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Dear members and friends,

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the delay in informing you of Birth and Beyond's progress over the last six months, but here it is at last -
A NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

INCORPORATED SOCIETY

We are now an incorporated society - 'Birth and Beyond Inc.' (Nov. 1980)
Copies of our constitution are now available for all members. If you would like a copy, please phone Andrea Gilkison - 736-599.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORE GROUP

We have formed an Administrative Core Group to set up our Parents' resource and birth centre. The core group deals with things like negotiating for a house, applying for grants, planning antenatal education, and so on.

Members of the core group are;

Co-ordinator	Pam Skelton	894-202
Secretary	Andrea Gilkison	736-599
Treasurer	Barbara Toorenburg	846-889
Members;	Ramona Clark	757-158
	Marianne Kayes	758-488
	Mary McCarthy	
	Sue Lennox	266-764
	Joan Skinner	894-295
	Andrea O'Connor	757-085

All core group members are willing and available to answer questions, and receive suggestions, so don't hesitate to phone any of us. The core group meets at least six times a year, and all members are welcome to attend these meetings. The following times have been set for core group meetings;

8pm Thurs. 28th May at 67 Montreal Grove, Kingston.

8pm Thurs. 30th July at 35 Central Tce, Kelburn.

It is possible that we will have acquired premises by the time these meetings take place, if so, these will be held at 38 Owen St, Newtown.

PREMISES

Birth and Beyond are at present negotiating with the Wellington Hospital

Board for a three bedroom house in Owen Street. Negotiations are slow, but we are pushing for a decision from the Board on March 26th.

The house is in an ideal location, it has two double bedrooms and one smaller bedroom, a lounge and a huge kitchen with two small rooms off it, and a bathroom and toilet. The main alterations required will be an additional toilet, tubs for cleaning and a handbasin.

FINANCE

We have received a \$6,000 grant from the Mental Health Foundation which will pay one or more part-time co-ordinators for this year. This will be extended to 1982 following a satisfactory report to the Foundation. Several other philanthropic trusts have also been approached for grants.

We will need to put a lot of energy into fund raising over the next six months, so any ideas and help will be welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP

We need more members! So tell all your friends and acquaintances about Birth and Beyond. Anyone interested in joining please phone the secretary. Members do not need to be prospective parents - the group benefits from having a wide variety of people involved.

We have had 200 pamphlets printed and distributed throughout the Wellington area explaining the philosophy and objectives of the society and asking people to become members.

We particularly need the assistance of an accountant and a lawyer to assist our administrative core group. Know anyone?

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In early February, Birth and Beyond members ran a very successful workshop on birth at a mothers' seminar run by the Women's Gallery. The workshop emphasised choice and was greatly enjoyed by the sixteen participants.

There will be a workshop spread over 2-3 days in late March called "Getting your message across effectively." This will be for our members to learn how to promote discussion, share ideas, etc in groups.

DONATIONS

We will be needing equipment for our birth centre,so if you have anything that you think might be useful,don't throw it out,donate it to Birth and Beyond.We will be needing;

Good quality household furniture,cutlery,crokery,wood for shelving,toilet,basin,tubs,scales,desk,filing cabinet,cash,feezer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held at 8pm on the 30th April at Crossways in Mt.Victoria.

We would like as many members as possible to attend this meeting as we may have to decide on some important issues like,where does Birth and Beyond go from here?

So,please remember that date - 30th April at Crossways.

THANKS

Finally,a special thanks for help and advice from Alice Fieldhouse,Ken Newell and Ros Capper.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON!!!!!!

SEE YOU AT THE AGM.