

Dear friend,

This year Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) has hit the headlines big-time.

Our cornerstone report, *Left Behind: How income and social inequalities damage our children*, together with our landmark legal case against discrimination in family assistance policy, our analysis of Budget 08 and our hosting of Kate Green (CEO of CPAG UK) have all received intense media coverage in print, radio, TV and online.

Please help us to sustain this momentum. Your donation is vital.

Without the financial support of friends like you, CPAG would not be able to continue to speak out for the more than 200,000 New Zealand children whose meagre standard of living compromises their health, education, well-being and future potential.

The work of Child Poverty Action Group

Our highly efficient registered charity is mainly run by volunteers, including academics, doctors, teachers, community workers and others dedicated to protecting and advancing children's collective interests.

Our experts' research and analysis is widely available through publications and via our website downloads, which have increased sharply over the last two years. This work is highly regarded, with many government agencies, academics and non-profit organisations, both here and overseas, accessing our work.

CPAG does not accept any funds from gambling activity and is not government-funded. We are very grateful to ongoing funders J R McKenzie Trust and the Hostel of the Holy Name Trust, and to supporters Auckland City Mission for office space as well as to design agency Apropos and public relations company Ideas Shop for their vital contributions.

To make a donation please contact us using the forms in the letter attached, or online <http://www.cpag.org.nz/about/donate/>.

Many thanks in anticipation of your ongoing support for our work, and for passing this message on to your networks.

Janfrie Wakim, Director CPAG

CPAG Annual General Meeting and Annual Report

Dr Tess Ridge gave a fascinating talk to the CPAG NZ AGM. A summary of it will shortly be available and distributed. The CPAG Annual Report 2007-2008 was presented and it attached, together with minutes of the meeting. It outlines the group's achievements over the last financial year. A new CPAG Management Committee was elected, and committee member Gillian Roach farewelled and thanked for her huge contribution over the past five years.

Annual call for membership subscriptions

Many thanks to those of you who have recently become financial members of CPAG and donated generously. For the rest of us, this is the annual call to update membership and consider becoming a regular financial donor to our organization.

For details of how to donate, see Janfrie's letter (attached). A membership form and information can also be found at <http://www.cpag.org.nz/about/donate/>

Vote CPAG - Another great way to support us – and it's free!

We encourage everyone to make sure they are enrolled to vote in the upcoming elections. Here is another way to make your vote pay - a free way for people to help raise money for Child Poverty Action Group and get the message out that child poverty is this year's most important election issue. Please help us get the word around to your networks.

For the month of August we have been chosen to compete for around \$10 - 15,000.00 in Sovereign Sunshine insurance company funding. We are competing in a group of six charities, and with voting having just kicked off we are currently in third place! So we need people to sign on to the Sovereign website and vote.

People can vote at www.sovereignsunshine.co.nz Voting will close on August 29th at midday.

Sovereign will announce the winner on the website on the afternoon of August 29th, along with the winner of their voter prize, which all voters go in the draw to win. This month's charities were selected by the Workplace Business Team at Sovereign. Each month a different department will review the eligible charities and decide the shortlist.

Other news and upcoming events - see <http://www.cpag.org.nz/news/>

Fairness in Lending – event in Wellington this week!!

3 Aug 2008

CPAG finance spokesperson Dr Claire Dale will join speakers on Thur 7 August in Wellington to discuss a plan for a more just finance sector. The sector's union, Finsec, is releasing a report that sets out a plan for improving fairness for consumers and staff within the finance industry.

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[CPAG on poverty and early childhood education](#)

5 Aug 2008

World Organisation for Early Childhood Education will host a conversation with CPAG Director Janfrie Wakim and CPAG 'Left Behind' author Jenny Ritchie in Auckland on Thur 14 August

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[Every Child Counts Conference](#)

10 Sep 2008

CPAG's Dr Susan St John will join the keynote speakers at this year's conference in Wellington, entitled "For our children: A better today. A better tomorrow. What's it going to take?" Follow this link to register with ECC.

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[CPAG welcomes improved security for family incomes](#)

28 Jul 2008

Child Poverty Action Group welcomes the National Party's announcement that it will keep Working for Families (WFF).

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[Left Behind: How social and income inequalities damage NZ children](#)

28 Apr 2008

Left Behind is CPAG's cornerstone report, edited by Dr Susan St John and Donna Wynd, and written by a range of experts. It outlines how increasing inequalities are harmful to children and society at large - and what can be done about it. Download the executive summary here, or write to admin@cpag.org.nz to request a copy of the full report (~180pages). Suggested purchase price is \$25 - for those able to afford it. Most important however is that our information gets to where it needs to go! We welcome requests for complimentary copies for unwaged people and students. See <http://www.cpag.org.nz/resources/publications/res1213939891.pdf>

CPAG human rights legal case

CPAG's legal case has been presented to the Human Rights Review Tribunal. We now await the Tribunal's decision, which we expect will take some time. Keep an eye on our website www.cpag.org.nz for updates. Read more about the [progress of the case](#).

[Legal case addresses hole in safety net for poorest children – CPAG media release](#)

3 Jun 2008

The CPAG legal case alleges the In-Work Tax Credit discriminates against 220 000 children, on the basis of work status. This discrimination leaves around 150 000 of them in severe or significant hardship by denying their families at least \$60 per week in support for children.

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Thanks for your help

CPAG needs ongoing financial support to sustain its research and advocacy programme and to raise awareness of poverty in NZ. Many thanks to those who support us in this important work. Please send donations to Box 56-150 Mt Eden, Auckland or bank directly into our Kiwibank account 38-9003-0066858-00.

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End child poverty in NZ by 2020: A rich life for all children.