

the acorn



Thanks to our generous donors, Acorn celebrates over \$2M in distributions this year!

More than \$10M contributed to the local community since 2003

With our largest ever distribution this year, Acorn is proud to have distributed over \$10M to communities in the Western Bay of Plenty since our inception in 2003. We are incredibly grateful to all our donors and supporters – including volunteers, business and philanthropic partners – whose generosity and commitment has been instrumental in reaching this significant milestone.

With last year's investment returns of 13.9% under our belt,

thanks to the team at Craigs Investment Partners with oversight from our Investment Advisory Committee, and our funds under management now exceeding \$55M, Acorn is on track to continue making a significant impact in the region for years to come.

A huge thank you to everyone who is putting time, effort and aroha into building a thriving and vibrant community in the Western Bay of Plenty.



Chair Lesley Jensen and CEO Lori Luke



Hazel Hape, General Manager of Tauranga Women's Refuge

Helping women and children live free from fear and violence

Since opening their safehouse in 1980 for women and their children impacted by domestic and family violence, Tauranga Women's Refuge has evolved. Nowadays more than 80% of their work takes place in the community, as the organisation increasingly takes an early-intervention approach.

"It makes sense to work in the community rather than continuing to be seen just as this ambulance at the bottom of the cliff," says General Manager Hazel Hape.

While the safehouse remains a vital and life-saving service when it is no longer an option for families to remain safely at home, Hazel and the nine other dedicated staff in her team now also provide community outreach services. These include home visits, a community hub, community education and awareness-raising, and a 24/7 free crisis line offering advice, information and support.

"The women I work with are amazing," says Hazel. *"They're freedom fighters and activists. We're mums, aunties, academics, māori, pākehā... but what binds us is our shared belief that women and children have a right to live their lives free from violence. That's why we're here."*

In the past 12 months, the crisis line alone received over 3,000 calls, (approximately eight calls a day), indicating a significant and increasing demand for their services. Sadly, Covid-19 lockdowns have only made things harder for those impacted by domestic violence and abuse. *"We have noticed an increase in demand, especially coming out of Level 3,"* says Hazel. In response, Tauranga Women's Refuge launched a campaign last year saying that if staying in a bubble risks your life or that of your children, you need to break the bubble.

Raising enough funds to stay afloat is a constant worry for Hazel. Fortunately, an increase in government funding last year, plus individual donations and support from the community means they are able to keep the doors open. *"I haven't had to go home every night worrying about how I'm going to pay wages,"* says Hazel, *"or who I'm going to beg or borrow from so that we can keep supporting the women and children who need us."*

From the nannies who turn up with beautiful knitted hats for the children in winter, to donations of sports vouchers, fishing rods and clothing – every little helps. Not to mention the generosity of Acorn donors, who have contributed \$230,764 since 2008.

"I don't think some people realise that their donation helps us to save lives," says Hazel. *"I just really want to say thank you to Acorn donors for helping us to save lives."*

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic or family violence, (physical, psychological or emotional), call the free helpline 24/7: 0800 86 733 843 or visit www.taurangawomensrefuge.co.nz.

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"We just think long-term, sustainable giving is such a smart model."

When schoolteachers Heather Shepherd and Nick Fletcher returned to Tauranga after 15 years of working and travelling overseas, some things had changed.

Seeing needs in their own back yard, Heather and Nick decided they wanted to contribute to their local community. But choosing which organisation to support was not an easy task.

"In the past we had given haphazardly," says Nick. Heather had read about the Acorn Foundation in the paper and after finding out more they were very impressed. They set up an endowment fund and changed their Wills to leave a percentage of their estate to Acorn.

"We firmly believe in their model of investing the donations and locally allocating the income year after year," says Heather. *"We just think long-term, sustainable giving is such a smart model."*



Nick Fletcher and Heather Shepherd

"Some donors choose particular issues or organisations to support through Acorn. For us, Acorn distributes our funds where they see a need," says Nick. *"It makes giving much easier as it takes the decision-making away from us."*

"We go to Acorn events where recipient organisations and individuals speak, and we get really touched by their stories. We are continually impressed by the positive impact Acorn has in the local community."

"I think that people need to realise the amount doesn't have to be a lot," says Heather. *"I think that if everybody who can, gives, with this model your money will go on giving forever."*

We are so grateful to Heather and Nick, and to all our kind donors, whose generosity and community spirit makes our work possible.



Add Acorn to your existing Will for free this September!

September is a terrific time to consider whether you want to join your friends and neighbours in providing a contribution to the WBOP that lasts forever. The Acorn Foundation is a fantastic vehicle for making your donations go further to charitable causes that are close to your heart.

During Wills Month, the local solicitors listed here will make a simple change to an existing Will to include a gift to Acorn at no charge. Any other Will changes will be charged at your solicitor's normal rate.

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- Anderson Law Office
- Beach Law Papamoa
- Burley Castle Hawkins Lawyers
- Cooney Lees Morgan
- Fenton McFadden
- Fitzgerald Law
- Garth Mathieson Law
- Harris Tate
- Holland Beckett Law
- JK Hamilton
- Kaimai Law – Bethlehem
- Kaimai Law – Katikati
- Keam Standen
- Mackenzie Elvin
- Rejthar Stuart Law
- Sharp Tudhope Lawyers
- Michael J. Toner Solicitors

Find out more about leaving a gift to Acorn Foundation in your Will on our website: www.acornfoundation.org.nz, or give us a call on (07) 579 9839.

The Honeybadgers Giving Circle

'Honeybadgers' might seem an odd name choice for a Giving Circle, but there's also something quite catchy about it.

"When we started getting together as a group in 2019, we couldn't think what to call ourselves. I think someone just threw that name into the mix," says Megan Johnstone, who is part of the group. "Honeybadgers are a cool little animal, but they are known for their fierce, tenacious qualities – which means they get stuff done! I guess the name kind of just stuck."

The Honeybadgers Giving Circle was formed in 2019, when 12 local Mount Maunganui ladies started thinking about what they could do together to help those less fortunate in their community. The Honeybadgers come from a variety of backgrounds – lawyers, marketing

executives, fashionistas and those who work from home – but they're all united in their desire to give back to their community.

Project manager Megan told us, "It's lovely to be a part of. I guess we're at the point in our lives where we can give something back, so it's a really good feeling to know that we are doing something that is going to benefit our local community in some way. And to be doing it with friends is great."

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With so many worthy causes to choose from, the Honeybadgers appreciate the guidance given by the Acorn Foundation when it

comes to decision time. "Each year we all pick a few themes and then we nominate three members to decide on the actual charities to give to. We talk to Margot and Lori from Acorn, who really know which charities in those areas need support," explains Megan.

"This year, we really wanted to focus on child and youth development, and anything to do with supporting mental health, particularly in areas like adolescent suicide prevention."

After some deliberation, this year the Honeybadgers have decided to support Growing Through Grief, Youthline and Live For More – three deserving charities providing life-changing support to young people in our local community.

"My next job will be organising a lunch for us all to get together and tell the ladies about the three charities we're supporting this year," Megan says. "That's always a really nice



Honeybadgers: Megan Johnstone, Annabel Bayes and Bec Beale

get-together because we can explain why we chose those charities and then we pass the mantle onto someone else for next year."

Our thanks go to Megan and all of the Honeybadgers for their big hearts, community spirit and for living up to their namesake's reputation for "getting stuff done"!

If you're interested in setting up a Giving Circle, find out more at www.acornfoundation.org.nz or give us a call on (07) 579 9839.

Supporting individuals, children and families to thrive

BOP Therapy Foundation was set up in 1992 by a small group of counsellors and therapists concerned that some people in our region, especially parents and children, were falling 'through the cracks' and were unable to access counselling due to their financial circumstances.

Since then, the organisation has been offering subsidised counselling sessions, supporting those in our community who are either on a low income or earn too much to meet government criteria for additional assistance – but who are living week to week and simply do not have the surplus income to afford counselling.

Becks Clarke, Coordinator, told us that since the first lockdown last year they have more people coming to them out of hardship.

"Covid-19 is amplifying difficulties for some, with job losses and financial insecurity. We are also seeing more children with sleep disorders and pandemic-related fear," she says.

Through fully subsidised and partially funded sessions, the team of experienced counsellors and therapists at BOP Therapy Foundation

help people of all ages, genders and ethnicities. Many people refer themselves or family members to the service, though the organisation also receives referrals from GPs, health and social services, schools and other community groups.

Despite the high demand for their services, the team at BOP Therapy Foundation works hard to ensure children and families requiring help are supported as early as possible, so that they do not become part of our nation's statistics.

"Funding from Acorn makes a huge difference," says Becks. "100% of the money goes into subsidising counselling so that people can receive the support they need."

The length of time a person spends with a counsellor varies between 3 – 15 sessions. The counsellors help clients track their progress during the period of counselling using a rating system, where the client provides a 'rating of concern' across different areas. This (anonymised) data reveals a trend of improvements in ratings as counselling



progresses – showing the positive impact on clients' lives.

Thanks to funding from individuals and organisations in the WBOP, BOP Therapy Foundation has been able to expand its services over the past year, providing group counselling in a local primary school. The counsellors have been supporting children identified by teachers as needing help to overcome grief, anxiety and trauma-related issues – reaching children who may have no other access to support. Feedback so far from teachers, parents and children has been overwhelmingly positive.

"It's so nice to know that there are such kind local people who donate to BOP Therapy Foundation each year through Acorn," says Becks. "Thank you so much for giving individuals, children and families across the BOP the opportunity to thrive."

To find out more about accessing subsidised counselling, visit the BOP Therapy Foundation's website: www.boptherapyfoundation.co.nz.

Save the date!

To celebrate exceeding \$10M in contributions to the community, Acorn Foundation plans to host a celebration dinner on Friday 19 November in Tauranga (Covid-19 Alert Levels dependant).

As well as the chance to hear from some of our amazing recipient organisations, we will have entertainment provided by talented past scholarship winners.

More details will follow but for now, please keep the date free in your diary!



Acorn will always adhere to all Covid-19 Alert Level procedures and restrictions. Functions will only be held under Alert Levels 1 or 2 and will always put the health and safety of our attendees first. If the Bay of Plenty moves to Alert Level 3 or 4 prior to an event, we will be in contact with all registered attendees to advise of postponement or cancellation.

Upcoming events

2021 DISTRIBUTIONS MORNING TEAS

Our 2021 Distributions Morning Teas are an opportunity for Acorn donors, friends and anyone with a passion for our community to hear how this year's Acorn funding was directed, as well as to hear from some of the wonderful

local recipient organisations working in our communities.

This year we will be hosting three separate functions in Katikati, Te Puke and Tauranga from which you can choose.

Speakers will include Graeme Dingle

Foundation, Waipuna Hospice, Kidz Need Dadz, Envirohub, Omanu Surf Club and more!

We encourage you to bring along friends, clients or customers whom you think may have an interest in giving back to the WBOP community.

KATIKATI
Katikati Community Centre
Monday 27 September
10 - 11.30am

TE PUKE
The Hub Te Puke
Tuesday 28 September
10 - 11.30am

TAURANGA
St John Tauranga
Tuesday 5 October
10 - 11.30am

ACORN AGM

Notice is hereby given that Acorn Foundation's Annual General Meeting will be held at The Collective on 17th Ave, on Monday, 22 November at 6pm. All are welcome to attend - we hope to see you there!

To reserve your place at any of these events, please RSVP to: emily@acornfoundation.org.nz or call us on (07) 579 9839.

Scholarships and awards

Celebrating the Dale Carnegie 2021 Scholarship winners



In July, 23 students from schools across the Western Bay of Plenty were in high spirits as they received their graduation certificates for completing the 2021 Acorn Foundation Dale Carnegie Youth Programme. Acorn's generous local donors, the late Mary and Roy McGowan, have been funding these scholarships since 2010.

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This year's scholarship winners were all Year 13 students from 11 Western Bay of Plenty schools. The three-day course teaches the Dale Carnegie 5 drivers of success: building greater self-confidence; strengthening people skills; enhancing communication skills; developing leadership skills; and reducing stress and worry. Acorn Foundation, Dale Carnegie BOP Waikato, and Priority One's InStep programme have long partnered to offer this youth-focussed course which provides methods to help young people improve both their self-confidence and personal communication techniques as they prepare to finish school.

During the graduation ceremony, each of the students stood up in front of an audience and gave a short speech about what they had learned – a feat that many remarked they would never have attempted to do prior to attending the course.

One of the scholarship winners, 17-year-old Ben Jones from Papamoa College, told us: *"I've changed so much for the better. Before the course I wouldn't ever know what to say in conversations, but now I'm able to have a good conversation with people, and I can get up in front of people and not have any nerves. The value is almost immeasurable. I'm planning on doing a Bachelor of Science at University of Waikato, and I know now that anyone you meet you can turn into a friend. It's been amazing."*

Congratulations to all of this year's winners – we can't wait to see what you do next!

Christine Tustain Sports Award winners announced



Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Christine Tustain Sports Award, Hannah Gapes and Joseph Smythe! Chosen by Sport Bay of Plenty, this award recognises secondary school students who are excelling in their chosen sports by providing funding for international competition.

Year-13 student Hannah is a top runner at John Paul College in Rotorua, competing in track in the 1500m, 3000m, 5000m and steeplechase. She also competes in cross country and road racing. Most recently, she won the secondary school nationals in cross country at the 4K distance, winning by 57 seconds. Earlier in the year, Hannah won the under-20s 5000m at the NZ Track and Field Championship in only her second time competing at that distance.

Joseph is a Year 13 student at Tauranga Boys' College who competes at a high level in squash. Although Covid-19 has interrupted some of his tournaments, in 2020, Joseph was named the BOP Squash Senior Player of the Year and Squash NZ's Most Improved Junior Boy. Joseph placed 1st in the North Island Juniors, 2nd in the National Juniors and 2nd in the Secondary Schools Nationals. Once international competition can resume, Joseph will compete with the NZ World Junior Boys Team.

A huge thank you goes to Chris Tustain for her generosity in supporting local young athletes to excel!

Local students win 2021 scholarships to Outward Bound



Back in June, the Acorn Foundation celebrated the 13 winners of the 2021 Outward Bound Scholarship at an event at The Collective in Tauranga.

These scholarships are awarded annually to Year 12 students from local Western Bay of Plenty schools, plus Whakatane High School, to attend the Tangaroa Watch programme at Anakiwa in the South Island.

The 3-week programme uses outdoor adventures and physical activities to build self-confidence, resilience, perseverance and communication skills in participants - qualities and skills that last a lifetime.

Students are nominated by their schools and selected by Outward Bound staff members based on their commitment to their school and the community, an assessment of the potential benefit to the student, and financial need.

This is the fifth year that committed Acorn donors and other local supporters have provided these valuable scholarships and it was wonderful to hear from the students about the life-changing experiences they had attending the course.

Jann Medlicott Creative Arts Scholarship



For the tenth year in a row, our kind-hearted donor Jann Medlicott is generously sponsoring the Jann Medlicott Creative Arts Scholarship – a \$5,000 scholarship to give a local resident the chance to take up academic study or training in creative arts.

Having always had a passion for the creative arts, Jann says she gets "immense" satisfaction from seeing the difference this scholarship makes to the lives of the recipients, and to the vibrancy of the local and national creative arts scene. Thank you, Jann, for your enduring generosity and for keeping the creative arts alive and flourishing in our local community.

24 applications were received by the deadline of 2 August and are currently being assessed – a difficult task given the high quality of all the candidates in the running. The winner will be announced shortly – watch this space!

The Coker Classical Arts Scholarship



We are delighted to announce that the first ever winner of The Coker Classical Arts Scholarship is Mount Maunganui College Year 13 student Grace Terry!

Local artist Jenny Coker, who generously sponsors this scholarship, was very impressed with the quality of applications this year, and particularly admired the care with which Grace crafted her application.

Deserving winner Grace will receive \$3,000 to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts with Honours at Massey University. *"I am so grateful for the Acorn Foundation Coker Classical Arts Scholarship for allowing me the opportunity to pursue my passion for the arts,"* says Grace.

Our congratulations to Grace, and thanks to Jenny for supporting young artists in our region to develop their skills in the classical arts.

Applications are now open...

Applications are currently open for the following Acorn Foundation scholarships for students wishing to pursue tertiary studies at The University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus:

Adult Learner Scholarship for Women

Open to female students aged 25 years or older.

Beverly Perszyk Scholarship

For students who are the first members of their family/whānau to attend university, and who have passed all papers in their first year(s) of an undergraduate degree at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus.

Eva Trowbridge Scholarship

For students who are 25 years or older.

Kenneth Perszyk Snr Adult Learner Scholarship

For adult students aged 40 years and over.

Each of the above scholarships is valued at \$3,000 and the closing date for applications is 15 October 2021.

For further details about eligibility criteria and to apply, visit: www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/

Tauranga Arts Festival is just around the corner

It was a real treat to attend the programme launch of the 2021 Tauranga Arts Festival last month, to get a sneak preview of what's coming up in October.

We are so proud to be a sponsor of this local Festival, which has an incredible programme packed full of theatrical delights and mind-opening experiences.

Whether you want intrigue, drama, laughter, or tears, there's something for everyone.

The Festival runs from 21 – 31 October. If you haven't yet, make sure to check out the programme and book your tickets at: www.taurangafestival.co.nz



DONORS WE REMEMBER

Jopie Heuseveldt [1931 – 2021]

Jopie emigrated to New Zealand from Holland in her early 20s with her husband Kees. The newlyweds originally lived in Christchurch and then spent two years doing VSA work in Tonga, where they met a couple from Katikati.



After returning from Tonga, they visited their new friends in Katikati, and after only one trip to the Bay of Plenty, the couple decided they had found their new home and bought a property in Omokoroa.

They both got teaching jobs at Katikati College; Jopie taught English and history and Kees taught engineering and technical drawing. Sadly, Kees died of cancer when he was just 64, leaving Jopie on her own for 30 years. However, Jopie loved the Katikati community and her many friends there, and remained in Katikati for the rest of her life.

Earlier this year, 90-year-old Jopie chose to support the Katikati Innovative Horticulture Programme through their Acorn Foundation fund. Jopie chose this cause because she believed that supporting students into careers in horticulture through this programme will greatly benefit the area, and because of Kees' passion for growing trees of every type on their Omokoroa property.

Thank you so much to Jopie for her generosity in leaving a legacy for a brighter future in the Western Bay of Plenty.

Dr Arthur William Reid MBChB, FRCP (Edin), FRACP [1926 – 2021]

Born to Scottish parents and raised in Scotland, Arthur graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1949 with an MB ChB and emigrated to New Zealand in 1957.



He worked in various roles at Tauranga Hospital, including Consultant Physician and Haematologist, and later Deputy Superintendent and Medical Advisor to Management before retiring to enjoy playing golf, gardening and spending time with his grandchildren.

A treasured granddad, loving father and beloved husband of Norah for 64 years, Arthur passed away peacefully on 2 August 2021, aged 94 years.

In recognition of the wonderful contribution he made to the Tauranga community over the years, Arthur was honoured by the Rotary Club of Tauranga with a Paul Harris Fellow. His and Norah's kindness and community spirit also led them to set up an endowment fund with Acorn Foundation back in 2007, to support those in the community "in need of a bit of help."

Arthur will be remembered with great fondness by all who knew him, and we thank him wholeheartedly for his lasting contribution to our community.



Acorn welcomes

We are delighted to have recently welcomed three new people to the Acorn whānau.

Rohario Murray (Trustee / Audit, Risk & Policies Committee)

Rohario grew up in Tauranga Moana and is a proud descendant of Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Ranginui, Tūhourangi and Ngā Pūhi with Scottish, English and French ancestry. She is a Senior Solicitor at the Ministry for the Environment and enjoys working remotely from Tauranga.



Rohario holds various Board positions including Chair of Murray Orchards based on Matakana Island, founding partner of Puru Investments, and Tangata Whenua representative on Tauranga City Council's Strategy, Finance and Risk Committee. She was also the Tumuaki Wahine of Te Hunga Rōia Māori o Aotearoa, the Māori Law Society (2018 – 2020).

Rohario was appointed to the Board in July 2021 and has joined the Audit, Risk & Policies Committee. Rohario says she is excited to join a foundation focussed on giving back to the wider community and looks forward to bringing her knowledge and skills to the board table. In her spare time, Rohario enjoys kapa haka, wānanga reo Māori and spending time with family and friends.

Brian is currently Head of Investment Services for MyFarm, which provides syndicate investment opportunities primarily in land-based horticultural assets. He is responsible for the preparation of MyFarm's investment offers, deal structuring and financial modelling. Over the past five years, MyFarm has completed 22 new syndicates and raised \$159 million.

Prior to joining MyFarm in 2011, Brian was Director of Investment Banking (Agribusiness) for Craigs Investment Partners for 10 years.

Brian joined the Acorn Board and the Investment Advisory Committee in July 2021 and says he can't think of a better way to put something back into the community than contributing to the work of Acorn.

Emily Goulding (Staff)

Emily joined our team in July as our Marketing and Events Specialist.



Originally from Bath, England, Emily recently relocated to Tauranga from Auckland, where she worked as Marketing and Communications Coordinator for KidsCan. Her previous overseas experience includes marketing, policy and research roles for a range of non-profits including The National Lottery Community Fund, Stroke Association, International Rescue Committee, and the European Institute for Gender Equality.

Emily is excited to be living in such a beautiful part of the world and to be using her skills for the benefit of communities in the region.

Brian Cloughley (Trustee / Investment Advisory Committee)

Brian has lived in Tauranga for the past 32 years and has a background in investment banking and governance.



Practitioner Awards this year.

Outstanding performing arts institutions, including University of Auckland, University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Otago, Toi Whakaari and NZ School of Dance will each have a \$10,000 award to offer to students who have completed at least their first year of study. These talented students will have a focus in the performing arts in either music, contemporary dance or theatre.

Annie Hill, Funding and Projects Advisor

at Creative BOP, says the awards will be a step change for recipients in the performing arts sector.

"The FAME Awards will provide a major boost to the studies of some of our most talented emerging artists, enabling them to spend more time perfecting their craft so they can reach the highest levels of their disciplines," says Annie.

We are pleased that Acorn's expertise can be used to assist the FAME Trust to support talented individuals across the country to achieve their dreams!

Acorn farewells Theresa Tingey

Theresa retires this year after completing eight distribution cycles in her voluntary role on the Acorn Distributions Committee. In her first year of service in 2013, Acorn distributed a total of \$368,000, with funds under management of \$8.2M. This year, our distributions exceeded \$2M - a more than five-fold increase during Theresa's tenure. Her commitment to Acorn's mission, and her advice and wise counsel will be truly missed around the table. Thank you for all your support, Theresa!



Acorn Foundation partners with FAME Trust



The Acorn Foundation is delighted to announce that it has formed a partnership with the Tauranga-based FAME Trust. Founded in 2007, the FAME (Fund for Acting and Musical Endeavours) Trust has long provided support for young and mid-career artists, and provided funding for national organisations and local groups.

Acorn, in conjunction with Creative Bay of Plenty, will be managing several scholarship and awards programmes for the FAME Trust, including six Emerging

When you choose to leave a gift to the community through Acorn, you can select your preferred charities, or you can leave the decision to our Distributions Committee to identify where the need is greatest.

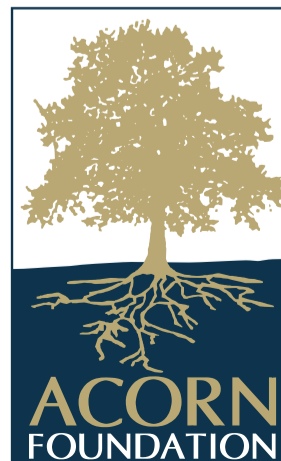
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The Salvation Army
Over \$350,503 received in total

"We are so grateful for the ongoing support from Acorn. Since 2008, this funding has enabled us to employ a whānau social worker, who has since provided 288 families with intensive social work support alongside our wraparound services, including financial mentoring, parenting programmes and our Positive Lifestyle Programme. More recently, Acorn's funding has also enabled increased support through our Addictions Services, which are a lifeline for those seeking to improve their lives as they battle addictions."

- The Salvation Army, Tauranga



Mockingbird
Over \$52,551 received in total

"In 2016 there was little in the way of support for neurodiverse children and their families within the BOP. Mockingbird supports 70+ children and those families, who were once doing it alone, but have now found their tribe. The ability to secure our own venue and programme mentors would not have been possible without our Funders. To-date, Acorn has contributed over \$52,000, assisting us in opening four full days a week.

For Mockingbird to witness the children heal, grow in confidence and strength, and establish friendships which enhance their self-esteem and sense of belonging, is beyond rewarding and for that we truly thank the Acorn team and its dedicated donors." - Sarah Julou, Board Member/Mockingbird Parent



Brave Hearts NZ
Over \$26,477 received in total

"Acorn Foundation were very supportive of Brave Hearts when we first began in 2016. The funding we have received to-date has been instrumental in enabling us to provide free phone support and two support meetings per month in this region, to let people know they are not alone and that there is hope." - Erin Scarlett O'Neill, Executive Director/Founder, Brave Hearts NZ



Philips Search & Rescue Trust
Over \$59,219 received in total

"Without the vital funding we receive from Acorn Foundation we could not carry out the work of the TECT Rescue Helicopter, a service that positively impacts the lives of hundreds of people every year. Put simply it helps your rescue crew save lives in the Western Bay of Plenty region - thank you!" - Vanessa Richmond, Group Manager



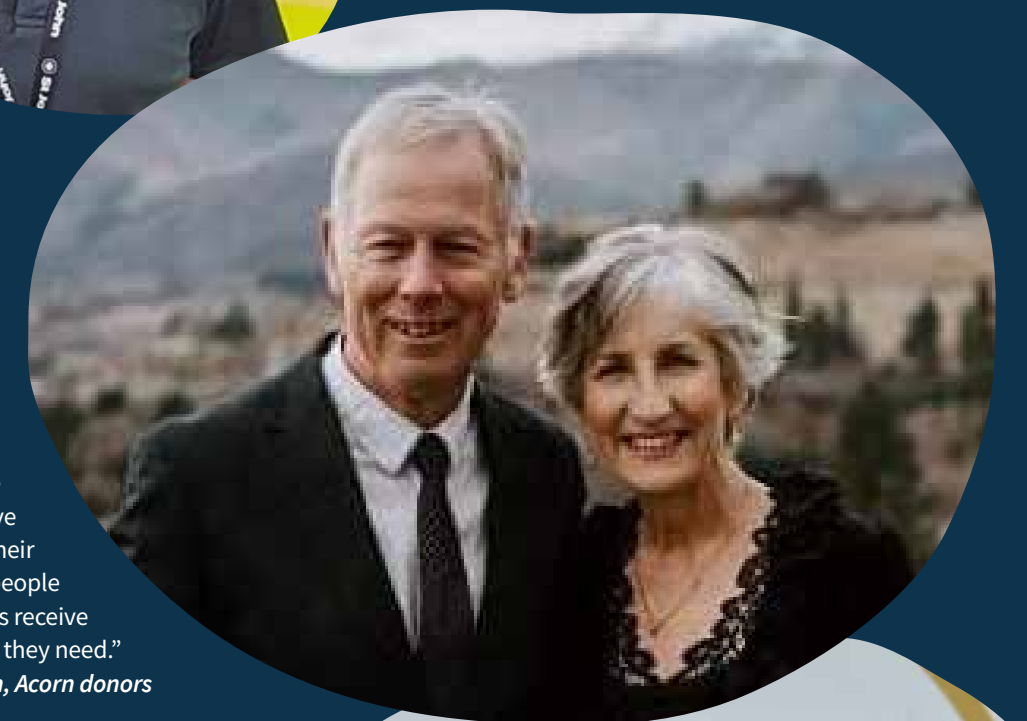
Blind Low Vision NZ
Over \$180,745 received in total

"Blind Low Vision NZ is incredibly grateful for the support of organisations such as the Acorn Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of Acorn donors and New Zealanders far and wide, we are currently supporting 115 individuals and have 12 guide dogs matched in the Western Bay of Plenty. Thank you for helping us to provide practical and emotional support to Kiwis with low vision, so that they can remain self-reliant and continue to live independent lives." - Tony Robson, Legacy Administrator, Blind Low Vision NZ



St John Western BOP Stations
Over \$253,661 received in total

"St John is very appreciative to have been a long-time recipient of funds from Acorn Foundation donors. Acorn funding has allowed us to purchase vital and life-saving medical equipment for our emergency ambulance service, and to provide health-related services to support our community in the Western Bay of Plenty. Thank you to Acorn donors for enabling St John to provide the best service possible for our community." - Jeremy Gooders, Bay of Plenty District Operations Manager, St John



Waipuna Hospice
Over \$620,481 received in total

The Geoff and Chris Olsen Fund is one of eleven funds that have tagged distributions to Waipuna Hospice. "Over the years, we have chosen to distribute the returns from our Acorn fund to Waipuna Hospice, one of many worthy charities doing important work in our community. Having worked at Waipuna Hospice in the past as a relieving doctor, I have seen the wonderful care the staff and volunteers give patients with life limiting illness, supporting both them and their families. We hope that our contribution ensures that people in our community facing a terminal illness receive the care and support that they need." - Geoff and Chris Olsen, Acorn donors



Katikati Community Centre
Over \$90,626 received in total

"Our Centre relies on the support of funders such as Acorn Foundation to finance our day-to-day operational costs. Acorn's support has enabled the Centre to meet the needs of our community in the areas of health, education and well-being, and reach out to all ages and sectors of our community." - Katikati Community Centre



Tauranga Women's Refuge
Over \$230,764 received in total

"I don't think some people realise that their donation helps us to save lives. I just really want to say thank you to Acorn donors for helping us to save lives." - Hazel Hape, General Manager, Tauranga Women's Refuge

Graeme Dingle Foundation
Over \$246,341 received in total

"Thank you, Acorn, for helping us ensure more children are not left behind, so they can be resilient and successful, realising what's inside them is greater than any obstacle they face." - Dan Allen-Gordon, Graeme Dingle Foundation



The Hub Te Puke
Over \$72,225 received in total

"We are so grateful for funding from Acorn Foundation. It not only allows us to run our organisation but also enables our community to grow in resilience." - Scott Nicholson, The Hub Te Puke



Full list of 2021 distributions overleaf

