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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ Founding Trustee recognised as a Commonwealth Point of Light

The trustees, management, staff, volunteers and members of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust New Zealand congratulate **Founding Trustee Diane Vivian** on the receipt of a most prestigious award from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this week.

Diane Vivian was recognised as the **23rd Commonwealth Point of Light** in honour of her exceptional voluntary work establishing and running Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ this week.

Each day in the lead up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in London on 19-20 April, an inspirational volunteer is announced by Her Majesty the Queen from one of the 52 Commonwealth countries as a Commonwealth Point of Light.

Diane's incredible voluntary work over the years since founding the first support group in 1999 for grandparents raising their grandchildren full-time in challenging circumstances, has been an inspiration to us all and we are extremely proud of her achievements and thrilled for her personally and for her family that her efforts championing the cause and need of others has been so deservedly recognised with this award.

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