



## Theosophical Order of Service New Zealand

### TOS New Zealand Report for Year End 30 September 2019

The TOS in New Zealand is doing very well and the majority of TS branches around New Zealand do some form of TOS activity; either sponsoring a child and/or supporting various projects and raising funds either locally or nationally. The key aspect here is *service in action*, with people working together towards a common goal.

We continue to have strong support from the Section in NZ and high visibility in the National Section's magazine *TheoSophia*. A special thank you to the National President John Vorstermans, who understands the value and contribution of TOS work in supporting The Society's objects and role of action on the spiritual path.

#### Highlighted activity over the past 13 months:

1	12 Sep 18	<b>India - TOS Bhubaneswar Group</b> , Odisha region, for sewing machines for the <i>Mobile Empowerment of Women Project</i>	\$ 1090
2	Feb 19	<b>Pakistan</b> – continued sponsorship of <i>Two Literacy Centres</i> plus <i>Child Sponsorship programme</i> -26 children	\$ 6900
3	20 Feb 19	<b>India</b> – Child Sponsorship programme – 19 children	\$ 2850
4	20 Feb 19	<b>Philippines</b> – <i>Geoffrey Hodson Memorial Scholarship Fund</i> (USD3354.30). The trustees of this fund keep a very close eye on the financial side of things, which are held in the Philippines and are reported on yearly to the trustees.	\$ 5000
5	Year round	<b>New Zealand</b> - Various TS branches around New Zealand do fundraising activity each year to support sponsored children and/or donate to TOS projects and other small projects within NZ as part of their branch activity.	

The Geoffrey Hodson Book Fund, has a sum of USD4500 and this is maintained in the Philippines.

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26 children in Pakistan and 19 in India.

In January of this year we were privileged to have the opportunity to interview strong TOS supporters: retired International Secretary Diana Dunningham Chapotin and TOS Treasurer from the USA Betty Bland as our special guests at the TS Summer National Convention held in the Hawke's Bay. This session was a particular highlight.

TOS NZ continues to sell hand books, and to raffle various donations at both the Auckland branch, and various National events. TOS is very well supported throughout New Zealand.

Attached are photos and captions of the various TOS Projects NZ has been involved in this past year. It is lovely to share with our supporters' updates and photos, and I would like to thank our sister organisations overseas who organize this for us.

This past year we lost Gerald Jones, Joan Wilson and Nancy Eden who were long-term TOS supporters of TOS activities. Gerald very kindly left a legacy to continue to support his sponsored child into the future. We are currently awaiting these funds. We wish Gerald, Joan and Nancy well on the next stage of their journeys.

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I would like to especially mention the support of the International Secretary of the TOS Nancy Secrest, as she works tirelessly with all the coordination of the TOS groups and travels extensively to support the TOS work around the world. Nancy is based at Adyar, Chennai, India.

Thank you to all the TOS liaisons, TS Branches and centres from around New Zealand who support the various TOS activities.

Lastly, HUGE THANKS on behalf of TOS New Zealand, go to the many members and friends that have shown great dedication and commitment to TOS NZ, highlighting the importance of active service as part of the spiritual journey.

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**Renée Sell**

National Coordinator

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**India - TOS Bhubaneswar Group, Odisha region, sewing machines for the Mobile Empowerment of Women Project (partially supported by TOS New Zealand)**



**India - TOS Bhubaneswar Group, Odisha region, same project as photo above**



**Geoffrey Hodson Memorial Scholarship Fund; 4 college students at Golden Link College  
July 15, 2019 (partially supported by TOS New Zealand)**



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