

# NEWMAN'S OWN® FOUNDATION

Media Release

## **Newman's Own Foundation donates \$225,000 USD to NZ Charities**

Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and humanitarian Paul Newman, has today announced \$225,000 USD in grants for New Zealand charities.

Newman's Own Foundation CEO and President, Robert Forrester made the announcement at a Foundation event in Auckland which was attended by many of the charity grant recipients.

The 2017 grants were divided into three categories:

- Four charities were selected to share in \$75,000 USD for projects or services focusing on children with life limiting conditions; HeartKids, Ronald McDonald House South Island, StarJam and Dance Therapy NZ.
- A special \$100,000 USD grant for disaster relief to Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust to assist with providing air rescue/ambulance services to the Kaikoura/North Canterbury area after the devastating 7.8 earthquake in November 2016 as road access to this area continues to be limited.
- A further \$50,000USD to nutrition projects, which remain a core focus area for the Foundation and include programs being initiated by the Fair Food Trust and Food For Thought.

Mr Forrester said that while the Foundation spreads its funding across four key focus areas, Paul Newman maintained a special commitment to improving the lives of children.

"Paul believed that we all have the opportunity to improve the lives of others and he wanted to make a difference, especially to enhance the quality of life for children with life limiting medical conditions or for whom the experience of childhood has been disrupted by circumstances beyond their control," said Mr Forrester. "We were very moved by the grant applications received this year and we only wish we could fund them all – selecting the final grantees for children's charity programs is always a difficult process."

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“This year, the Foundation also wanted to acknowledge and support the communities that have been so severely affected by the recent natural disasters in the New Zealand,” said Forrester. “The daily challenges that are faced following these large-scale emergencies are enormous and our thoughts are with the many families who are courageously rebuilding their lives.”

Mr Forrester also used the occasion to announce that New Zealand student Caitlin Smallfield has been selected as a one of xx college graduates into the Newman’s Own Foundation’s Fellows program.

Through this program, Caitlin will be given broad work experience in the non-profit sector in New York and Connecticut. The program is designed to expand, enhance, and diversify the pipeline of new talent entering non-profit careers. Catlin is currently studying at the University of Hartford, Connecticut.

Over the past 25 years Newman’s Own Foundation has supported over 100 charities in New Zealand, with worldwide donations by Paul Newman and Newman’s Own Foundation since 1982 now exceeding US\$485million.

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\* Newman’s Own Foundation ([www.newmansownfoundation.org](http://www.newmansownfoundation.org))

Paul Newman was committed to helping make the world a better place. To carry on his philanthropic legacy, Newman’s Own Foundation donates to charity all net royalties and profits it receives from the sale of Newman’s Own products. To date, Paul Newman and Newman’s Own Foundation have given over \$485USD million to thousands of charities around the world.

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