

# Join an Acorn Giving Circle.

Grow your network, enrich your personal life,  
and make a bigger impact in  
your local community



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# What is a Giving Circle?

Giving circles are a growing global movement of collective giving that has been described as ‘a new era of philanthropy’.

With more than **2,500 giving circles worldwide**, it’s clear that people from all backgrounds are coming together to create the change they want to see in society.

## Benefits of Joining



### **Network & strengthen connections**

Meet like-minded people and expand your social and professional network.



### **Grow your influence**

You’ll have a direct say in where the pooled funds go and which charities you donate to, so you can support causes that mean something to you.



### **Amplify your impact for good**

With 10+ members donating \$50 a month, that’s at least \$6,000 a year going to a deserving local cause.

# How it works

## 1 Join & donate

First, let the Acorn team know that you want to join a Giving Circle.

Then, set up an automatic payment to the Acorn Foundation – most people choose to give \$50 a month.



*Did you know?*

*You can claim \$33.39<sup>6</sup> tax back on donations to charity in NZ. That means a \$50 donation will only cost you \$33!*

## 2 Nominate your recipients

Nominate a local community group you're passionate about, or learn about groups from other members of your Giving Circle. Acorn can provide guidance about local groups doing awesome mahi.

## 3 Connect & decide

Get together with your Giving Circle once or twice a year to learn about the nominated community groups and vote to decide on your recipient/s. You can give all the money to one recipient charity, or split the funds between two or more groups.

## 4 Experience the feel-good factor!

Have fun connecting with people who share the same values as you, and experience the profound impact of collective giving.

The Acorn team will share updates from former recipients on how your donations are being used in the community, so you can see the impact of your generosity – right here in the WBOP!



“It’s lovely to be a part of a Giving Circle. I guess we’re at the point in our lives where we can give something back, so it’s a really good feeling to know that we are doing something that is going to benefit our local community in some way. And to be doing it with friends is great.”

– Megan, Member of the Honeybadgers Giving Circle

## THE HONEYBADGERS

The **Honeybadgers Giving Circle** was formed in 2019, when 12 local Mount Maunganui ladies started thinking about what they could do together to help those less fortunate in their community.

The Honeybadgers come from all different walks of life – lawyers, marketing executives, fashionistas and those who work from home – but they’re all united in their desire to give back to their community.

With so many worthy causes to choose from, the Honeybadgers appreciate the guidance given by the Acorn Foundation when it comes to decision time.

**Collectively, the Honeybadgers have now donated over \$30,000 to 11 local charities doing life-changing mahi in the BOP.**

What an incredible achievement!



## **BRING ABOUT REAL, LASTING CHANGE**

**“The funding we received from Acorn Giving Circles this year has already enabled us to assist two rangatahi [youth] who have been victims of family harm – with one school uniform so a child can return to school, and also helping to replace a broken window to keep a home warm. Without these funds we would not have been in a position to help.”**

**– Tanya Grimstone, Manager at Te Aranui Youth Trust**



“Our strength as a group is that every year we can collectively make a meaningful donation to one, two or three inspirational charities, and we get to enjoy friendship and learning in the process.” – Wendy, Member of an Acorn Giving Circle



## **The power of people-centred philanthropy**

Imagine connecting with others to give back thousands of dollars to charities in the WBOP each year. It's a combined effort, which means you can make a significantly bigger impact on your community and the causes you care about most.

And you get to do it all by meeting and collaborating with other like-minded people.





Live for More



Tauranga Community Foodbank



Holi Festival

**There are more than 300 charities in the WBOP. Who will you support?**



Waipuna Hospice



STEM Wana Trust



BOP Sailing Academy



Project Parore



Gender Dynamix




The Elms | Te Papa

## Contact us today

The Acorn team would love to hear from you! We are happy to answer any questions about setting up an Acorn Giving Circle.

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