



Fa'avae Pasifika Fund

An exciting Pasifika Youth annual programme is generously supported by the Fa'avae Pasifika Fund, a Community Group Fund managed by Top of the South Community Foundation

In 2021 world-renowned adventure racer Nathan Fa'avae set up the Fa'avae Pasifika Fund, with the primary goal to carry on his parent's great community work and to ensure Pasifika youth in the Nelson Tasman region would be offered opportunities to grow and develop.

Pasifika Youth in Nelson Tasman supported by the Fa'avae family

Annual funding offered to Whenua Iti Outdoors (WIO) by the Fa'avae Pasifika Fund has opened many new doorways and opportunities.

This has included the chance to strengthen the WIO relationship with the Pasifika community, co-design a series of events and camps, and link those to other events at WIO and beyond to ensure the impact continues beyond the first adventures.

The gift also offered leverage opportunities that enabled WIO to apply for further funds from other providers to further support the community, thus magnifying the impact of the initial gift.

"My parents and their community had worked really hard to raise the money to buy the building where the original Pasifika programme was held, and I'm very keen to see this gift used by Whenua Iti Outdoors to continue their legacy."

Nathan Fa'avae