



Supporting the whānau of
premature and unwell babies

2025 Annual Performance Report

Pūrongo ā-Tau



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Report from our Board & CEO

Te Pūrongo a te Poari me te Kaiwhakahaere Matua

He tau o te manawanui, te aroha, me te kotahitanga:

A year of strength, love, and unity

Tena koutou katoa.

This year has reminded us, once again, of the incredible courage shown by our neonatal whānau. Across Aotearoa, parents and caregivers have faced early, unexpected beginnings with a fortitude that continues to inspire us. Their journeys — filled with uncertainty, hope, and love — keep our mahi grounded.

At the Little Miracles Trust we know that no whānau should walk this path alone.

Throughout 2025, thousands of families reached out to the Little Miracles Trust for support, and we met them with warmth and empathy. Our presence in neonatal units and in the community strengthened, and more parents stepped forward to share their stories — bravely leading the way for others navigating similar challenges. We delivered over 1,000 days of cot-side peer support; issued nearly 5,000 emergency care packs; and shared more than \$80,000 in food vouchers for neonatal hardship relief. Our post-discharge network of developmental playgroups flourished this year, supporting even more whānau; and we built our bank of digital resources so whānau can access information day or night, in hospital or at home. Lighting Up Purple for World Prematurity Day transformed 60+ iconic Kiwi landmarks into beacons to raise awareness for prematurity across the motu; and we proudly partnered in research and innovation that has the potential to improve outcomes and equity for babies born too sick or too soon.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of donors, funders, volunteers, and partners. Your belief in our mahi means the world, and your

support allows us to be there for families during some of their toughest days. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

This year, the Little Miracles Trust highlighted the importance of the neonatal parent voice through our participation on lived experience panels for projects and professional societies, both in Aotearoa and overseas. We advocated for the meaningful inclusion of whānau in any project that might affect them or the families who come after. We are loud and proud of this vital shared commitment between families, researchers, and healthcare providers — the principle of kotahitanga, which reminds us that we are stronger when we stand together.

While much has been achieved, we know there is more to do. Our focus remains on ensuring every neonatal family in New Zealand can access support that is compassionate and responsive to their needs. In the year ahead, we'll continue to provide cot-side peer support in every New Zealand NICU; issuing emergency care packs for every family admitted to neonatal care; and delivering our national network of developmental playgroups. We will also be enhancing our digital pathways and growing national awareness of prematurity: working steadily to make meaningful progress, inspired by the same strength we see in the families we serve.

To everyone who has supported the Little Miracles Trust this year, ngā mihi maioha. Your many, many kindnesses ensure that families facing some of their hardest moments know that they are not alone. And to the parents and whānau who share their experiences with us, thank you. Your courage and determination guide and inspire our work each and every day.

As we look back on the year, we return to where we began: to strength and fortitude. Time and again, the tiniest and sickest babies show us what determination truly is, and their families remind us what it means to stand strong in the face of uncertainty. It is our privilege to walk alongside these whānau, and do everything we can to make these difficult starts to life just a little bit easier...

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini:

My strength is not that of one person, but of many.

Ngā mihi nui,

The Board & Chief Executive

The Little Miracles Trust

A newborn baby is lying in a hospital bed, covered with a white blanket. The baby's head is resting on a red pillow. Medical equipment is visible, including a blue and white oxygen mask over the baby's nose and mouth, secured with white tape. A blue wristband is on the baby's left wrist. A purple heart-shaped sticker is on the baby's chest, with a thin white tube connected to it. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the hospital room.

Our Story

Tō Mātou Pūtake

The Little Miracles Trust is Aotearoa New Zealand's national neonatal charity. We were established nearly forty years ago in Wellington by two families of extremely premature babies. In 2025, we work cot-side in every New Zealand NICU, and proudly provide support and resources to every family going through the stress and anxiety of a neonatal journey.

Our Vision

All whānau impacted by a NICU or SCBU journey can access the support they need, when they need it most.

Our Mission

We support the whānau of premature or critically ill babies as they journey through the neonatal unit, transition home, and onwards.

Our Promise

We promise to make a difficult start to life that little bit easier.

We're here for a very simple reason.

To make a difficult start to life that little bit easier.

By supporting parents and whānau through a time that no one is prepared for. A newborn surround by monitors and tubes, not hugs and cuddles.

A hospital stay lasting weeks or months, not hours or days. Eyes filled with tears of sadness and worry, not tears of happiness and joy.

These are the times you need someone who knows what you're going through to tell you it's going to be alright.

Someone who can give you the kind of support and resources that will make all the difference.

Someone who can say **"We're here for you"**.

THE LITTLE MIRACLES IMPACT 2025

YOUR SUPPORT HAS ENABLED OUR

National Service Delivery Team to provide...

A TOTAL OF
1,046 DAYS
cot-side peer support



EQUALLING
5,539 HRS
across every New Zealand NICU



\$3,800

*support for neonatal
equipment and
furniture*



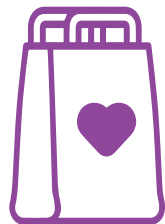
\$5,345

*for neonatal staff
training*
↑167%

4,602

EMERGENCY CARE PACKS

↑5%. **+36 Crisis Support Packs**
*for mums coming into NICU in
extreme hardship*



1,900

PICK-ME-UP PACKS

*Delivered to NICU & SCBU units on
Mother's Day, Father's Day,
Matariki & Christmas Day* ↑33%

*That's a total of **6,538 packs** for neonatal families delivered across 2025*

WE RAN **113** PLAYGROUPS

=170 HRS

*and welcomed 1,403 babies
and their caregivers* ↑24%



299



Morning teas and lunches hosted

1,068 VOUCHERS



*issued to relieve
family hardship*



\$81K in value, ↑35%

20,307 members of our
online community ↑15%

46,333 website visits

2,103 online resource
downloads ↑80%



We were only able to achieve this because of the phenomenal support from grants-giving organisations, charitable trusts, individuals and businesses throughout our wonderful community.



The Support We Provide

Te Āwhina ā Mātou

Every year approximately 5,000 babies are born prematurely in Aotearoa New Zealand.

There are also more than 1,000 full-term babies who require admission to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU).

Overall, one in ten Kiwi babies will spend time in a neonatal unit.



Photo credit: Amy Cope Photography

The Little Miracles Trust exists to support these whānau through a neonatal journey that can be full of stress and anxiety. This help is provided in many ways: all designed to “make a difficult start to life that little bit easier”.

Cot-Side Peer Support in the Hospital

The Trust teams are embedded in all six of New Zealand’s NICU. These Family Peer Support Coordinators are there for whānau to lean on during a traumatic time. Most of our team are former-NICU/SCBU parents, so they are the perfect listening ear or shoulder to cry on. In addition, we offer items such as breast pumps for hire and sale, plus essential items to help whānau during a tough time, such as prem clothing and nappies and lots of beautiful woollen goods - all handmade with love by our amazing army of volunteers.

‘When times are tough, they bring a ray of sunshine to your day. I was so lucky to get to know your Wellington team. They were a constant support, a shoulder to lean on, friendly faces when entering and leaving NICU and the love they show was endless..’

Emergency Care Packs

Each year we supply more than 4,600 emergency care packs to Aotearoa’s 23 neonatal units: one for each whānau who has a baby admitted to a unit. These iconic purple packs are carefully curated. They are made up of practical yet thoughtful items which will be of use during the whānau journey. We thank our partners Baby Factory, SILK Water Wipes, Huggies, and the army of sewers and knitters for their donations that help fill these packs with love.

‘The little cooler box pack brought tears to my eyes and felt reassuring that there was people to talk to. My son was based in Waikato NICU, for two and a half week (short stay thank goodness but felt like forever) ’

Regular Unit Lunches & Morning Teas

One of our most enduring support events, these sessions provide an opportunity for Mums and Dads with babies in the unit to meet and connect during an anxious and isolating time. It’s an opportunity for a little respite and connection. It’s also a place where our Family Peer Support Coordinators can provide information, support and answer any questions. Parents develop support networks with other parents, which helps with life outside of the unit.

‘We were overwhelmed by the support we received from the time the boys were first admitted in room 1 right through until they discharged 5 weeks later. The food, messages of support, gifts and just general chats helped a lot and I really appreciate it.’

Our Family Assistance Fund

We know that many of the families that the Trust supports might be in a unit for many months – and many hundreds of kilometres from home and loved ones. Generously supported by our partner: Woolworths NZ as well as other grants and donors, our Family Assistance Fund enables the Trust to support the families doing it hard in neonatal units across New Zealand with more than 1,000 Woolworths vouchers to help ease the burden of a NICU or SCBU stay.

‘During our son’s 139-day NICU journey your support meant the world to us — from the care packs and financial support, to the kindness, comfort, and understanding that made such a difference through the hardest days.’

Developmental Playgroups

Returning home with a baby that was born prematurely or critically ill can have demands over and above a healthy newborn, so parents who have had a NICU or SCBU experience often need different forms of support once they return home. They’ve gone from a busy hospital ward with round-the-clock support to being at home on their own. They’re at greater risk of suffering from depression, anxiety or PTSD. They may not have had the opportunity to join an antenatal group. Or have a baby that is infection-prone or still needs additional medical support. The Trust’s national network of developmental playgroups is unique as they are facilitated by our team plus either by an Occupational Therapist or a Physiotherapist who is there to talk about baby’s development milestones and give advice in an environment that is designed especially for neonatal whānau.

‘Just wanted to say a big thank you for organising this group, we’ve really enjoyed it and nice chatting to other people and hearing their experiences. It’s been great to have a different space from home to go where I can just let the girls loose and not have to worry!’

Gifts for Special Days

We know how hard it is to be in intensive care with your baby and this can be felt even more on days like Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Matariki and Christmas Day. Our team works closely with our partners to put together some thoughtful gifts for Mum, Dad or the family to be ready by baby’s bedside when they visit on that special day.

'Thank you for the kind present on Mother's Day, I'd given birth a few days prior and our little lady was unexpectedly in NICU. This was the nicest surprise to receive on my first Mother's Day. It really made our day.'

Celebrating Baby's Milestones

We're all about celebrating how well a baby is doing during their time in a unit, so each family receives a set of beautiful bilingual milestone cards funded by our friends at Huggies, to help them keep a visual diary of important days like when their baby hits the 1kg mark or goes tube free! Plus, we have a special '100 Day' certificate and bunting for those little ones who reach up to 100 days in hospital. And, as each family takes their baby home, we supply graduation certificates to present to each whānau on discharge and there's a special selfie frame to capture that magical moment too.

'Receiving your thoughtful gift pack today brought a tear to our eyes. It was truly heartwarming to see the care and consideration put into every detail, including the te reo Māori milestone cards, which deeply resonate with our values and culture. Your kindness has brought a ray of light into our lives during a time of uncertainty, and for that, we are forever grateful.'

Contributing to NICU and SCBU Facilities for Families

In 2025, we were proud to have sourced funding for, and co-managed, the completion of a space for bereaved families in Dunedin NICU. A private place of calm - this was designed with aroha as a space for whānau to take time with their little one. Across Aotearoa, with support of COGS, we helped create a network of neonatal libraries, full of books to boost reading to babies, aiding bonding and brain development.

'Thank you so much and for all the amazing work you and your team do to support families going through the journey.'

Online Resources

We're proud of our thriving online community, and in 2025, thanks to Chiesi, we launched a new [website](#) with a wealth of information for parents to help them to navigate their neonatal journey. Our latest videos and series of [podcasts](#) featured experts and whānau candidly sharing inspiring and moving stories of many different journeys, helping our families know that they're not alone.

Connect with us today - on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

'The resources, care, and encouragement you offer help turn overwhelming times into something a little more manageable, and we're so grateful for the work you do. It means the world to families in neonatal care to know they're not alone, and you make sure of that every single day'

Building a Stronger Future

Supporting the multi-disciplinary neonatal staff we work alongside is vital. Thanks to the family and friends of Dunedin neonatal pioneer, Dr. Donald Malcolm, the Trust has funded nurses and allied health professionals to attend training and conferences. We're part of a range of unit training and education days. And we're proud to have connected our community to opportunities to participate in a range of research projects. Members of our team have provided lived experience insight into projects shaping national guidelines and best practice initiatives designed to improve outcomes for the babies and their families who will come after us.

'This qualification may not have been a possibility without the Trust's assistance. The knowledge that I gained from this paper has already improved my practice and sharpened my critical thinking process when caring for this extremely vulnerable population. Thanks again for this assistance.'



Whānau Stories

Ngā Kōrero a te Whānau

A huge thank you to these families for their kind words and for bravely sharing their story of a neonatal journey. It keeps us motivated knowing that the support we provide these whānau with when they need it most does make a difficult start to life that little bit easier.



Magnus

My name is Katherine Halkett. I was born in Venezuela and married my husband, a Kiwi from Timaru. After almost five years of infertility, in 2022 we received the call from Fertility Associates that we had reached the top of the IVF list. We were overjoyed, and even more so when our very first transfer was successful.

The pregnancy felt magical. Everything was perfect, from my health to my weight, every check-up and every ultrasound. It felt like a dream come true after such a long wait.

At 30 weeks everything changed. One night in the shower I had a nosebleed that would not stop, and when we checked my blood pressure it was 140/90. The next morning my midwife instructed me to go to hospital. Blood tests revealed I had developed preeclampsia very quickly.

The amazing team at Timaru Hospital arranged for me to be transferred to another hospital in case my baby needed to be delivered. Christchurch was full so we were sent to Dunedin. After a day of monitoring the team decided it was safer

to deliver by C-section while both baby and I were still stable. That decision made all the difference for the outcome of our story.

At 30 weeks baby Magnus was born weighing just 1.55 kg. It was traumatic not being able to hold him. He was shown to me briefly from a distance, wrapped in a plastic bag to keep him warm, before being taken straight to the NICU. I did not see him again until nine hours later once I was stable.

Our days in the Dunedin NICU were filled with tears, fear, and overwhelming love. The doctors and nurses were wonderful, caring not only for Magnus but also for me. And then there was the team from the Little Miracles Trust. They gifted us a bag of goodies, and Shelley became my angel.

She brought me treats, filled my water bottle, and sat with me while I cried. Her kindness and presence made such a difference during some of the hardest moments of my life. I will never be able to repay the incredible support I received.

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After four weeks in Dunedin Magnus and I were flown back to Timaru to finish our hospital stay. Three weeks later, at 37 weeks, we finally brought him home.

We will always carry with us the care, compassion, and love shown to us during our neonatal journey. The Little Miracles Trust will forever hold a special place in our hearts.





Zayn

My name is Norena Tigafua, and I'm a proud mum to two beautiful boys my toddler Lucas, and my little fighter, Zayn. I'm writing to share a piece of our journey one I hope offers comfort, strength, or simply connection to another whānau navigating the NICU world.

In mid-2024, our family travelled from Melbourne to New Zealand for what we thought would be a short work trip. My fiancé had a contract at Auckland Airport, and I was just over three months pregnant. Our plan was simple: return to Australia at seven months with plenty of time to prepare for Zayn's arrival, due December 19th. But on October 22nd, everything changed.

I began feeling strange pains and knew something wasn't right. Not knowing the area, we drove straight to Auckland City Hospital, thinking it might just be Braxton Hicks. Within minutes of arriving, I was transferred to theatre Zayn was breech and in distress. Daniel was rushed into scrubs. I barely had time to breathe, let alone comprehend what was happening. At 31 weeks and 5 days, Zayn came into the world via emergency C-section tiny, fragile, and already so strong.

Unlike any other pregnancy, I didn't see him right away. Daniel followed the doctors as they took Zayn, while I was wheeled into recovery. I couldn't quite tell if it was my heart or my mind racing faster. I was worried, but I had all my trust in the hands of the team working to stabilise him.

Then reality hit: No hospital bag. No cot. No baby clothes. No family with me. We were far from home. But there he was, giving me every reason to keep going. Everything moved quickly after that.

I found a rental in Papakura, not realising how far it was from the hospital. I hired a car, bought some furniture, and tried to create some kind of comfort. My parents flew in briefly, but had to return home. Eventually, Daniel flew back to Melbourne with Lucas to begin another contract. I stayed just me and Zayn.

Zayn was transferred from Auckland City to Middlemore Hospital NICU, where he stayed for almost five months. Every day, I made the long trip to be by his side sometimes staying overnight, sometimes coming and going. Daniel flew back on weekends, and Lucas stayed with me for a while too.

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NICU life was its own world:

- *The constant beeping of monitors*
- *Tubes, wires, oxygen*
- *Doctors delivering both hopeful and heartbreaking news*
- *Days where the smallest gain felt like a huge victory*
- *Nights I cried beside his cot, with nothing to offer but hope*

I once watched a documentary where a mum said, The NICU is like a rollercoaster. And she was right.

Only this time, I was learning to parent again in a new country, away from family, with no one beside me but a little boy who taught me what true strength looked like. And then in the middle of all that came kindness.

The Little Miracles Trust reached out to us. They brought thoughtful gifts, soft moments, and gentle support. I'll never forget the woman who came regularly to read to Zayn and once said, "You're doing amazing, mum". At the time, I didn't feel amazing. I felt broken. But those words reminded me even in my loneliness, I was never truly alone.

Some moments will stay with me forever:

- *The first time I held Zayn skin-to-skin*
- *The panic when his breathing dipped and alarms sounded*
- *Celebrating every extra gram of weight, every mL of milk*
- *And finally the day we were cleared to fly home with Zayn on oxygen, February 13th, 2025*

Today, Zayn is healthy, happy, and thriving. But I will never forget where he began and how much he, and I, had to fight to get here.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart to the Little Miracles Trust and every nurse, doctor, and support person who helped us along the way. You made a difference in our lives maybe one Zayn won't remember, but one I will always live to tell.

And to all the mums reading this from their NICU rooms:

This is not the journey any of us expected, but please know this;

You are not alone. You are not invisible. You are a warrior in every sense of the word.

Lamatau

Our beautiful boy Lamatau made his entrance into the world far earlier than expected - born at 24+6 weeks, on the 11th March 2025, weighing just 830g. He was so tiny, yet from the very first moment, his strength was undeniable.

Lamatau spent 139 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units across Dunedin, Christchurch, and Auckland. Those days were filled with monitors, surgeries, worries, and milestones that only NICU families truly understand. We learned a whole new kind of courage watching our son fight for every breath, every gram, and every new day.

There were challenges we never imagined we'd have to face - including Avastin injections and laser surgery to treat ROP, retina detachment and moments where his future felt so uncertain. But the support, care, and love surrounding him helped carry us through the hardest parts.

Today, Lamatau is almost 8 months old (4 months corrected) and thriving at home — smiling, growing, and reminding us every day what a miracle looks like. The NICU will forever be a part of his story....and ours.

We are endlessly grateful for the incredible neonatal teams and the support from The Little Miracles Trust — they helped us navigate a journey no family ever expects to take.





Ollie, 26 weeks



Adeline, 28 weeks



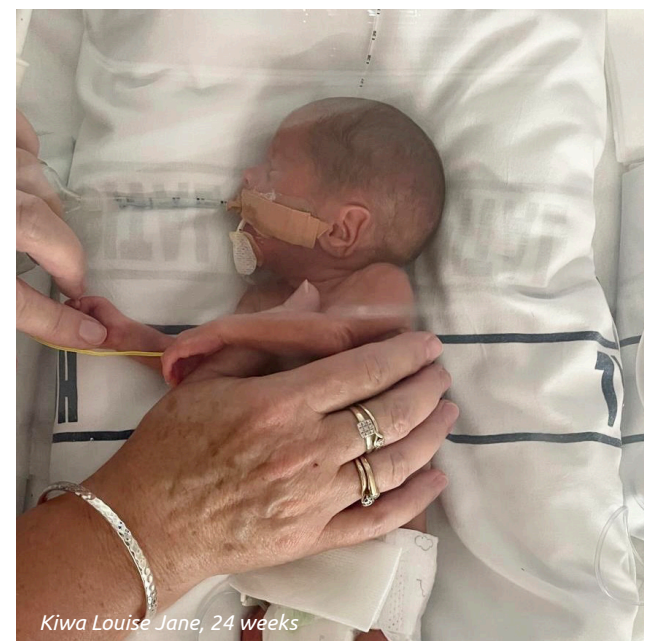
Millie, 41 weeks



Jimmy, 24 weeks



Malachi, 29 weeks



Kiwa Louise Jane, 24 weeks

World Prematurity Day 2025

World Prematurity Day is one of the most important dates in our calendar to raise awareness of the challenges and burden of preterm birth. Celebrated annually on 17 November, World Prematurity Day aims to raise awareness of prematurity and the concerns of preterm babies and their families worldwide.



In November 2025, following an enormous amount of mahi, the neonatal community came together as the Little Miracles Trust led activities across the month, raising much needed awareness and funds, including:

Thanking our neonatal nurses

We mobilised an army of amazing baking volunteers to help us provide delicious morning or afternoon teas for every neonatal unit in Aotearoa.

Sharing personal stories

Giving hope and encouragement and raising awareness: On our social platforms throughout November, families shared their personal experiences: highlighting the hope, challenges and resilience their neonatal journeys bought.

Lighting Up Purple

For the eighth year, New Zealand joined this global campaign. More than 60 landmarks across New Zealand lit up purple on World Prematurity Day to raise awareness of the 13.4 million babies born prematurely globally each year. From Eden Park and Auckland Harbour Bridge to Invercargill's Gala Street Fountain, a wave of purple light rolled across the country.

Out and About

Thanks to Go Media Good Impressions; Wellington and Hamilton Airports; Bishopp Outdoor Advertising and NZX, we had billboards and digital advertising screens working for us across the month to raise awareness and get our fundraising message out there.

Incubator Donation Boxes

Our unique incubator donation boxes were hosted by the wonderful teams at Woolworths Newmarket, Te Awamutu, Newtown, Paraparaumu and Dunedin South.

Partner Activity

Our generous partners at Mojo, The Sleep Store, Tory & KO. Jewellers, Huggies and Bear & Moo all ran special fundraisers for us throughout the month.

Individual Fundraisers

A huge thank you to everyone who held bake sales, ran marathons, organised *"Wear Purple for Prens"* days at their school, kindy, daycare, and all of the other fundraisers inspired by Neonatal November – **ngā mihi nui, you are absolute rock stars!**



Our Amazing Fundraisers

Te whakamīharo ngā tāngata e tautoko ana i a mātou mā te kōhi moni

We are so grateful to those amazing people who, after experiencing our support first-hand, then find ways to give back for the care they received during their neonatal journey. Here are a few of our generous fundraisers for 2025:



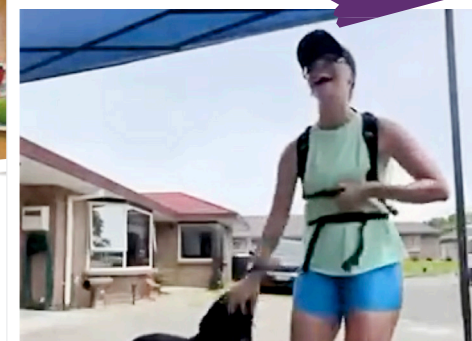
Lucy's 300km Challenge!

Lucy set the amazing goal of running 300km (100km for each of her triplets) throughout Neonatal November to raise awareness and support for neonatal families after being in NICU with the three babies in 2024. She raised nearly \$3,000.

"My triplets, Lainey, Morgan and Archer, were born at 30 weeks on 3 May 2024 weighing 1.2kg, 1.250kg and 1.4kg and we spent 90 days in hospital with them at the Neonatal Intensive Unit in Wellington.

It's hard to explain how traumatic this experience truly is. For 3 weeks the triplets were hooked up to machines which kept them alive and breathing. The amount of fear and anxiety about their survival during this time is so overwhelming that it is extremely hard to process. However, my experience is not unique. I was surrounded by many parents at the time going through the exact same feelings and emotions, and of course there will be more to come unfortunately.

The Little Miracles trust and their staff provided comfort, support and a familiar face in an extremely clinical and intense environment. Not only that but they provided us and other families with lunches and dinners throughout the week as well as care packages throughout the journey.



Completing the 300km challenge was incredibly emotional for me. Like many parents can relate to, finding the energy, motivation, and time to train for and run such long distances wasn't easy. There were plenty of moments when I felt exhausted and stretched thin.

What kept me going was knowing I was raising awareness and support for whānau and their precious babies in NICU. That purpose carried me through every tough kilometre.

Crossing the finish line was a huge relief. I came away with a few wounds and aches, but it was absolutely worth it to know I may have made a small, yet meaningful, difference in supporting Little Miracles Trust and the incredible families they walk alongside.

Watch this space for the next Neonatal November. I'll definitely be taking on something even bigger and tougher to continue raising awareness and support for Little Miracles Trust."

Lucy.

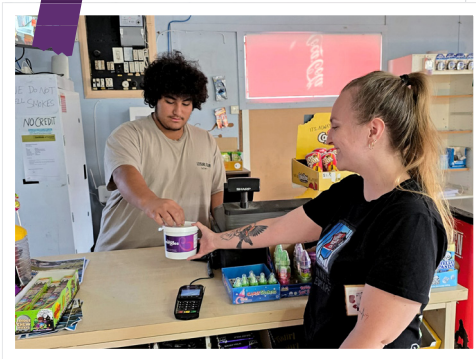
Gumboot Rally

Having fun while doing good.

Gator and the team from gumbootrally.com selected us as their chosen charity for 2025 and held events throughout the year where all the proceeds were donated.

We were chosen to align with Gators son Ethans 21st birthday year. Ethan was born at 28 weeks and spent almost three months in neonatal intensive care.

The Gumboot Rally team put on five amazing events and raised \$10,000 for us.

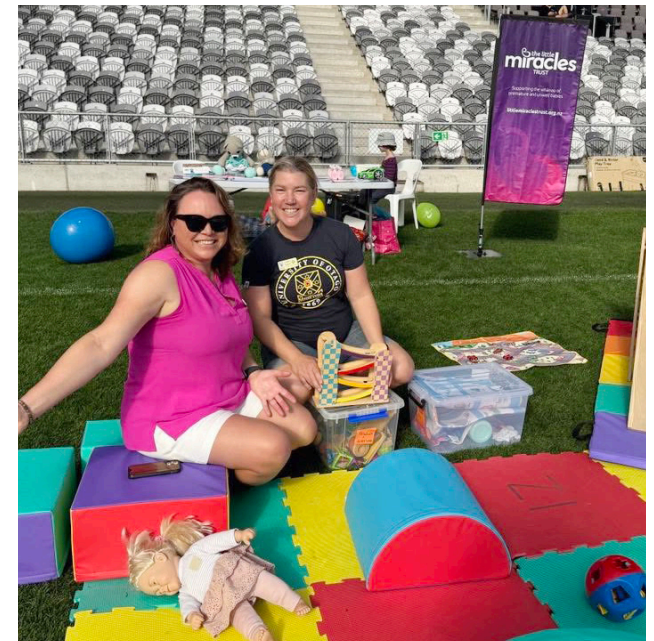


Hugh Green Foundation Golf Day

The amazing team at the Hugh Green Foundation and NextGen put on a spectacular event at the beautiful Akarana golf course in November to raise awareness and much needed funds for the Trust and the whānau we support.

An incredible \$85,000 was raised, thanks to some very generous donations and fantastic auction items.

We feel privileged to have been the chosen charity for this special event and extend our heartfelt thanks to the Green family, the team at the Hugh Green Foundation and NextGen, as well as everyone who attended.



Our Funders & Supporters

Ō Mātou Kaitautoko

It is only because of the amazing support we receive from our donors, sponsors, grant providers and supporters that we're able to support the whānau of Aotearoa's premature and critically ill full-term babies. Thank you to everyone who supported us this year through baking, knitting, crafting, donating goods, providing items for care packs and supplies for use by families in the neonatal units. We couldn't do what we do without you all! **Ngā mihi maioha.**



Major Contributions

The Little Miracles Trust team is thankful to have the following incredible individuals, trusts, partners, sponsors and grant providers who supported our mahi throughout Aotearoa this year:

Our Strategic Partners \$50k+

- Wright Family Foundation
- NextGen and the Hugh Green Foundation
- Hugh Green Foundation Golf Day
- Woolworths New Zealand: Baby Month 2025
- NZ Lotteries
- Anonymous Donor

Little Miracles Champions \$20k+

- One Percent Collective
- Community Organisations Grants Scheme
- Chiesi Australia
- Lanakat Trust

Community Champions \$10k+

- Freemasons NZ Pacific Lodge
- Aotearoa Gaming Trust
- The Lion Foundation
- VanBaarle Family
- Mainland Foundation
- Gumboot Rally (*including Empower Electrical*)
- The Four Winds Foundation
- Foundation North
- Pub Charity
- Rata Foundation
- The Pacific Charitable Trust
- Ferrari Owners Club (*facilitated by our patrons Sir Richard & Lady Tania Taylor and Wētā Workshop*)
- Huggies & Kimberly-Clark
- McCallum/CHA

Care Champions \$5k+

- Charles Melcher (*facilitated by our patrons Sir Richard & Lady Tania Taylor and Wētā Workshop*)
- Lindsay Foundation
- Warner/Cartwright/Barham Families
- The Good Registry Donors
- Dorothy L Newman Charitable Trust
- Felicity Qin
- Gopal Sweets+Snacks
- Maurice Carter Charitable Trust
- Helen Stewart Royle Charitable Trust
- TG Macarthy Trust
- Luna Foundation
- KraftHeinz

Friends of the Little Miracles Trust \$2k+

- Baby Factory
- Z Energy – Good in the Hood
- Awhi Yoga
- Nikau Foundation
- Amy Cope Photography
- BodyFit East Tamaki
- Dunedin City Council
- Mojo Coffee
- Lucy Kerr
- Downer Group NZ
- DV Bryant Trust
- Dunedin International Airport
- Christmas at the Wells
- Bruce Donaldson
- BCGCrave
- Houliston Family
- South Wairarapa Rotary (*facilitated by our patrons Sir Richard & Lady Tania Taylor and Wētā Workshop*)
- Harrowven Family
- Friends and Family of Donald Malcolm

Our thanks also go to the many organisations and individuals that provided in-kind support across 2025 by generously donating items, space or their professional expertise:

Acumen; Air New Zealand; Baby Factory; BCGCrave; Bear&Moo; Bishopp; Blackland PR; Angela Butt at Whakawhitinga; Creative Concepts; Dean Zillwood; Donna Smith & the School of Physiotherapy at University of Otago; Gilmours Wholesale Food & Beverage Petone; Glowlab; Golden Centre, Dunedin; Go Media; Hamilton Airport; HELL Pizza; Huggies & Kimberly-Clark; Jamie Kay; Emma Kuypers; Lactation Station (via Go Generosity); Lodge St Patrick; Mamma's Milkbar; Matt Renner at Octal Limited; MediaWorks Foundation; Microsoft New Zealand; Modica Group; Monty's Promotional Products and Corporate Apparel; NZX; Orangebox; Pop'n'Good Popcorn; Roar Consulting; Sharesies; SILK Baby; Small Babies; The SleepStore; Topor Bistro; Two Islands; Wellington International Airport; Wētā Cave, Wellington; Wētā Unleashed, Auckland; Wētā Workshop; Woolworths New Zealand.

We would also like to acknowledge all the **many generous donations from individuals** which in 2025 totalled...

\$138,043 | *Thank You!*



Volunteer Profiles

Kōtaha Kaiāwhina

Volunteers are an extremely important part of our team and are vital for the continued support of neonatal families. We help match valuable skills, interests and availability with one of our opportunities to support others. All contributions, big or small, are welcomed and appreciated!



Kerry

I have been volunteering with the Little Miracles Trust in Dunedin for the past six months. My grandson, Harrison, was born prematurely at 27 weeks and spent 88 days in Wellington NICU. Our family was incredibly grateful for the care and support he and his parents received during that time. Harrison is now eight years old and doing well.

In Dunedin, I work alongside Shelley, our Family Support Coordinator in the unit, supporting families during their NICU journey. Part of my role includes handing out the Little Miracles Trust care packs and adding in the beautiful, knitted items that are so lovingly made for the babies.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity to give back. It is both humbling and rewarding to witness the incredible courage and love shown by the babies and their families each day.

“*Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.*”

Helen Keller

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Vicky

After experiencing first hand through the premature arrival of my first and only grandchild, I knew how special the Little Miracles Trust is to parents of premature children.

Before my retirement my job had always been supporting children with intellectual and physical disabilities working as a teacher aid for 30 years in the primary and intermediate schools. So, when my daughter mentioned the idea of volunteering (baking and cooing over babies and toddlers) with the Little Miracles Trust, I was delighted to participate and help in any way I could, for a cause that was close to home, after the 10 weeks premature arrival of my grandson Jenson.

The Trust helps parents who may have not had the opportunity to create a peer group, meet and talk with other parents who have been in the same boat as them, and I know firsthand how helpful it has been to our family and creating new and strong bonds between the parents of premature babies.



Betty

I started knitting about 10 years ago when my family no longer needed handmade garments. I came across Little Miracles Trust while wandering through Auckland Hospital when my husband was there, and that's where it all began — you could say it's become a bit of an obsession! Some people go out for coffee, I go out for wool.

I began by knitting clothing for bigger babies, then moved on to vests (over 300!), cardigans (around 100), and then the tiniest, cutest mittens — more than 200 pairs. I also found a lovely pattern for matching sets and have made close to 80 of those. More recently, I discovered blankets were needed too, and I've now made around 80 — and I'm still knitting.

I can't think of a better organisation to knit for. The amazing team, many of whom have had their own little miracles, give so much of their time and experience to support others.....and that's what keeps me going.



“ *The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.* ”

Oscar Wilde



Board of Trustees

Poari Matua

The Trust is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees who meet a minimum of four times per year.
The members of our governing body, in the year to 31 December 2025 were:



Sandra Budd

Board Chair - *Kaihautū Poari*

Sandra's passion for neonates was ignited when she specialised in neonatal nursing and went on to lead National Women's Neonatal and Maternity Services.

Her belief that parents must be involved in their babies care saw the establishment of a family centered care model.

With over 30 years Australasian senior management/chief executive experience, Sandra brings considerable governance experience.

Trustees *Māngai*



Steve Allan *Treasurer - Kaitiaki Pūtea*

Steve is an experienced business executive having worked in key commercial finance roles. His daughter was born at 27 weeks along with her twin brother who succumbed to complications at 5 months.



Brian Whelan

Brian's daughter was born five weeks premature as a result of pre-eclampsia. Brian contributes his extensive experience in risk and change management, including health and safety and education expertise to our board.



Dale Garton

Dale is the Nurse Unit Manager at Starship Newborn Intensive Care Unit where she experiences every day the impact on families when their baby requires intensive care.



Ellie Wilson

Ellie Wilson is a Taranaki-based lawyer with a particular interest in health and medico-legal issues. Ellie, parent of a 32 weeker, has first hand experience of a neonatal unit.



Michael Jarvis

An experienced managing director, Michael's background spans marketing, advertising, digital, and media sectors. His daughter spent time in the NICU with complications at birth.



Mike Hartley *(until 06/25)*

Mike is an experienced governance professional having been a director of diverse companies since the 1990s. Since selling his business Mike has increasingly focused his portfolio of directorships in the not-for-profit sector.



Nicola Coom *(until 04/25)*

Nicola is the Chief Executive for the Southern Cancer Society and the Southern Cancer Research & Innovation Trust. Parent of a 29 weeker she understands the impact this experience has on families.



Rachel Friend *(until 12/25)*

Rachel is an experienced CEO with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organisation management industry. Her son was born prematurely at 24 weeks.



Robyn Voigt

Robyn brings over 15 years of invaluable experience as a Chartered Accountant and business coach to our board. Her eldest son was born prematurely at 28 weeks.



Stacey Te Pōhue Rose *(Waitaha, Kāti Mamoe & Kāi Tahu)*

Stacey has a strong connection to our mahi. This passion, alongside his governance and youth development expertise, strengthen our organisation.



Trent Hamilton

Trent's daughter arrived unexpectedly at 27 weeks, and this is his way of giving back. He's a telecommunications and IT professional with responsibility for one of the largest private telecommunications networks in NZ.



Tuiloma Gayle Lafaiiali'i

With a strong background in governance and advisory roles; executive leadership; and expertise in Pasifika stakeholder engagement, Gayle brings her insights and wisdom to our team.

During 2025, Mike Hartley (Chair), Nicola Coom & Rachel Friend stepped down. The Trust thanks them for their wisdom and guidance over many years.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt, is smiling and looking down at a purple bag she is holding. The bag has the logo 'the little miracles TRUST' on it. She is in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), with various medical monitors and equipment visible in the background. A baby is lying in a bed in the foreground, partially covered by a purple blanket. The overall scene is bright and clinical.

Operations Team

Tima Mahi

The Trust is an organisation that is light on overheads and heavy on in-person commitment and passion. We strive to find the right balance to maximise the support we provide to families and their precious babies.



Dr. Sarah Rusholme

👤 CEO - *Kaiwhakahaere Matua*

Sarah joined the Trust in 2024, proud to be giving back to a charity that supported her and her family throughout their NICU journey. Her sons, Cormac and Ziggy were born at 34 weeks after a Twin-to-Twin Transfusion Syndrome pregnancy. Ziggy died before delivery, and Mac spent several weeks in Wellington NICU which is where Sarah and her family first experienced the Trust and the wonderful support they provide neonatal whānau.



Justine Brooker

👤 Operations Manager
Kaiwhakahaere Mahi

All four of Justine's boys were born early. This has fed Justine's motivation to help others in similar situations. Her passion for the Trust truly developed after the early arrival of her youngest son Harlow, who was born at 24 weeks.



Samantha Bennett

👤 Fundraising Manager
Kaiwhakahaere Kohi Moni

Sam is mum to Oliver, and Ava, who was born at 34 weeks and spent time in the Wellington NICU. Being able to use her marketing and fundraising experience to help families through the rollercoaster of a neonatal journey was the key reason Sam joined the Trust.



Crystal Middleton-Lunn

👤 Finance Manager
Kaiwhakahaere Pūtea

Crystal is committed to ensuring financial sustainability and integrity so the Trust can continue supporting families of premature and sick babies. She oversees financial operations ensuring transparency, efficiency and strategic financial planning.



Jadey Drury

👤 National Service Delivery Manager
Poutaki Hora Ratonga

Jadey received so much support from the Trust when she was far from home after having Frankie, born at 28 weeks. Jadey is passionate about supporting and developing our front line teams whilst helping to keep our service delivery consistent throughout Aotearoa.

👤 Family Support Coordinators *Kaiwhakahaere Tautoko Whānau*



Anastasia Houtas

📍 *Wellington*



Anita O'Connell

Lily, 26 weeks

👤 *Playgroup Coordinator Christchurch*



Anneleise Lyons-Stockler

📍 *Wellington*



Catharine McKellar

Isaac, 29 weeks

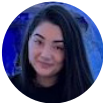
👤 *Playgroup Coordinator Waikato*



Catherine Edwards

Zavier & Rico, 30 weeks

📍 *Auckland*



Chavvah Harlock

Hudson, 25 weeks & Sloane, 34 weeks

👤 *Service Delivery Team Leader*



Chris Smith

Max, 31 weeks & Jack, 35 weeks

📍 *Wellington*



Diane Pope

📍 *Auckland*



Jemma Hartley

Ella, 36 weeks

📍 *Christchurch*



Linda Te Aarii

Zyon, 29 weeks

📍 *Middlemore*



Samantha McRae

Finnley, 27 weeks

📍 *Middlemore*



Sela Naipuka Fotu

Adaliyah, 33 weeks

📍 *Middlemore*



Shelley Gorman

Mia, 28 weeks

📍 *Dunedin*



Susie Cant

Charlotte, 25 weeks

📍 *Christchurch*



Trish Laphthorn

Ella & Abi, 29 weeks

📍 *Waikato*

👤 Finance Coordinators *Tīma Pūtea*



Lorena Ibarra Obelar

Danielle, 33 weeks

👤 *Accounts and Payroll Administrator*



Melissa Gray

Oscar, 41 weeks & Hunter, 26 weeks

👤 *Accounts Coordinator*

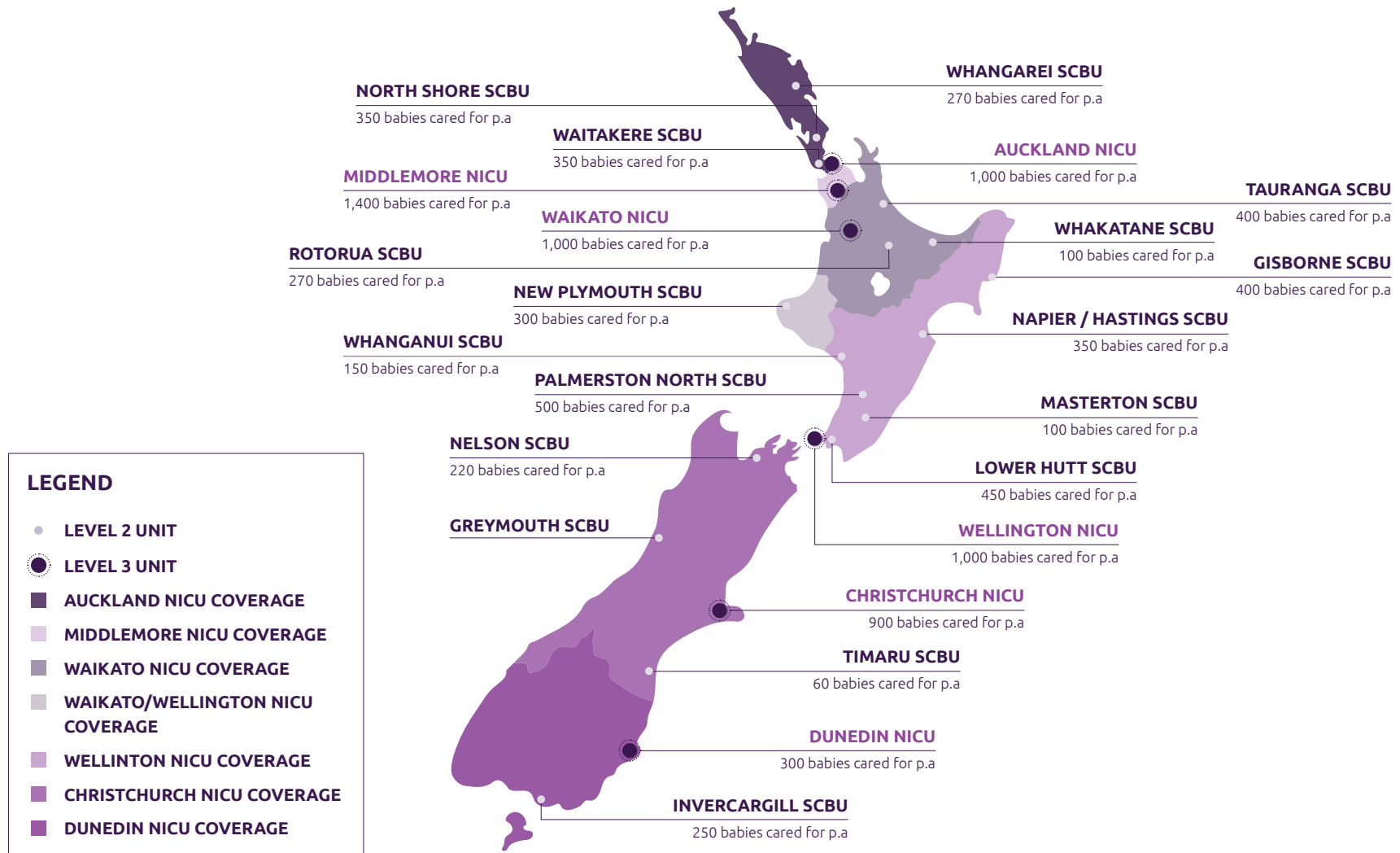
We farewelled Melissa Gray, Samantha McRae, Anneleise Lyons-Stockler, Catherine Edwards & Linda Te Aarii in 2025. We wish them well and thank them for being part of our team.



Map of NICUs & SCBUs

Every year approximately 5,000 babies are born prematurely in Aotearoa New Zealand.

There are also more than 1,000 full-term babies who require admission to a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU).



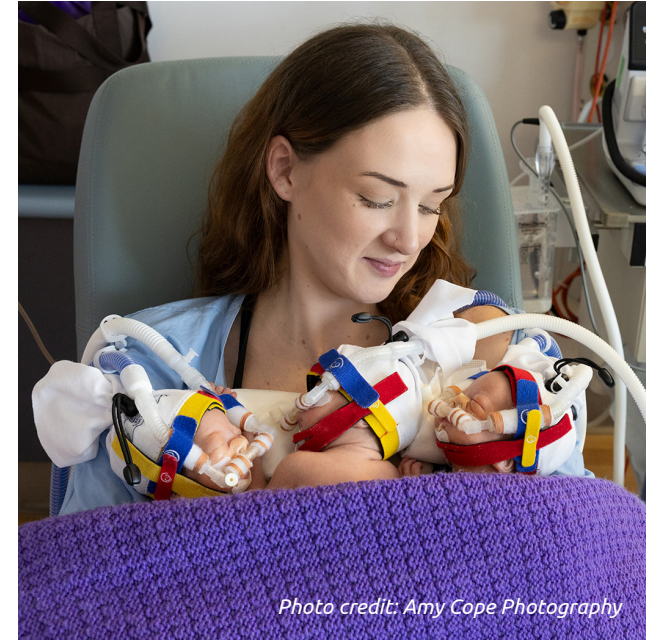


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Approval of Financial Report

The Little Miracles Trust

For the year ended December 2025.

The Trustees are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of The Little Miracles Trust for the year ended 31 December 2025.



For and on behalf of the Trustees

Steve Allan, Treasurer

7 April 2026

Entity Information

'Who are we?' and 'Why do we exist?'

The Little Miracles Trust - For the year ended 31 December 2025

Legal Name of Entity

The Little Miracles Trust

Entity Type and Legal Basis

Trust and Registered Charity

Registration Number

CC56619

Entity's Purpose or Mission

The Little Miracles Trust (the Trust) exists to make a difficult start to life that little bit easier for families of premature or sick full-term babies as they make their way through neonatal care, the transition home, and onwards.

Entity Structure

The Trust is a registered charity in New Zealand (CC56619).

Entity's Governance Arrangements

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees (the Trustees) who are responsible for the strategic direction and oversight of the Trust.

The Trustees for the 2025 financial year were Mike Hartley (Chair - resigned 30 June 2025), Sandra Budd (new Chair), Nicola Coom (resigned 15 April 2025), Robyn Voigt, Steven Allan, Dale Garton, Ellie Wilson, Rachel Friend (resigned 31 December 2025), Michael Jarvis, Stacey Rose and Gayle Lafaiali'i (both joined 1 June 2025), and Brian Whelan and Trent Hamilton (both joined 1 July 2025).

Day-to-day operations were led by the CEO, Dr Sarah Rusholme, supported by part-time managers across key functional areas including operations, finance, service delivery and fundraising. Dedicated teams of family support coordinators and playgroup coordinators operate across Aotearoa.

The Trust operates with a lean paid staffing structure and is supported by volunteers. The Board oversees governance, financial performance and strategic direction, while management is responsible for operational delivery.

Other Entities Controlled By The Entity

The Trust does not control any other entities.

Main sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources

The Trust receives cash and resources from donations, grant funding, fundraising activities and retail sales. The Trust does not receive government funding.

Main methods used by the Entity to Raise Funds

The Trust raises funds through individual and corporate donations, grant applications, Trust-led fundraising campaigns, third party fundraising events and retail sales including proceeds from donated goods.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services

The Trust relies on volunteers and donated goods and services to deliver its mission effectively. The time contributed by volunteers enable the Trust to operate efficiently assisting part-time staff and management. The Trust receives pro bono and in-kind support from a number of professional service providers.

Postal Address

2-20 Park Road, Grafton, Auckland, 1023

Statement of Service Performance

'What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

The Little Miracles Trust - For the year ended 31 December 2025

Description of Entity's Outcomes

The Little Miracles Trust has four objectives:

1. Provide an effective support network for parents who have - or have had a baby in neonatal intensive care or special care baby unit: providing assistance and support to the children and their whānau.
2. Assist staff who work in the units in ways that can support families through their hospital experience.
3. Assist with advancement of medical research and education that advances the aims of the Trust, and the activities of neonatal units.
4. To do any other mahi that advances the aims of the Trust, including advocacy, where deemed appropriate by the Trustees.

Our mahi provides to neonatal families in a range of different ways to support families and enhance outcomes for their babies. This includes: the delivery of in-unit cot-side peer support; issuing Emergency Care Packs and 'Pick-me-up' packs; providing access to hardship support; running a national network of developmental playgroups; sourcing and sharing of personal stories; development of support resources; and supporting purchase of equipment for the neonatal units. In addition, we helped advance neonatal expertise through providing lived experience expertise, sourcing research participants and direct funding of staff training.



	2025	2024
Description and Quantification of the Entity's Strategic Activities		
Hours of cot-side peer support delivered in NICU	5,665	5,928
Number of days The Little Miracles Trust provided peer support in a NICU	1,046	1,058
Developmental playgroups delivered	113	146
Total attendees: developmental playgroups	1,403	1,130
In-unit lunches/ morning teas	299	307
Hardship vouchers issued to neonatal families	1,068	651
Emergency care packs hand-delivered to NICU families	3,263	3,292
Emergency care packs sent to SCBU	1,339	1,077
Mother's Day 'Pick-me-up' packs sent to NICU & SCBU	475	475
Father's Day 'Pick-me-up' packs sent to NICU & SCBU	475	475
Secret Santa 'Pick-me-up' packs sent to NICU & SCBU	475	475
Matariki 'Pick-me-up' packs sent to NICU & SCBU	475	0
Crisis Support Packs	36	0
Digital resource downloads	2,130	1,164
Online community members (Facebook, Instagram & Linked In)	20,307	17,615
Database members	4,883	4,893

Additional Output Measures

While the numbers presented in this return afford a guide, it is important to note the nature of operations means that context to provide additional insight is useful.

The Trust is an organisation light on overheads and heavy on in-person commitment and passion. The cost of staff, and the necessary services and tools (storage, IT, courier costs, etc.) enable a great deal of support. Much of the support activity is not captured in the financial statements; the Trust is able to source donated items and services as 'value in kind'.

Our Impact - Qualitative Feedback 2025

Developmental Playgroup:

'Just wanted to say a big thank you for organising this group, we've really enjoyed it and nice chatting to other people and hearing their experiences. It's been great to have a different space from home to go where I can just let the girls loose and not have to worry!' - Mum of twin girls.

Cot-side Peer Support:

"Chris and Tasia have always been so kind and caring, and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Keep being your amazing selves, you are the light to many peoples day while in NICU." - Emma, Dylan, Lucy, Ann and Neil.

"The resources, care and encouragement you offer help turn overwhelming times into something a little more manageable, and we're so grateful for the work that you do." - Maddie.

"The LMT ladies were always the sunshine in my day during those long hours in the NICU. I am forever grateful for the chats, cuddles, tissues, laughs and morning teas. They even played matchmaker and helped me make some lovely friends who I now see regularly! Thank you for bringing so much warmth to a terrifying situation we never expected and found ourselves in without warning." - Catherine.

Emergency Care Packs:

A big thank you for the lovely care package I got given to me in the NICU. I remember bawling my eyes out at how thoughtful it was at the hardest time of my life having a stranger care about me was just the best feeling, despite everything else." - Laura.

Pick-Me Up Packs:

"We did not expect the amazing, kind and useful presents from Little Miracles at all and it made the hugest difference to what was a pretty grim day for us. I was absolutely blown away and in tears. Such unexpected generosity at such a vulnerable time." - Mum of a SCBU baby.

Statement of Financial Performance

'How the Trust is funded and what it costs'

The Little Miracles Trust - For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequests, and other general fundraising activities	1	364,260	427,750
General grants	1	388,189	237,264
Revenue from commercial activities	1	150,715	152,995
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		7,515	9,058
Total Revenue		910,679	827,067
Expenses			
Expenses related to fundraising	2	7,260	20,497
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	2	618,003	525,539
Expenses related to commercial activities	2	204,722	228,718
Other expenses related to service delivery	2	32,796	21,757
Grants and donations made	2	5,354	2,000
Other expenses	2	39,199	28,431
Total Expenses		907,334	826,942
Surplus for the Year		3,345	124

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Review Report and Notes to the Performance Report.

Statement of Financial Position

'What the Trust owns and owes others'

The Little Miracles Trust - As at 31 December 2025

Account	Notes	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits	3	555,350	456,770
Debtors and prepayments	3	36,118	6,325
Inventory - retail	3	11,345	15,817
Total Current Assets		602,813	478,912
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	39,792	13,609
Total Non-Current Assets		39,792	13,609
Total Assets		642,605	492,521
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	30,270	16,401
Employee costs payable	4	50,023	31,078
Deferred revenue	8	289,345	175,419
Total Current Liabilities		369,638	222,898
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		272,967	269,623
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated funds	6	272,967	269,623
Total Accumulated Funds		272,967	269,623

Statement of Cash Flows

'How the cash flowed in and out'

The Little Miracles Trust - For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash received		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	364,260	427,750
General grants	502,115	342,106
Gross sales from commercial activities	125,394	167,621
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	7,515	9,058
Total receipts	999,284	946,535
Cash payments		
Payments related to public fundraising	(7,260)	(20,497)
Employee remuneration and other related payments	(599,058)	(520,810)
Payments related to commercial activities	(204,722)	(228,718)
Other payments related to service delivery	(15,061)	(21,477)
Grants and donations paid	(5,354)	(2,000)
Other payments	(30,666)	(26,177)
Total payments	(862,121)	(819,680)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	137,163	126,855
Cash Flows from Other Activities		
Cash payments		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(38,582)	(9,388)
Net Cash Flows from Other Activities	(38,582)	(9,388)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash		
Opening cash	456,770	339,304
Closing cash	555,350	456,770

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Review Report and Notes to the Performance Report.

Statement of Accounting Policies

'How the Trust does its accounting'

The Little Miracles Trust - For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

This performance report is prepared in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than \$5million. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity is a going concern and will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

2. Specific Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition

Significant donations and grants received with no documented expectations over use: Record as revenue when cash received.

Significant grants received with documented expectations over use: On receipt of grant, record asset for funding received (generally cash) and a matching deferred revenue balance. As or when the documented expectations over use are met, the deferred revenue balance is reduced and revenue is recorded.

The deferred revenue balance as at balance date reflects the extent to which the documented expectations over use have not yet been satisfied.

Donated Goods and Services (Volunteer Contributions)

The Trust receives volunteer support. Volunteer services are not recognised as revenue or expenses unless they create or enhance non-financial assets, or require specialised skills that would otherwise need to be purchased. Donated goods are recognised as revenue when received if they can be reliably measured, and are recorded at their fair value at that date.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The financial statements are prepared on a GST exclusive basis. Accounts receivable and accounts payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash and Short-term Deposit

Cash and short-term deposits comprise petty cash, cheque or savings accounts, and deposits held at call or with a maturity of three months or less from the date of commencement.

Expenses

Expenses are recognised when the cost is incurred. Staff remuneration and entitlements are recognised as expenses as employees provide services and become entitled to wages, salaries, and leave entitlements.

Inventory - Retail

Inventory is valued at the lower of costs and net realisable value. Cost is determined using FIFO. Donated goods are not recognised as inventory upon receipt but are recognised as revenue when sold.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Depreciation is calculated using the diminishing value (DV) method and the straight-line (SL) method at the following rates: office equipment 40-50% DV, and plant and equipment at either 12-30% DV or 30% SL.

Assets with a cost below \$1,000 are expensed in the year of purchase.

Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements (i.e. wages, holiday pay) are recorded on an accrual basis. Contributions to KiwiSaver and other superannuation schemes are recognised as expenses when incurred.

Income Tax Exemption

The Trust is a registered charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005 and is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Act 2007.

Related Parties

All transactions with related parties are disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Financial Instruments

The Trust's financial assets and liabilities include cash, accounts receivable (AR), accounts payable (AP), and term deposits. These are measured at amortised cost, which means recorded at their original amount and adjusted for impairment (i.e. AR) or repayments. For the Trust, this is simply the amount expected to be paid or received.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year. Policies have been applied consistently with the previous reporting period.

Transition to Tier 3 (Not-For-Profit) Standard

During the financial year ended 31 December 2025, the Trust transitioned from reporting under the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Report- Accrual-(Not-For-Profit) standard to the new Tier 3 (Not-For Profit) standard issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board. The transition did not result in significant changes to the recognition or measurement of financial information. However, the main impacts of adopting the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard were:

Statement of Financial Performances and Statement of Cash Flows

Certain line items have been reclassified or renamed to align with the revised categories specified under the Tier 3 Standard. These changes are presentational in nature and do not affect the reported financial positions of the charity.

Statement of Service Performance

The structure and terminology used have been updated to reflect the new guidance under the Tier 3 Standard. While the underlying performance information remains consistent, the narrative and language have been adapted to ensure clarity and compliance with the revised reporting framework. These changes have been made to enhance the comparability and understandability of our financial and performance reporting and to ensure continued compliance with applicable reporting standards for registered charities.

Notes to the Performance Report

The Little Miracles Trust For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
1. Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, koha, bequests, and other general fundraising activities		
Donations received - corporate and other organisations	132,168	239,861
Donations received - individuals	138,043	80,810
Donations received - campaign activity	61,570	75,360
Third party fundraising	32,479	31,719
Total donations, koha, bequests, and other general fundraising activities	364,260	427,750
General grants		
Grants received - restricted funds	388,189	237,264
Total General grants	388,189	237,264
Revenue from commercial activities		
Breast pump hire - income	45,555	32,806
Breastfeeding equipment - sales	63,230	66,176
Clothing - sales	10,510	18,201
Donated goods - sales	25,881	29,394
Other hireage - income	1,943	1,026
Sundry merchandise - sales	3,596	5,392
Total Revenue from commercial activities	150,715	152,995

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
2. Analysis of Expenses		
Expenses related to fundraising		
Advertising and marketing	0	13,171
Fundraising expenses	7,260	7,326
Total Expenses related to fundraising	7,260	20,497
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		
ACC	1,162	759
Contractors	5,596	2,520
Gifts	3,352	1,005
Management fees and expenses	6,868	4,211
Staff professional development	8,947	0
Staff remuneration and entitlements	574,874	497,040
Staff safety - mobile phones	1,946	0
Staff travel and parking	15,258	20,005
Total Employee remuneration and other related expenses	618,003	525,539
Expenses related to providing commercial activities		
Care packs	42,795	50,268
Cost of sales - retail	47,221	62,577
Eftpos and bad debts	2,444	1,852
Fabric and wool	11,966	6,110
Hardship support	69,673	65,897
Lunches and morning teas	7,170	6,044
Playgroups	19,653	23,837
Providing furniture and equipment for families in NICU	3,800	12,134
Total Expenses related to providing commercial activities	204,722	228,718

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Other expenses related to service delivery		
Depreciation - plant and equipment	3,866	2,307
Design work	10,208	3,925
Online resources	0	1,501
Postage and freight	16,445	6,964
Printing and stationery	2,277	7,060
Total Other expenses related to service delivery	32,796	21,757
Grants and Donations Made		
Supporting neonatal staff - professional development and R&D	5,354	2,000
Total Grants and Donations Made	5,354	2,000
Other expenses		
Audit fees	4,400	4,000
Bank fees and general expenses	6,064	6,326
Board expenses	2,398	0
Depreciation and loss on disposal	8,533	2,253
Information systems	9,374	8,341
Insurance	2,968	2,134
Subscriptions	3,241	2,077
Storage	2,221	3,301
Total Other expenses	39,199	28,431

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
3. Analysis of Assets		
Cash and short-term deposits		
Bank accounts	101,824	453,656
Stripe account	3,526	3,114
Term deposits (3-9 months)	450,000	0
Total Cash and short-term deposits	555,350	456,770
Debtors and prepayments		
Accounts receivable	1,077	(394)
Interest receivable	3,100	0
GST receivable	4,944	3,300
Prepaid expenses	26,997	3,420
Total Debtors and prepayments	36,118	6,325
Inventory		
Purchased goods held for resale (at cost)	11,345	15,817
Total Inventory	11,345	15,817
4. Analysis of Liabilities		
Creditors and accrued expenses		
Accounts payable	28,170	10,456
Bonds held - hire equipment	2,100	5,945
Total Creditors and accrued expenses	30,270	16,401

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Employee costs payable		
Wages payable	7,546	0
Leave liability	42,477	31,078
Total Employee costs payable	50,023	31,078
5. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Office equipment and website		
Opening carrying amount	9,117	1,982
Purchases	28,814	9,388
(Disposals)	(530)	(165)
(Depreciation and Impairment)	(8,003)	(2,088)
Revaluation Movements	-	-
Closing carrying amount	29,398	9,117
Plant and equipment		
Opening carrying amount	4,493	6,800
Purchases	9,768	-
(Disposals)	0	-
(Depreciation and Impairment)	(3,866)	(2,307)
Revaluation Movements	-	-
Closing carrying amount	10,395	4,493
Total Closing carrying amount	39,792	13,609

Account	2025	2024
	\$	\$
6. Accumulated Funds		
Cash and short-term deposits		
Opening balance	269,623	269,499
Surplus	3,345	124
Closing Balance	272,967	269,623
7. Commitments and Contingencies		
There are no commitments as at balance date (last year - nil).		
There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (last year - nil).		
8. Deferred Revenue		
Grants received in advance		
Funding received for delivery of neonatal family support services in the following financial year		
Deferred revenue balance	288,750	175,419
<i>Expected to be recognised in FY2026. Original funding amount received was 430,683.</i>		
9. Related Parties		
Board of Trustees		
Reimbursement of travel expenses	2,398	-
Chief Executive Officer		
Salary	82,724	77,349
<i>No amounts were owing to or from related parties at balance date.</i>		

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10. Events After Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report.

11. Ability to Continue Operating

The Trustee's have reviewed the Trust's financial position and believe it can continue operating and meet its obligations for the foreseeable future. The Trust holds cash reserves equal to about six months of operating costs, and the Trust aims to increase reserves over time for additional financial security. Therefore, the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.





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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Trustees of The Little Miracles Trust

We have reviewed the accompanying performance report of the Little Miracles Trust (the 'entity'), which comprises the entity information and statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, and the statement of service performance, statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Performance Report

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the entity for the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report in accordance with the Tier 3 (Not-For-Profit) Standard ('Tier 3 (NFP) Standard'), for the selection of service performance information, and quantification of this information to the extent practicable and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the performance report. We conducted our review of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400 (Revised) *Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity*, and the review of the entity information and the statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) (ISAE (NZ)) 3000 (Revised) *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*. Those standards require us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the performance report, taken as a whole, is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. Those standards also require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400 (Revised) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We will perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the performance report.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no relationship with, or interests in, The Little Miracles Trust.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- a) The reported service performance information and quantification of that information, to the extent practicable, are not suitable; and
- b) The performance report does not present fairly, in all material respects,
 - The financial position of The Little Miracles Trust as at 31 December 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - The entity information and its service performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Tier 3 (NFP) Standard.

PKF Goldsmith Fox Audit

PKF Goldsmith Fox Audit Limited

Christchurch, New Zealand

7 April 2026

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The Little Miracles Trust

Entity Type and Legal Basis

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