



Deliver Care and Love to Tzu Chi's Oldest Volunteer

Auckland has been locked down for over three months since the increment of community Covid19 cases. Fortunately, John, Tzu Chi's oldest volunteer, had moved into a rest home a few days before the lockdown. Tzu Chi volunteers felt a sense of relief because John will be taken care of in the rest home. During the lockdown, people are not allowed to get in touch with someone not in the same household; under this rule, Tzu Chi volunteers should not send food to John.

During the pandemic, Tzu Chi volunteers called John routinely to make sure he is well. On 25 November, Tzu Chi volunteers sent John his favourite banana, potato salads, and a 2022 calendar. Volunteers left the parcel at the counter and called John by phone as the rest home is not open to the public. John was very happy with the thoughtful gifts. He misses and looks forward to meeting his Tzu Chi family members, and he wished everyone good health amid the Coronavirus pandemic.

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Auckland Online Scholarship Award Ceremony

Tzu Chi NZ believes that education can greatly influence the future of disadvantaged students. Therefore, every year Tzu Chi NZ hold a grand awards ceremony to make the students feel their work is valued. The recognition and encouragement will support the students to continue working hard in achieving academic excellence.

This year, due to Covid-19, the awards ceremony was held online in Auckland on 11 December. The students and teachers attended the online ceremony at home separately. The awarded students would have to go to Tzu Chi NZ to collect their award certificates, scholarships and gifts the next day.

Manurewa Intermediate School

On 11 December in the morning Tzu Chi volunteers were busy preparing for the online award ceremony. At 10.30 a.m. Tzu Chi NZ held the ceremony for Manurewa Intermediate School. Tzu Chi's CEO congratulated and encouraged the students, and wished them a bright and successful 2022. Manurewa Intermediate School has 27 awarded students, each of their names were called out and congratulated by Ross Devereux, the Deputy Principal of Manurewa Intermediate School. The students and their families were grateful to Tzu Chi NZ for the grant.

Dawson Primary School

The Scholarship award ceremony for Dawson Primary School began at 11 a.m. After the presenter delivered a briefing on Tzu Chi's missions and philosophy, the associate principal, Tarayn Zeier called out each of the names of the nine award-winning pupils.



On 13 December in the morning, Tzu Chi NZ was opened for the award-winning students to collect their certificates and scholarships. Telea of Manurewa Intermediate School came with her mother, Mrs Telea thanked Tzu Chi for the scholarship, she said the grant is very important to the family and that Telea can use the money toward her high school education.

Campbell thanked the teachers of the school for doing a great job for the students during the lockdown. A shy student thanked Tzu Chi quietly for the scholarship which she intends to use on her school fee. The parent cried happy tears and hugged Tzu Chi volunteers.

Another parent indicated that now they can buy a computer which she could not afford previously. 8 years-old Pales came with her mother and her younger siblings. Having three young children, this was a difficult year for mother due to Covid-19 and the lockdown. She thanked Tzu Chi for helping the community.

In total Tzu Chi NZ spent \$28,000 in 2021 on Scholarships. 67 students from 4 schools were awarded.



Christmas Food Parcel Distribution

Tzu Chi NZ held four food parcel distributions from the beginning of the Delta outbreak until the end of 2021. All food parcel distributions were carried out by contactless drive-through means.

18 December was the last distribution of the year, many cars lined up outside Tzu Chi before the food distribution started. Food items in the parcels were common daily necessities. Tzu Chi volunteers had carefully researched about what are the much-needed items. Some recipients of food parcels were not new, while some recipients learnt about