## MONTHLY REVIEW

MILFORD FOUNDATION

Photo courtesy Peter Feuerstein

## A humbling race to the end of year

We always knew that November and December were going to be busy, but I am not sure we could have anticipated the impact on our hearts that this has had for so many of the Milford team in terms of their involvement with the various projects we have had on.

In early November we hosted our Charity partners at the Milford offices so that they could get to know each other better. It has become more and more apparent to us how much they have in common and that there could be greater impact if they worked together at times. We are determined to work differently with our partners and this was a great initiative to bring everyone together to begin to foster collaboration moving forward. Most of our regional offices including Auckland have been involved with the Special Children's Christmas Party series of events and at time of writing, are now complete. These are awe inspiring events and for those lucky enough to attend them, I am sure, return to their own families and count their blessings in terms of having healthy and happy children. Despite the challenges the children invited to these events have. it was heart warming to see them embrace the day with all the spirit they could muster and with smiles firmly on their faces. We now consider ourselves experts at blowing up balloons with helium, having now filled over 1,200 of them!

And we are extremely proud to have awarded 15 Scholarships to the value of \$30,000 each to students throughout New Zealand to commence tertiary study in 2023. We will share their incredible stories of resilience with you in the new year.

With all that said, I would like to take the time to wish you and your families a very safe and happy Christmas holiday period together. So many of us are blessed to have the means to live healthy and happy lives with the means to celebrate the holiday period as we wish. And for that, I am truly grateful.

All the best, Bryce Marsden / Chief Executive



## SAVE THE DATE

Burgers, Beers and Brilliant Sports People

#### Tuesday 7th March 2023 Shed 10 Auckland

We are working on our first Milford Foundation Fundraising event and it's going to be one not to miss. Jam packed with New Zealand representative sporting stars - save the date now.

Details to come in the new year.





# Thank you! You have made a difference this Christmas.

Our Christmas Campaign for Pillars, Mummys In Need, The Village and Barnardos has raised a whopping \$81,441 to be granted to these four incredible charities so that they are able to ensure the communities they work with have something to smile about on Christmas day. Milford and the Foundation matched each dollar donated. We have already deposited the money into their bank accounts and will report back in the new year on the impact that this money made.

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