

**ROTORUA COMMUNITY RECEIVES \$370,000 FUNDING
FROM THE SOUTHERN TRUST IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2018
*Including \$25,000 for youth leadership programme OneChance***

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A \$25,000 grant for youth programme OneChance New Zealand was among more than \$370,000 granted to the Rotorua community by The Southern Trust in the second quarter of this year.

OneChance NZ manager Alan Tane Solomon says \$5,000 will assist with a salary with the remaining \$20,000 going towards the purchase of a minivan. He says having a OneChance minivan will mean much less stress for programme managers - and in some extreme cases that they won't have to borrow vehicles from friends to ensure youth can attend programmes.

Alan Solomon says OneChance is very grateful to The Southern Trust for the grant. He is confident OneChance will shortly be able to confirm a further \$27,000 in funding to purchase the van ahead of next year when they are extending their programmes significantly.

He says that between April last year and March 2018 OneChance has assisted 97 students to attain 1,441 Level 3 credits across seven NZQA Units Standards in the Social Services sector and more than 500 people have attended their community events. Having a minivan will make it easier for OneChance to build upon this work as they will be assured they can take youth to activities around Rotorua and the country whatever the weather.



Youth participate in the OneTeam Uniform Services programme at Whenuapai Air Force base.

The Southern Trust figures show that from 1 April to 30 June 2018 40 Rotorua community groups, or groups providing services to the Rotorua region, received grants totaling \$372,250.00. The grant allocation was:

Auckland District Kidney Society Inc	\$ 2,500.00
Bay of Plenty Badminton Assn Inc	\$ 7,000.00
Bay of Plenty District Rugby League Inc	\$9,000.00
Bay of Plenty Rugby Union	\$40,000.00
Bay of Plenty Sailing Academy Trust	\$ 8,000.00
BOP Philippines Friendship Society Inc	\$20,000.00
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Rotorua Inc	\$6,500.00
C3 Church Rotorua Trust	\$2,500.00
Coeliac New Zealand	\$1,500.00
Empowered Learning Trust	\$10,000.00
Glenholme School BOT	\$15,000.00
Horohoro School	\$7,400.00
House of Science NZ Charitable Trust	\$5,000.00
Kaharoa School	\$30,000.00
Kapa Haka Kura Tuarua Society	\$500.00
Lakeview Golf and Country Club Inc	\$13,000.00
Life Education Trust Rotorua Area	\$20,000.00
Linton Park Community Trust	\$15,000.00
Mamaku Playcentre	\$7,400.00
Marist St Michaels Rugby & Sports Club Inc	\$12,000.00
New Zealand Council of Victim Support Groups	\$2,000.00
New Zealand Hockey Federation	\$3,000.00
Ngongotaha Leagues Club	\$12,000.00
Ngongotaha Primary School	\$4,400.00
Ngongotaha Sports & Community Assn	\$4,000.00
OneChance Charitable Trust	\$25,000.00
Rotokawa School	\$15,000.00
Rotorua Community Youth Centre Trust	\$8,000.00
Rotorua Hospital Chaplaincy Trust	\$2,500.00
Rotorua Netball Association Inc	\$5,000.00
Rotovegas Volleyball Club	\$4,500.00
Scout Association of New Zealand	\$2,000.00
Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Education Trust	\$5,000.00
St Chads Communication Centre Trust	\$25,000.00
Te Hunga Roia Maori O Aotearoa	\$1,100.00
Te Kohanga Reo Ki Aorangi	\$2,000.00
Te Kura O Te Koutu	\$5,000.00
Waikite Valley School	\$3,950.00
Westbrook School	\$6,000.00
Whakarewarewa School	\$4,500.00
Rotorua District Total	\$372,250.00

The Southern Trust CEO and Trustee Karen Shea said “Partnerships with venues across New Zealand provide funds to assist community organisations the length and breadth of the country. Our policy is to return 95% of the proceeds raised in an area back to the same area, with the remaining 5% used for national purposes. The Trust is consistently receiving more applications for funding than there are funds available in the majority of areas.”

Community organisations from Rotorua can apply for funding from The Southern Trust. The Trust continually reviews applications with most processed within 20 working days. Requests larger than \$30,000 are reviewed at monthly Board of Trustees meetings.

Community organisations considering applying for funding should firstly call The Southern Trust funding team on 0800 4 CHARITY (0800 42 42 74). “Our team can easily advise on application criteria, which can save organisations a lot of time.”

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For more information please contact The Southern Trust CEO & Trustee Karen Shea on 03 4716601 or 021948018 or PR Manager, Nicola McConnell of Brand Amp on 027 218 8120.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Established in January 1998, The Southern Trust is licensed by the Department of Internal Affairs under the Gambling Act 2003 to return gaming machine proceeds to the community. It is one of many gaming trusts across the country, which are required by legislation to return a minimum of 63% to the community. This social dividend comes via a direct community distribution of 40% of funds raised and 23% in gaming duty. In the year ended 31 December 2017 The Southern Trust contributed \$12.096 million to organisations across New Zealand. The Southern Trust focus is funding education, community, amateur sport and arts and culture.