role.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Thank you for all the work your branch volunteer support workers do.

June Hospital Statistics to come

Visited	TBA
Contacts made	TBA
HC Information packs provided	TBA
Gifts to Children	TBA
Petrol Voucher value	TBA
Food Voucher value	TBA
Phone Voucher value	TBA

REMINDERS

I enjoy reading the minutes of your meetings. Please remember to keep me on the distribution list.

Awareness Week Reports to Liz as soon as is practicable.

Approval from HO is required for anything that is published for public distribution using the HCNZ Logo. Send your drafts through to either Garth or me for "sign-off".

BRANCH ABBREVIATIONS

On the receipt template guideline you will have seen the branch identifying prefix. We are standardizing these and will be using them as needed for ease of identification.

<i>Branch</i>	<i>Identifier</i>
Auckland	AUK
Bay of Plenty	BOP
Canterbury	CTY
Central Otago	COT
Hawkes Bay	HWB
Manawatu	MAN
Nelson	NEL
Otago	OTA
Rotorua	ROT
South Canterbury	SCT
Southland	STH
Taranaki	TAR
Taupo	TPO
Waikato	WAI
Wanganui	WAN
Wellington/Wairarapa	WEL

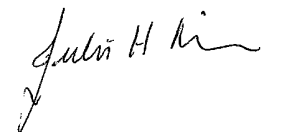
FUND RAISING IDEA

Manawatu Branch have booked a fashion show at Ballantynes for May 2009. All that is required is to sell tickets @ \$10 each and provide a supper. The branch gets all the proceeds. Do you have a Ballantynes in your area that you may be able to approach?

BRANCH VISITS

I have started the round of Branch visits and am due to visit the lower North Island branches early in the month and the South Island branches at the end of the month. I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Kind Regards to you all



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