# **MONTHLY** REVIEW



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#### A Huge Month of Mahi

It's been an incredibly busy month with November and December shaping up to be even busier.

On the back of the Foundation Executive organising a number of Christmas-related initiatives for those that most need our help at this time of the year (I'll talk more about that next month), we have been travelling the country interviewing prospective Scholarship recipients.

The Foundation is looking to support 12 students. However, there are additional worthy students who are unfortunately likely to miss out. We are open to additional support that can be provided so that we may be able to award further scholarships for the students of 2023.

Please get in touch if you would like to know more.

Below is just a flavour of some of the comments from the amazing young people that the Foundation has met. We are utterly blown away by the resilience of these fine young adults.

All the best

Bryce Marsden Chief Executive





## **Events** coming up

Special Children's **Christmas Parties** 

Saturday 19th November, Christchurch

Sunday 27th November, Wellington

Saturday 3rd December, Hamilton

Saturday 10th December, Auckland



**Funds Growing** 

\$6.100M

Money granted/committed to grant

\$6.594M

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** MoneyTime

#### **Our Partners**













A snapshot of some of the Scholarship Applicant stories shared

> 66 My dad was diagnosed with cancer in 2018. The family now relies on the sickness benefit. I am the youngest and my parents are very proud of me and their happiness made me want to do more. But it is challenging with so little money. I believe that it is my life and career goal for me to help people. I want to study psychology and social work. I want to make a positive impact on the world.

I am a victim of domestic violence (DV), so moved out of home when I was 16 and became financially independent on a youth benefit. After leaving, I found a leadership opportunity within the Police. I sent an email to the surrounding Police stations that contained information regarding all the issues I had when the Police visited my home for the DV calls. I wrote down everything I felt was important for Police to do when visiting a DV call where children were involved, including talking to the child, offering support and so much more. The system let me down and led to years of abuse that could have been avoided, so my goal was to prevent that for at least one other child.

> (Seeking a scholarship in order to obtain a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Public Policy)

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