

REPORT TO DIOCESAN SYNOD 2025

OUR IMPACT

BAF continues to implement a narrative form of evaluation by creating changemaker stories to demonstrate our impact as a catalyst for change alongside the great outcomes being achieved by the people and organisations we support.

Our changemaker stories will continue to evolve as a record of our influence over time and can be viewed on our website at <https://www.baf.org.nz/our-impact/>

In addition, we collect a range of quantitative data for our key initiatives. For the previous year we can report:

Manna Youth Transition Service

13 young people supported across a 12-month programme. 50% of these were supported to be actively engaged in education or training in addition to the Manna programme. Each young person is also offered 12-months of in community outreach mentoring by the team at Manna once they leave our residential support programme.

Due to the difficulty for young people to find suitable housing we have also partnered with Catalyst Housing Ltd (BAF's charitable housing company) and have secured funding to purchase and manage 3 tiny homes that will provide our most vulnerable young people with an independent living option as the next stage of their journey.

The Wheelhouse - not-for-profit capacity building

515 people from 213 different community organisations were supported through the delivery of 39 training events. In addition, we have placed 6 emerging board members into their first not-for-profit board roles through our get on Board initiative. Two cohorts of 10 community sector mentees were matched with mentors through The Mentoring Foundation of NZ programmes we run.

Seasons for Growth

190 children and 17 adults were supported to complete the Seasons for Growth programme responding to experiences of grief and loss. They were supported through 58 separate programmes with the help of a pool of 56 active volunteer companions who we trained and supervised.

ICT Gateway – not-for-profit technology support

The ICT Gateway provided 1202 hours of ICT support to 21 community organisations and provided a further 23 community organizations with advice on specific ICT issues. The ICT Gateway also partnered with Nga Iwi o Taranaki resulting in staff co-location and joint project delivery.

Selwyn Elder Care Centres

We managed 5 Selwyn centres and successfully launched a 6th centre. Through these centres 118 older people were supported to maintain community connection and reduce experiences of loneliness. Our centres were run with the help of 41 trained volunteers.

Bashford-Nicholls Trust

Through our management and innovation The Bashford-Nicholls trust continued to expand its educational impact. In 2024 we awarded 57 scholarships at undergraduate and Masters level with a total scholarship funding amount of \$246,000. In addition, we awarded 5 scholarships to students at WITT worth a further \$15,000 and we contributed \$50,000 to the co-funded PIVOT partnership with Massey University funding 3 research projects. We also co-founded AgritechX with Massey Ventures to support commercialization of emerging innovation.

Catalyst Housing Ltd

We have secured philanthropic funding to purchase 3 tiny homes which we will manage through a partnership with Manna Youth to provide housing for young people in need of support and at risk of homelessness. These tiny homes will be a first phase of our response to this issue. Once installed we will leverage this asset to gradually increase our stock of tiny homes with a 2nd phase potentially being run in partnership with Zeal Taranaki.

Te Kainga o Rukua Te Retotanga

Through our partnership with The Wilberforce Foundation and Rukua Te Retotanga we are co-leading the pilot phase of this initiative. The Rukua village is based on the site of Faith Bible College in Tauranga and has 15 people living onsite who have come from Ruatoria, Manawatu, Te Awamutu, Rotorua and Te Waipounamu (the South island). They have all moved here from around the country for the kaupapa - *Te Kainga o Rukua te Retotanga* - to focus on four core pou of te reo Māori, seeing the language restored, strengthening wairua through deepening whakapono, greater connection to te taiao and building partnerships with mana whenua. All of this is undertaken within the framework of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

A detailed outline of our current research and full project portfolio can be found on our website www.baf.org.nz.