

*To give Kidney Kids the best life possible, to offer their families the best support and information available and educate all New Zealanders on the early warning signs of Kidney and Urinary Tract disease.*

### Who are Kidney Kids?

- A parent-driven organisation set up to meet the needs of parents of children with kidney disorders
- A group parents can turn to when they find their child has a kidney disorder
- A group where parents can receive emotional support and information from parents who have been there
- A group where parents can find an advocate to help with agencies providing services for their children



### Kidney Kids Background

Kidney Kids of New Zealand Inc. is a non-profit organisation founded in 1990 to provide emotional support and help parents of children with Kidney Disorders. It assists them to obtain the best service possible for their child's needs.

### Kidney Kids Values

- We value parents and families
- We encourage and support parents to follow their dreams
- We value integrity, honesty and openness
- We believe in fairness, equality and equal opportunity
- We respect confidentiality
- We are committed to providing a non-judgmental and empathetic environment for parents
- We believe in helping parents support their families

### Kidney Kids Support Role

We provide support to:

- Individual parents
- Individual children
- Kidney Kids Support Groups throughout NZ
- Access services from professionals
- Access advocates and interpreters

### Kidney Kids Social Activities

We organise

- Support group meetings
- Coffee mornings
- Educational evenings
- Special events



### Information and Resources

We provide information and resources to parents and to other Kidney Kids by providing books, videos and pamphlets plus other parents to talk with locally and nationally.

### Community Liaison

We develop and maintain community networks by being involved in community activities by:

- Attending meetings
- Liaising with the media as appropriate

### Human Resources

Kidney Kids has a person employed full-time to provide services to parents.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

Staff keep accurate client and financial records that enable them to write a monthly report and provide statistics for funding applications.







## Our Patron - Jonah Lomu

As most New Zealanders will know, Jonah Lomu faced some serious kidney problems a few years ago resulting in his kidneys failing in 2004. After a period of time on Dialysis, Jonah received a kidney transplant and returned to the rugby field in 2005. Now, Jonah's the patron of Kidney Kids, and helps us out with fundraising events.

## A problem shared... is a problem halved.

Here are some comments from Kidney Kids parents:

*Kidney Kids helps us to survive  
though those ghastly times  
when things are going wrong*

*It means so much to have  
someone to talk to  
when I am feeling down*

*We have found our knowledge  
and understanding of kidney  
problems has improved and  
this has been a big help to us*

*Knowing that we are not  
alone makes all the difference*

Kidney Kids Support Line

0800 215 437

Email: [admin@kidneykids.org.nz](mailto:admin@kidneykids.org.nz)

*Your Local Parent Contact is:*

*If no Parent Contact is shown here please contact 0800 215 437*

If you would like to make a donation to support the work of Kidney Kids NZ please post your cheque to: PO Box 13732, Onehunga, Auckland 1643.

For an automatic \$20 donation:-  
Tel: 0900 KEEWEE (533 933)



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# Kidney Kids of New Zealand

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