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"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

- Lauren Destefano

Thank you!

You help make a tremendous difference in our community.

Autumn is a great time of year to reflect on all of our happenings over the last year. This past year has been filled with some heartbreak challenges, but also the realisation that we live in a community of not only unsurpassed physical beauty but the unparalleled beauty of community spirit. We are incredibly grateful to all of you for being such extraordinary supporters of us and our community. The fact you that you thought of others, at what is a worrying and difficult time for us all, speaks volumes of your kindness and generosity. We believe that the spirit shown in making any gift at this time is the bedrock of what is great about our community, and will be what helps us all get through this ongoing crisis together. We simply could not do this without you.

Below is an update on our foundation and our programmes and initiatives. We are so humbled by your support of us as we complete three years of operations. Our mission is to grow local philanthropy to support donors and their causes forever. Get in touch with us if you would like to consider our model for building upon your own legacy here in the Wakatipu.

Thank you. Thank you.

~ The Wakatipu Community Foundation Team

2020-2021 Highlights



Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund

The majority of the funds the Wakatipu Community Foundation raised this past year have been for WCF Ambassador Kaye Parker's Greatest Needs Fund. We are proud to say that because of the support from Wakatipu Community Foundation's donors and sponsors, we are able to administer and pass through in grants and pledges 100% of the Greatest Needs Fund donations to frontline organisations.

These charities are helping those most in need during this continuing Covid-19 crisis.

This response effort was unmatched in New Zealand. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, [for credit card donations here](#) or direct banking information:

Details to appear on WCF Statement:

Particulars: WCF Code: Great Needs Reference: Your name



**GP AND MENTAL HEALTH FUND THROUGH GP PRACTICES IN THE WAKATIPU
REPORT RECEIVED FROM ADMINISTRATOR - QUEENSTOWN MEDICAL CENTRE**

Testimonials from Recipients

Female 22 year old long term grown local * having come out of a violent relationship after covid and being able to access help and support from a group of super friendly and helpful professionals that didn't judge me has helped me hugely. I would never have gone to see a doctor as I normally cannot afford this with paying rent and surviving in Queenstown post covid. It has also allowed me to work through the situation I was in which I am grateful for as well as working through some long term health issues that I had never really addressed. Having the support have been huge and able to see a counsellor was amazing!



Male 34 - I lost my job, we lost our house and I wasn't sure where to turn to for help. The lady I saw at the medical centre seemed to know what I needed and helped me get access to Hiri and continued to support me while I worked through things. I am still seeing the counsellor who is really helping me work through my mental health problems. I think it was the lady at the medical centre who organised for food to come to our house, I couldn't believe someone would care that much to do that. I didn't know there was funding to help people like me or when they said I could get some help I was really thankful!

43 year old mother of three primary school aged children *I came out of isolation and moved back to Queenstown after living in Ota for years, left my violent partner to make a fresh start. I was ashamed and didn't want to get help, the people at the medical centre have helped me get the right, counselling along with also making sure my children have been able to access help and support. They have let me know about what other services I could get help with in the community and have helped me able to get on top of my anxiety so I could get out of the house and do my shopping. I used to get paralysed with fear just going to the supermarket but they have supported me through this. Thank you for all your help!

Impact100 Wakatipu

We are also proud to support WCF Trustee Kristen Holtzman's Impact100 which last year saw 151 women raise 151k and vote on a \$100k grant to Living Options in Arrowtown. Memberships are now open for 2021 and we are shooting for two \$100k grants into the community. [Register here.](#)





2021 Membership **WAKATIPU** *



Wakatipu High School Generation Give

Next Friday, we will start the third year of our youth philanthropy programme, YPNZ Generation Give, at Wakatipu High School.

The programme appoints high school students to a simulated non-profit board, and over the course of 20 weeks, they are guided through essential skills required in the philanthropic process. At the end of the programme, Generation Give students will apply these learned skills in the process of giving at least \$10,000 away to worthy causes of their choice in their community. Learn more at www.ypnz.org

Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala & Awards - September 18

For those that experienced the Gala in 2019, you know you are in for an incredible time again this year with WCF Trustee Simon Green at the event production helm.

This 2nd Biennial Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala has been designed to bring together all those who are involved in the philanthropic jigsaw puzzle - to celebrate and to showcase the achievements and contributions that are tirelessly made in this sector: the funders, the donors and the socially responsible corporate partners; the recipients, the non-profits and the community groups; the volunteers and all those who actively care for the people and place of Wakatipu.

Alongside all of this will be fantastic opportunity for people to come together, to meet, to network and to build deeper relationships with others working towards common goals. And we'll have some spectacular entertainment along the way (of course - it's Simon's show)!

It promises to sell out again, so watch your inbox for the ticket sale notice. [Facebook event link here.](#)



And a Word from Mayor Jim Boult

Mayor Jim Boult has so kindly written an editorial for us on community giving

and its importance. Thanks to him and QDLC for their awesome efforts through a monumentally challenging year. QLDC will also partner with us for the Spirit of the Wakatipu Gala and Awards in September.

Much has been said and written about the state of tourism and hospitality and, while more needs to be said, that's not the point of this communication. Happily, there are parts of our community who are doing pretty well at the present time. And good on them! I hope that continues and may those not affected by COVID-19 continue to prosper.

I've been approached a few times lately about organising fundraising activities in the district and it's fair to say that I've been a bit negative. The last thing those struggling financially or worried about their jobs and income need is somebody asking for money. However, please excuse a small message to that part of our community that isn't negatively affected and maybe thriving at present.

I've been watching the work of the Wakatipu Community Foundation and the good things they have been doing with money raised to date. That includes, the excellent and urgent administration of the Greatest Needs Fund – which so critically supported so many during the early days of the March 2020 lockdown, the establishment of Generation Give – which gives our local youth authentic opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge required to play active roles in the community, and the Spirit of the Wakatipu Awards where those contributing so positively to our communities can be recognised. All good works.

So, if you do find yourself in a position to assist with public fundraising, (while receiving a 33.3% tax credit), please give a thought to the Wakatipu Community Foundation – a well-run, well organised and effective local conduit to support appropriate organisations in our community. Using a smart giving model, donations can be invested and grown with the interest earned becoming a reliable, long-term funding stream. Additionally, there is the opportunity for you to get a say in what or who that money will benefit. It's smart – if you can, please look into it.

~Mayor Jim Boult onzm

Give and Get Back

Give by 31st March and claim 33% tax back on any donations made through the Wakatipu Community Foundation this financial year. [Contact us today](#) if you are interested in making a donation into a community endowment fund, or you can start your own fund - and, with your tax credit, you can make your giving go further.

Give and get your tax back.

Donate before March 31st and get a 33.3% tax credit this year.

It's now easier than ever to get back your tax credit on charitable giving. So, find a cause close to your heart and close to home through Wakatipu Community Foundation, and we'll walk you through our smarter giving model and how to get your tax credit back.



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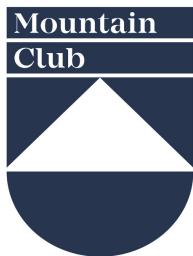
We could not do all of this without the amazing support from our donors and sponsors who help make our initiatives, programmes, and administration possible through their generous support. We are so grateful and humbled by their continued and remarkable community philanthropy.

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When you're ready, here's how we can help you:

- Determine what you most love and care about in your community and showing you how you could support and impact causes that matter to you
- Providing information on giving strategies
- Connecting you with local causes, programmes or charities doing good work in your community
- Tailoring a plan of how you would like your money to be used
- Simplifying the process by managing all administration, investments and distributing the income – you get to say where your gift goes, which is the best bit!

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