

Ways to Give

A Guide for Donors

Top of the South
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Te Taihū

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Whether you want to give today, build a legacy for tomorrow, or support a local cause close to your heart — there's a way to give that fits your wishes. The Top of the South Community Foundation makes it simple. You choose when, how much, and where your generosity goes.

Give today

Make a one-off or regular donation and see the impact in your lifetime. All personal donations qualify for a 33.3% tax credit. Choose a specific fund, a cause area, or let us direct your gift where it's needed most across Te Taihū.

Give in your name

Establish your own Named Endowment Fund at any time. Your donation is invested, grows over time, and the income is granted out to the causes you choose — every year, forever. Funds can be established during your lifetime, through your Will, or both. Named Endowment Funds are typically established with a gift of \$200,000 or more.

Give in your Will

Leave a gift in your Will and your care for Te Taihū continues long after your lifetime. You can leave a percentage of your estate, a set amount, or what remains after providing for your loved ones. We can help guide the conversation with your lawyer.

Give through your pay

Payroll Giving lets you donate a small amount each pay directly to a TSCF fund — as little as \$5 per pay period. Your 33.3% tax credit is applied automatically, so there's no paperwork and nothing to claim at the end of the year. Ask your employer if they offer Payroll Giving.

Give through your business

Set up a Workplace Giving programme and bring your team together around local impact. You can create your own named business fund, match employee contributions, or contribute to an existing fund. We manage everything on your behalf.

Give through Super Legacy

A meaningful and practical way for those who do not rely on their NZ Superannuation to give back to the region they call home. Super Legacy donations go directly toward the vital operational costs of the Top of the South Community Foundation.

Choosing the cause that matters to you

You can choose where to direct your funds. If establishing a fund in your name, you can choose specific purposes. Alternatively, you can donate to charitable organisations or contribute to our charitable purposes or community group funds below, setup to provide long-term, reliable income for our community. Every gift — large or small, one-off or regular — is invested and distributed annually to the fund's beneficiaries.

Charitable Purposes

- Stronger Communities Fund — annual grants to local organisations across Te Taihū, directed where the need is greatest.
- Health & Wellbeing — funding programmes that improve physical, mental, and community wellbeing.
- Youth & Families in Need — supporting services and organisations that uplift young people and families facing hardship.
- Environment & Sustainability — backing projects that protect and restore our natural environment for future generations.
- Infrastructure — investing in community infrastructure that strengthens access, connectivity, and long-term resilience.
- Heritage, Arts & Culture — supporting the preservation and celebration of our region's heritage, arts, and cultural identity.
- Sport & Recreation — funding opportunities that promote active, healthy lifestyles through sport and recreation.

Community Group Funds

The following funds have been established with the Foundation to support community group's long-term funding needs:

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| • Age Connect | • Life Linc Counselling |
| • Big Brothers Big Sisters | • Nelson Anaesthesia Education and Research Fund |
| • Brook Waimārama Sanctuary Trust | • Nelson City Brass Band |
| • Chandrakirti Meditation Centre | • Richmond Riding for Disabled |
| • Clifton Terrace School Legacy Fund | • Te Taihū Environment Trust |
| • Ernest Rutherford Retirement Village Special Needs Fund | • Theatre Royal Nelson |
| • Lake Rotoiti Outdoor Education Trust | • Zest for Life |

Every gift starts with a conversation. Let's have ours.

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