## CARING SUNDAY APPEAL 2025

Dear friends and supporters,

In a world that often feels fractured and uncertain, your generosity has been a steady light illuminating the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

This past year, your support enabled the Foundation to live out that mission in tangible, lifegiving ways. Through our grants programme, we remained Catholic Care in action distributing funds to organisations serving those in greatest need. Thanks to your contributions and the Caring Sunday Appeal, we distributed **over \$150,000 in grants** for projects making a real difference in our communities. Pope Leo XVI said, "Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me... and makes me an instrument of his love for others." That is what your support makes possible: a community where love is not just spoken but **Catholic Care is put into action**.

As we look to the year ahead, we invite you to walk with us once more. Your prayers, gifts, and belief in the common good are the foundation of all we do.

One powerful way to ensure your legacy lives on in service to others is by including the Common Good Foundation in your will. Through a bequest or legacy gift, you help create a lasting wellspring of compassion—allowing future generations to continue reaching out in love and service to those most in need.

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John Coulam Common Good Foundation Board Chair

# THE IMPACT

#### Counselling/ Social work 34%

Caring for the vulnerable Catholic Family Support Services Youth Encounter Ministries Trust Te Hahi Aotearoa Trust

#### Family/Whānau 13%

Helping families thrive The Nest Collective Huringa Pai Charitable Trust Waikato Family Centre Trust

#### Children/Youth 25%

Helping future generations Kids in Need Waikato

Big Buddy Mentoring Trust School Start First Impressions Papatūānuku Charitable Trust Hope Rising Farm Charitable Trust Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato The Refugee Orientation Centre Trust 34% 9% 2024 9% Grant Distributions & Recipients 13% 10%

25%

#### Parish-based initiatives 9%

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton Pastoral Services Team Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mackillop Catholic Youth Parish of Tongariro

#### **Community 9%**

Support where it is needed Orange Sky NZ Ltd Sunshine Service Inc Te Rongopai Community Trust

### Food banks 10%

Feeding our people Holy Name Parish Raglan Tauranga Community Foodbank Hamilton Combined Christian Food Bank

### THE WHY



"Thanks to Common Good's generous support, the Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato was able to deliver our Kiwi Can programme in 10 primary schools across the region, reaching 1,815 tamariki each week. This funding has enabled us to continue fostering positive behaviour, values, and life skills in some of our most high-needs communities, many of which face significant socio-economic barriers to achievement."

- Graeme Dingle Foundation

"The Common Good Foundation grant was a God-send at a time of very high food price inflation, impacting fruit + veggies in particular. The grant allowed our foodbank to continue supplying healthy food and encouraging healthy-eating at a time when this threatened which was making essential food items less accessible to many of the hungry whānau we support."



- Hamilton Combined Christian Foodbank Trust



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