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*The Warehouse Group CEO Nick Grayston (far right) gives cheque to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Chair Jo-Anne Thomas (second left)*

### **\$76,000 raised to help Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust start caregiver education programme**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, with support from The Warehouse Group Trust now has funding to be able to further develop its caregiver education programme throughout NZ and extend its community outreach services.

The funding is a result of the annual Bob Tindall Golf Classic which took place yesterday at the Muriwai Golf Club.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren provides vital support services to over 6000 full-time grandparent and whanau caregivers raising children in circumstances where the alternative is foster care.

Services offered include an 0800 GRANDS helpline, vital information resources, Caregiver Education and one-to-one Community Outreach and Specialist Advocates; which help to empower caregivers to provide a safe and supportive home environment for the vulnerable children and young people in their care.

Chief Executive Kate Bundle says the funding generated from the Bob Tindall Golf Classic will help the organisation to expand its services in what is an environment of increasing need.

“Caregivers we deal with find themselves very daunted with the task of looking after a child two generations younger and are looking for tools to support them.



“Each year more and more grandparents find themselves looking after vulnerable children for a range of reasons, whether it be a parent’s drug addiction, fatality, or simply the inability to look after their own children.”

The Warehouse Group CEO Nick Grayston is aware of the valuable role the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren play, with some members being employees at The Warehouse Group.

“I admire grandparents who take on such a huge responsibility and it is great they have a range of support services through an organisation like Grandparents Raising Grandchildren,” said Mr Grayston.

The funds will be used to further develop its ‘SALT™’ (Sharing and Learning Together™) caregiver education programme throughout NZ and extend its community outreach services.

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**About Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren offers services including the 0800 GRANDS helpline, vital information resources, Caregiver Education and one-to-one Community Outreach and Specialist Advocates. It is designed to help empower caregivers to provide a safe and supportive home environment for the vulnerable children and young people in their care.

**About The Warehouse Group’s commitment to communities:**

The Warehouse Group’s support for New Zealand communities is one of its key strategic commitments. In its 35 years of operation, through the generosity of its customers, suppliers and team members it has contributed more than \$45 million to charities and communities throughout New Zealand.