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We have another story, working with somebody who used to be very active in work and somehow due to circumstance, became very depressed and when we saw her she was very depressed, very teary eyed when she was telling her stories and every time she would tell her story she would cry. She was not able to go out, not motivated to go out and then the person who started working with her first was identifying what it is she really wanted. She really wanted to have an independent house. Because she was then renting a room and felt, having stayed there for a number of years, she felt restricted, she cannot do anything with the house and for a woman that is very typical so we identified the priority and followed up her application with Housing New Zealand, she got a wonderful stand alone 2-bedroom flat and she was rapt. In just two weeks she put all her touches to the house, changed the photographs, put colours and it was beautiful and she was so happy because that was what she wanted. She was free to do it and then went back to her part-time work which was cleaning other people's houses and she was encouraged to continue that because then she interacted with the owners and most of her clients were Kiwis and she was able to learn English.