An essential partnership supporting New Zealand's youth

I spent quite some time out of the office in June, meeting with our charity partners to ensure that we are supporting them to the best of our ability.

My visit to the 0800 What's Up? call centre has really stuck with me in terms of the very apparent pressure and stress our young people are coping with at the moment.

It was harrowing to hear various recounts from calls received in recent times. To give context to this, the Counsellors had 11 duty of care calls in the first three weeks of June alone. This means there was a requirement for emergency services to intervene for the wellbeing of the caller.

Services such as this provided by Barnardos are so vitally critical in today's day and age. It's really important that we ensure our young people are aware that help is just a phone call or a text away when all seems too much for them. I certainly went home and had the conversation with my daughters. I encourage you to do the same with your children.

All the best

Bryce Marsden

Chief Executive





Events coming up

Drop Your Boss

This is your chance to leap off Auckland's tallest building to show support for the wellbeing of our young people. Whether it's you or your Boss, leap off the Auckland Sky Tower to raise money for the Graeme Dingle Foundation. To find out more, drop an email to tayo.wright@ dinglefoundation.org.nz

Funds Growing

\$6.264M

Money granted/committed to grant

\$3.099M

The Graeme Dingle Foundation 0800 What's Up?

The Special Children's **Christmas Parties**

The Village Community **Services Trust**

Manukau Urban Maori Authority The Fono Feleoko Food-Hub **Puhinui Regeneration Project**

Our **Partners**











The Career Pathways Pilot Programme is underway

Late last year, the Foundation committed \$50,000 to the Graeme Dingle Foundation to fund a Kiwi Can Leader career development pilot. The programme offers current Graeme Dingle Foundation Kiwi Can leaders the opportunity to receive funded work whilst studying qualifications in teaching or social work. We are delighted to share that the programme is now underway, with 10 Kiwi Can leaders enrolled across Auckland, Tauranga and the Waikato.

In addition, Mentors for this group are currently being trained so that they can support the Kiwi Can leaders during their studies.

A common theme uncovered during the pilot so far is the identification of skills gaps consistent across the Kiwi Can leaders who have entered the program around budgeting, understanding change processes and strategies to stay motivated. As a result, in order for the pilot to have the best chance of being successful, workshops are underway to address these gaps.

The Leaders are already working towards their short-term goals (supported by the Programme Developer), while they await their Mentor introduction. We will report back regularly as the programme evolves.

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