

## **Presbyterian Support Southland - Family Works**

**ILT Foundation grant \$130,000 17/12/09**

### **ILT FOUNDATION HELPING SOUTHLAND FAMILIES**

The number of Southland families seeking support and assistance through Family Works has increased so much the organisation has created two new positions.

The roles of social worker and intake worker, will be fully funded by the ILT Foundation which has generously granted the organisation \$130,000. The remainder of the funding will be used to run the Family Works parenting programme.

Family Works is a branch of Presbyterian Support Southland and provides support, services and education for families facing challenges.

Some of the programmes include the Buddy Programme, grief groups, as well as foster care for children around the region.

Presbyterian Support Southland chief executive Peter Wards said the demand for its services had tripled during the past year.

Although not entirely sure of all the reasons the recession was partly to blame.

As well as dealing with the increased demand, the funding contributed to the organisation by the ILT Foundation will allow families to get help faster, he said.

“It’s great that we will be able to respond a lot quicker to people seeking our assistance especially when you know that if things are left they can often take a little bit longer to resolve.”

ILT Foundation chairman Alan Dennis said the role of the organisation was vital in ensuring all children received the best possible care.

“Family Works programmes aren’t just about patching over challenges. They are about educating and enlightening families – empowering them so they can become strong, keeping the wellbeing of children at the forefront.

“The money the ILT Foundation has granted Family Works will help ensure all families have the chance to become the best they can.”