

QUARTERLY REVIEW

September to November 2024



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CE update

Another year is coming to a close, and if you're anything like me, you're currently in the middle of a chaotic lead-up to Christmas. With planning, prepping, prize-givings, parties, and trying to see as many friends as possible, it's no wonder we all fall into Christmas wishing for at least one "Silent Night" in the calendar!

This has been another extraordinary year for the Foundation, which saw Cyclone Gabrielle relief projects - funded from our Burgers, Beers and Brilliant Sportspeople event - come to fruition. A definite highlight was the launch of Uawa Tolaga Bay's Skate 'n' Park Pump Track in May - which I know you've read about previously - but the impact it's made to the community makes it worth a mention in my Christmas wrap-up. The park is not only a fun, safe place for tamariki and rangitahi to ride, it's proven a popular meeting spot for the whole town, with groups even gathering before school. It's been a privilege to work with this amazing community, and we are delighted to see the difference the park has made to the health and wellbeing of its young people.

The Foundation also donated \$200,000 from our Emergency Relief Fund in July this year, to support Wairoa after it was impacted by severe flooding. We worked with Mayor Little to determine the best use for the funding, and it was rewarding for us to be able to assist the local people - many of whom we got to know well after supporting the town following Cyclone Gabrielle.

It's been a privilege to work alongside our five charity partners in 2024, in what has been a tough year for many. These front-line charities all do amazing work, it's rewarding to hear the impact they are making throughout New Zealand.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who contributed to our 2024 Buckets of Love campaign, supporting Pillars, Nurturing Families and Pet Refuge. You can find out how much we raised and how the charities will use the funds, by reading the article in this newsletter.

All that's left is to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a bright and happy 2025.




Bryce Marsden
Chief Executive

Helping us to help others

Thanks to the generosity of Milford employees, and our clients, we've supported two worthwhile initiatives recently.

Taking the plunge

Milford Asset Management Chair, Anthony Quirk, took the plunge off the SkyTower raising more than \$20,000 for the Graeme Dingle Foundation's school programmes (including Anthony's incredibly generous dollar-for-dollar matching commitment). A huge thank you to everyone who supported Anthony's jump - which he assures us wasn't nearly as scary as actually walking out to the ledge.

Buckets of Love

Our annual Buckets of Love Christmas campaign was a massive success this year, raising money for three charities - Pillars, Nurturing Families and Pet Refuge. The Foundation, and Milford, both matched dollar for dollar, giving us a grand total of \$150,579 to split between our three charities.

Pillars supports tamariki and whānau of people in prison to creative positive futures. Their main objective is to build a community where every child who has a parent or caregiver in prison or serving a community sentence, has access to support and appropriate services. Pillars will use the money to provide Christmas gifts and food for children and their whanau.

Nurturing Families offers a variety of services and programmes designed to support parents and children in the community. They will also use their funds to provide Christmas gifts and food to families in need.

Pet Refuge may seem like an interesting choice for a Christmas campaign. However, cruelty to animals is common in domestic violence, which can accelerate at Christmas. Fear for their beloved pet's safety is one reason people, usually women, delay leaving their abuser.

Pet Refuge will help to remove that barrier to leaving by giving these pets a safe, temporary home with the end goal of reuniting with them with their family. Having their pet safe at Christmas is possibly the best gift you could give someone.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our campaign, including extremely generous donations by Hugo Charitable Trust, and a private donor.

As at
30 November
2024



Funds Growing

\$9.39M



Money granted/committed to grant

\$8.13M

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Gathering the troops

A highlight on the Foundation calendar is our annual two-day workshop, where we bring our first-year university scholarship students to Auckland to connect, learn, share and prepare for their second year.

This year the group was hosted by the Foundation from 13-14 November. Arriving from all corners of the country, the students spent day one with Jason Gunn, who passed on key tips re authenticity, empathy, confidence, and storytelling. Late afternoon was spent at Zero Latency killing zombies in a virtual apocalypse, before dinner at Commercial Bay. Day two involved a series of Milford personnel presenting – including Grace O’Hanlon sharing about her life as a Black Stick (as well as a Milford Investment Analyst), the KiwiSaver team imparting their collective wisdom, career advice from People & Culture, and insights into AI and ChatGPT.

The students left feeling connected, cared for, and ready for summer before another action-packed year in 2025.



The students with Jason Gunn.



A successful zombie-killing session with Milford Foundation Executive member Christina Pollock.

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2025 Scholarship Students

It’s always a privilege to interview and select our next amazing cohort of Milford Foundation Scholarship students. We completed the lengthy process in November for the students who will be starting university in 2025. There are 16 incredible young people joining the Foundation whānau next year, and we will create profiles for our website shortly. In the meantime, here are our newest stars:

Selina Camillo *Southern Cross Campus, Auckland* University of Auckland.

Daliz Betham *Tamaki College, Auckland* University of Auckland.

Basra Hassan *Fairfield College, Hamilton* University of Auckland.

Geri Steel *Thames High School, Thames* University of Waikato.

Shaun Cadman *Fairfield College, Hamilton* University of Waikato.

Scarlett Carran *Mt Maunganui College, Mt Maunganui* University of Auckland.

Ekkjot-Kaur Mallhi *Te Puke High School, Te Puke* AUT.

Jotnoor Dhillon *Te Puke High School, Te Puke* University of Otago.

Anuesh Achari *Wainuiomata High School, Wainuiomata* Victoria University.

Tautalaleleia Sa’u *Wainuiomata High School, Wainuiomata* Victoria University.

Charlotte Burrell *Haeata Community Campus, Christchurch* University of Canterbury.

Evie Chamberlain-Holyoake *Papanui High School, Christchurch* University of Canterbury.

Joshua Rae *Papanui High School, Christchurch* University of Canterbury.

Aimee Baird *Dunstan High School, Dunstan* Massey University.

Josh Moody *Mt Aspiring College, Wānaka* University of Canterbury.

Milasa Finau *Cromwell College, Cromwell* University of Otago.



CONGRATULATIONS EASSIN WANG!

Sunday Star-Times Short Story Competition
SECONDARY SCHOOLS CATEGORY WINNER

Short – but perfectly formed

We are proud to support New Zealand’s young creative talent by sponsoring the Sunday Star-Times Short Story Competition. We contribute to the overall prize pool and fully sponsor the Secondary Schools category, with this year’s theme being “The world in 40 years’ time” – to coincide with the Award’s 40th anniversary.

We’re delighted to announce that Year 11 St Cuthbert’s pupil Eassin Wang won the Secondary Schools category with her composition titled “The Acquired Taste of Nostalgia”. The winning stories will be published in the Sunday Star-Times over summer.



In the thick of it!

One of the great things about working with our charity partners is *literally working* with our charity partners!

Recently, a group from our Wealth Management team, led by Foundation Executive member Richard Pilley, had a great session at Puhinui catchment in South Auckland. The team spent time shifting a load of weeds from around the native plants, while also learning about the local environment. The Puhinui Regeneration Project is an initiative by the Sustainable Business Network, to rejuvenate the area, improve the water quality and create jobs for local rangatahi.