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Annual Report to Stakeholders

2014-15





Chairman's Report

It is my privilege to be able to introduce our annual report for 2015. This has been a year in which the Foundation has been challenged to define more sharply its role and purpose in the wider landscape of philanthropy, while not losing sight of key characteristics of a community foundation.

As a result our strategic direction is very focused on building long term capital for social progress in the Auckland region. Our aim is to have brought within the ACF structure \$20 million by the end of 2020: a true 20/20 vision.

The means by which the Foundation will achieve that goal is to attract and assist donors to establish endowments (both living and by bequest). The vision is to create a financial legacy for the donor, assisting causes for which they are passionate. The Foundation aims to provide the best donor services team in Auckland, guiding donors through the establishment of their funds, their growth and, eventually, the delivery from them of benefits to our community over the long term.

This means inevitably that we need to engage our small executive team on fewer things which divert attention from our core focus. That said, we must continue with aspects of community leadership and grant making which are part of the Foundation's value for potential donors. The time ahead promises to be exciting, both for the Foundation and for the donors with whom we work.

I want to thank my fellow Board members for their support and acknowledge the members who have recently retired. To Pip King, Jerry Norman and Clare de Lore, the Board and I offer our gratitude for your contribution to the work of the Foundation. Without diminishing the work of others, Pip King's long contribution was inspiring to us all. Thanks to all of you for your generosity of service to the organisation. The Board has been joined by Mel Hewitson, whose background in financial services will assist us greatly, and we are actively recruiting further members.

My thanks go also to our patrons Dick and Diana Hubbard who make a huge contribution as ambassadors for the ACF message.

Finally I thank our executive team under the leadership of Hilary Sumpter. Despite very limited resources, Hilary, Asmita, Hiruni and Natalie continue to produce thoroughly professional service to donors and to the Board. They are a great team.

Geoffrey Clews Chairman



Chief Executive's Report

We've had an interesting and positive year of re-orienting our organisation to be able to best meet the needs of those people we work with; individuals and families who are looking to establish their long term giving plans.

Our team has stayed small but effective as we work across Auckland to optimise individual philanthropy to meet the community's needs. Kat Dawnier and Nina Tomaszuk have both moved on to new roles for which we congratulate them and thank them for their extraordinary efforts for ACF. We have been really pleased to welcome Hiruni Wijewardhana and Natalie Vincent into the team, who join our excellent Executive Officer Asmita Daji.

I was extremely privileged to spend time in the USA late last year where I attended an international community foundation conference in Cleveland and then spent time with various community foundations around the USA. A huge thanks to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation who hosted my stay in Louisiana and from whom I learnt so much.

Over this year we have been working on an investigative project about what inspires Aucklanders to give and the impact private philanthropy can have both here and internationally. These case studies will be released over the next 12 months to help inform and inspire giving in Auckland.

More recently we've had some great new partnerships set up with ACF, not least the Rua & Clarrie Stevens Trust and the Auckland Zoo Conservation Fund. We look forward to working with all our new donors to support their philanthropy to the issues that mean most to them.

My thanks to all our hard-working volunteer Chair and board members and our Patrons Dick and Diana Hubbard and of course thanks to those who have stepped down in 2014/15. Over the next year we are looking to expand our board and the recruitment process for these new people is underway.

So another year of change, however it will be an exciting one as we continue to build momentum and I'm looking forward to what this next year brings us, given the great start we've already had. We look forward to helping our donors realise their giving plans over the next year.

Hilary Sumpter CEO



Highlights

Live Auckland. Love Auckland. Give Auckland.

For people who want to contribute to making a positive difference in their community, Auckland Communities Foundation helps you build a financial legacy to support what you care about. Working with our expertise and intimate knowledge of the community ensures you can give effectively now and long into the future.

Our vision is to help build a better Auckland through generosity. By providing a range of donor and endowment services we ensure all our donors are making an effective and positive impact on the issues they care most about, today and for the long term. We invite you to read more about our donors and the impact we make in the pages of this Annual Report.

Our donors are diverse and this helps ACF to be more effective in supporting the community. Coming from all walks of life our research shows the majority of our donors are 50+ conscientious and quiet givers, who have reached a stage in their lives that they have a little more disposable income available and a sense of their own personal legacy. Most often our donors are looking for support to make sure their donations get given in the right way to

the right issues and usually through setting up an endowment fund so that giving can happen through the Community Foundation in perpetuity.

Our dedication to regionally based research and our relationship with those working at the community coal face allows our donors to give with confidence, ensuring their gift is making the difference they are looking for.

In the next year we will be sharing many stories of the positive impact our donors are having in their communities through giving in ways which are meaningful to them, as a result of research and interviews we have undertaken in 2015.

One of the new giving habits we started was The Funding Network (TFN), which ACF brought to New Zealand this year promoting philanthropy in a way that was accessible to a wide audience. TFN is philanthropy's answer to the Dragons' Den, where four charities pitch their project after which the crowd pledges their support. TFN has further allowed ACF to build relationships with new donors and their giving plans.

After 3 events, twelve charities have benefited from the crowd's generosity, collectively receiving over \$140,000 in live pledges plus an additional \$90,000 after the events with a whole new swathe of people connected to cumulative giving.

By bringing people together, ACF connects donors who want to make a positive difference in their community with the organisations helping to make their philanthropic visions come to reality, both today and in the future. This is at the heart of what Community Foundations can do.



Highlights

The JAPhA Fund

Officially launched in July 2014, The JAPhA Fund (Just Another Philanthropic Auckland) was established by ACF employees, trustees and friends of the Foundation to support their city through pooling their donations of varying sizes.

Grants are awarded to innovative projects that achieve social and environmental good. Marvellous Ladies Theatre Group's "Marvellous Fridays" was one such project. The JAPhA Fund Advisory Group unanimously voted for the project and the group were awarded \$1,000.

Marvellous Ladies utilised this money to launch the idea where both old and young members of the community come together on Fridays to connect through story telling and games. Their idea focused on breaking down stereotypes about ageing and the elderly as well as bridging inter-generational gaps.

Here are what some of the participants of the programme had to say:

"I just love being with those young people, their energy is huge and they give me energy. They make me feel like I have got something to contribute to them and they are so receptive. They are like a sponge and I feel like a sponge too."

"It's about getting to know each other and seeing life from an older point of view, them seeing it from a younger point of view and the changes in life that they've had."

Through this programme members of the community are getting to know each other and develop a greater appreciation for different perspectives and experiences that people have within a society. This is a great example of how a lot can be achieved with a little and promoting this kind of relationship building is at the very core of Community Foundations.



*Above left: Dick and Diana Hubbard with Fereni Peti and Tangaroa Tialeoo.
Above right: John Hynds speaks with Scholarship Recipients at the Hynds offices.*

Highlights

First Foundation Scholarships

Auckland Communities Foundation partners with First Foundation to manage the education scholarships of our generous donors, Dick & Diana Hubbard, John & Leonie Hynds and the Auckland Mayoress' Fund for Youth. The Hynds have supported 8 scholarships to date and are awarding their 9th scholarship this year. Dick & Diana supported three scholarships last year, and are looking to award a further two scholarships this year, while the Mayoress' Fund for Youth is aiming to support four scholarships this year.

The scholarships include tertiary fees, work experience, guidance and mentoring and are spread geographically across Auckland. Partnering with First Foundation to deliver these scholarships ensures our donors receive professional service. They can also be confident that their support is changing lives and assisting young people on their road to success.

"One idea, eight regions and hundreds of lives transformed". That's the simple story behind First Foundation, a unique educational trust founded to give young New Zealanders, with plenty of talent but few financial resources, a hand up to tertiary education. First Foundation has a strong belief in the potential of partnership and simplicity of a hand up to make an amazing difference to someone's impact on their society. First Foundation brings together NZ businesses, individuals, schools and students in order to remove the barriers that NZ's most talented but financially disadvantaged students face.

Auckland Communities Foundation and First Foundation have been working together since 2011 and we look forward to many more years of connecting donors with talented, deserving students.



Grants 2014-15

Auckland Communities Foundation - on behalf of donors

Mixit Charitable Trust \$6,500 | Nga Rangatahi Toa Creative Arts Initiative \$45,000 | Te Whakaora Tangata \$40,000 | Wings for Life Foundation Austria \$7,410 | Zeal Education Trust \$50,000

CINZ Community Fund

Rotorua Primary School \$3,000

Dick & Diana Hubbard Fund

First Foundation \$12,000

The Funding Network

Clown Doctors \$12,588 | Nga Rangatahi Toa Creative Arts Initiative \$24,170 | Te Whakaora Tangata \$20,267 | Tread Lightly Caravan \$12,524

Generosity with Anonymity Fund

Auckland Communities Foundation - Research Project \$20,000 | Kotare Education Trust \$5,000 | Middlemore Foundation \$5,000 | The Funding Network Charities \$5,000 | Waiheke Working Sail Charitable Trust \$3,000

Grassroots Giving Fund

Accelerating Aotearoa Incorporated \$5,000 | Adult Literacy Tamaki Auckland Inc \$4,220 | ARMS & ARCC \$15,000 | Auckland Refugee Council Inc \$5,000 | Care for Kids \$5,000 | Cession Community Trust \$14,964 | Christian Care Network \$1,142 | Clevedon Community Trust \$5,000 | Coast to Coast Hauora Trust \$2,530 | Garden to Table Trust \$14,900 | Helensville Women & Family Centre \$8,600 | Hibiscus Coast Parents Centre Incorporated \$9,280 | Kaurilands Community Kindergarten \$1,800 | Kidpower, Teenpower, Fullpower \$5,000 | Laingholm Baptist Church \$7,000 | Leigh School Parent Teacher Association \$1,060 | Mangere East Family Service Centre \$14,000 | Multi-Educational Support and Services Trust \$12,400 | New Foundations Trust \$15,000 | New Zealand African Welfare Service Trust \$9,820 | North Barrier Playgroup \$1,430 | Pakuranga and Howick Budgeting Service Inc \$1,500 | Papatoetoe Adolescent Christian Trust (PACT) \$15,000 | Parent Support Inc \$2,000 | ParentPort North \$10,000 | Pillars Inc \$10,000 | Raeburn House \$8,000 | Rainbow Youth \$15,000 | Rising Foundation \$15,000 | Rosa Counselling Trust \$3,600 | Te Atatu Peninsula Community Trust \$15,000 | Vagahau Nuie Trust \$5,000 | Waitakere WEAS \$11,000 | West Auckland Budgeting Service Inc \$5,000 | West Auckland Community Toy Library \$1,000 | Whanau Marama Parenting \$15,000 | Whau ACE Adult and Community Education Centre Inc \$15,000 | Young Muslim Women's Association \$7,670 | Zeal Education Trust \$10,500



Hynds Education Fund

First Foundation \$31,000 | Homai School \$2,500 | Individual Scholarships \$5,904 | Manurewa High School \$27,525 | St Stephens Church \$5,920

JAPhA Fund

Good Business \$1,000 | Kumeu Arts Centre \$1,000 | Marvellous Theatre \$1,000 | Memribox Technologies \$1,000 | Recreate NZ \$1,000 | The Pallet Kingdom Gwamu Ltd \$1,000 | Urban Pantry \$1,000

Kiwi Kids Education Foundation

J&A Ramos \$500 | Totally Tamariki \$500

Mayoral Fund for the Pacific Tonga Relief \$1,894

Rangahua Fund The Rising Foundation Grant \$2,000

Starlight Fund

Cancer Society Auckland \$25,000 | The Order of St John \$10,000

Social Enterprise Auckland Fund Akina Foundation \$20,000

Te Manu Ka Rewa \$69,721

Te Punanga Haumarua \$51,612

Totara Fund Big Buddy Mentoring Trust \$3,000

Y for Youth Fund Heart for Youth \$7,000

Auckland Airport Community Trust

As Administrators of the Auckland Airport Community Trust we distributed the following grants: Aorere College \$2,900 | Auckland Council Youth Connections \$90,000 | Brainwave Trust Aotearoa \$62,680 | De La Salle College \$20,260 | Great Potentials \$24,026 | Nga Rangitahi Toa \$9,750 | Pillars Inc \$15,000 | Storytime Foundation \$35,000 | Youthline \$40,000

Financials

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Current Assets & Investments	1,514,750	1,327,564
Fixed Assets	3,630	5,600
Less:		
Current Liabilities	311,898	257,830
Term Liabilities	95,000	120,000
Represented by:		
Trustee Funds	1,111,482	955,334

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue	521,585	491,659
Less Operating Expenses*	503,302	514,704
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	18,283	(23,045)
Charitable Donations	1,014,537	985,324
Less Charitable Distributions	876,670	682,883
Charitable Surplus/(Deficit)	137,867	302,441
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	156,150	279,395
Trustees' Funds at the beginning of the year	955,332	675,937
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	156,150	279,395
Trustee Funds at the end of the year	1,111,482	955,332

*Total accumulated interest of \$26,368 in 2014 (This Year: \$4,398) has been accrued but not paid on an Auckland Council Loan commencing 1 Jan 2011, calculated on the loan balance at a rate of 4.2% per annum. The 2014 amount represents accumulated interest from previous years.

This statement must be read in conjunction with the statement of Accounting Policies and Notes to the Financial Statements and subject to the Audit Report set out on pages 17-18 of the Foundation's full Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

2015 Updates

Rua & Clarrie Stevens Trust

Lee & Penny Stevens have been Trustees of the Rua and Clarrie Stevens Charitable Trust which was established 45 years ago in memory of Lee's dearly loved parents.

When Lee and his father Clarrie started the Trust after Rua passed away, a shortage of funds was simply "one of many challenges to overcome" as they worked towards their giving goals. Since then the fund has been run by Lee and Clarrie and more recently by Lee and his wife Penny. The trust has some \$1.6 million in investments, built up in gradual sums. Over the years they have dispensed \$1.4m, giving away around \$65,000 just in the last year – a tremendous achievement that aptly honours the memory of Lee's parents, who had always given their time, money and services to the community.

While Lee and Penny have both dedicated a tremendous amount to the management and granting from their Trust, they realised it was time for a change and that ACF could help with that change; so as from the 12th of July 2015, the Rua & Clarrie Stevens Trust is now part of ACF's family of funds. Lee and Penny remain in charge of the Trust's distributions as Advisors while ACF takes care of making the grants, the compliance and administration. ACF has also introduced Lee and Penny to charities with which they have now formed lasting relationships.

ACF is extremely proud of working with Lee and Penny to ensure their giving is as easy, effective and enduring as it can be; for now and in the long term.

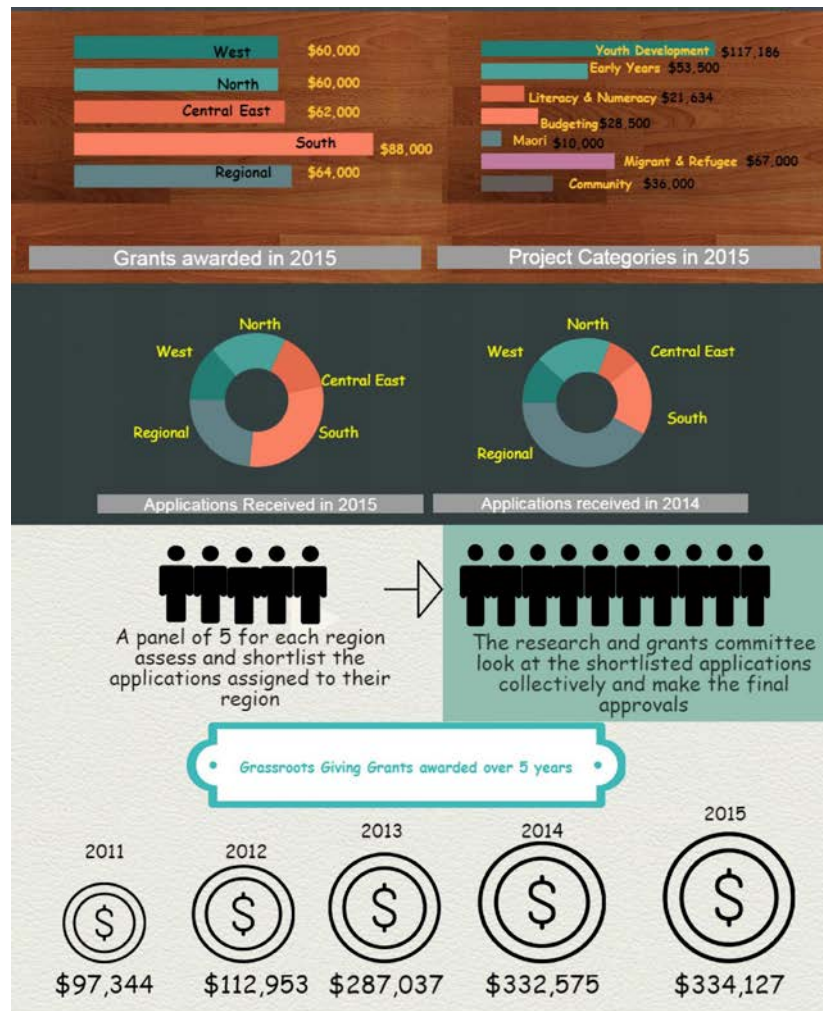
Bottom left: Lee and Penny Stevens with the ACF Team; Hilary Sumpter, Asmita Daji, Nina Tomaszuk, Lee & Penny Stevens, Natalie Vincent, Alison Sutton, Hiruni Wijewardhana. Bottom right: Penny Stevens and Hilary Sumpter.



2015 Updates

Grassroots Giving Fund 2015

Auckland Communities Foundation acts as a Regional Funding Manager for the Tindall Foundation and the 2015 allocation was the 5th year in this role.



2015 Updates

Auckland Zoo Conservation Fund

Auckland Zoo staff established the Auckland Zoo Conservation Fund in 2000 to support conservation efforts in the wild, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Conservation is at the heart of the Zoo and their passion is driven by the ability to make a difference to wildlife and the environment. Funds are raised from fundraising events and initiatives, proceeds from conservation product purchases, visitor admissions, donations, and sponsorship. In June 2015, Regional Facilities Auckland and Zoo staff decided to transfer part of the fund under the management of Auckland Communities Foundation.

To date, the fund has raised over \$2,000,000 to support a wide variety of conservation projects aligned with the work of Auckland Zoo. From helping endangered gecko and fluttering shearwater to assisting the plight of the Sumatran Orangutan, these efforts will benefit from the support of Aucklanders and visitors to Auckland Zoo for generations to come.

This is a tremendous opportunity for both parties to combine skills and effort to optimise both the growth of the fund and the grant making process. In doing so we will stay true to the ideals of the fund and also inspire others to make a difference in wildlife and the environment.

Trustees



Geoffrey Clews - Chairman

Tax Barrister | Director of Regional Facilities | Company Director | Member - New Zealand Law Society Inc | Fellow - Australia and New Zealand College of Notaries | Member - Financial Advisers Disciplinary Committee | Member - International Bar Association



Shaun Adams

Lead Partner - Restructuring & Insolvency Services | Board member- Restructuring, Insolvency & Turnaround Association (RITANZ) formerly INSOL NZ | Associate Member - Institute of Directors | Non-member Partner - NZICA | Trustee - MAB Investment Trust



Mel Hewitson

Chartered Member - Institute of Directors | Chair - Nominating Committee for Guardians of New Zealand Superannuation Fund | Head of Corporate Trust - Trustees Executors | Formerly senior roles at Financial Markets Authority and investment management firms



Kirk Sargent

Project Manager - Maori and Pasifika Trades Training: Auckland | Chair - Research & Grants Committee, Auckland Communities Foundation | Member - H28 Association of New Zealand | Board of Trustees - Onehunga Primary School



Alison Sutton

Manager, Literacy and Family Learning, COMET Auckland | Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship 2015 | Adult Literacy and Numeracy Leadership Award 2015, from the National Centre of Literacy and Numeracy for Adults | Researcher, evaluator and project developer in adult learning and literacy for 28 years



Simon Tran

Chief Financial Officer - Regional Facilities Auckland | Director - Shore Books Ltd | Member - NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants | Member - Institute of Directors



Ingrid Waugh

Organisational Development Consultant and Coach | Member and Trustee - Charitable Trust: Rotary Club of Parnell Inc | Director - Rataroa Lodge Ltd



Marion Webster

Board Member - The Funding Network | Trustee - Phillip and Vivien Brass Foundation | Founding Trustee and Former Chair - Australian Communities Foundation

Our thanks go to retiring Trustees [Phillipa King](#), [Clare de Lore](#) and [Jerry Norman](#) for their valuable contributions to the Foundation.

Patrons



Dick Hubbard ONZM

Along with wife Diana, Dick founded Hubbard Foods Ltd in 1988 and continues to serve as Chairman. He served as the Mayor of Auckland from 2004-2007, and is currently Trustee of the Dick and Diana Charitable Foundation and Outward Bound.



Diana Hubbard

Diana's professional background was in the education sector both in New Zealand and internationally. She was the Mayoress of Auckland from 2004 to 2007 and currently has roles on the committee of Third Space and as Trustee of the Dick and Diana Charitable Foundation.

Thank You

ANZ Private Bank
Auckland Council
AUT University Business School
Ballantyne Taylor
Baton Rouge Area Foundation
Community Foundations of New Zealand
Denham Bramwell Lawyers (Brett Abraham)
The Frederick Mulder Foundation
The Funding Network (Australia & International)
The Gift Trust
Grant Thornton New Zealand – Private Wealth Advisors
KPMG
Lassoo Media & PR
McMains Family Fund
Macquarie Group Foundation
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