

GIVING CIRCLES

Giving Circles are the social way to give back — it's a great way to meet new people and be part of a group that makes a tangible difference in our community.

So, how do Giving Circles work?



10 or more people decide to form a Giving Circle together.



Each member of the Circle contributes a regular monthly donation.
\$50 a month is the suggested amount.



The Circle gets together to decide where their funds should go.

The Acorn team can provide information about needs in our local community, suggest recipient organisations, arrange speakers or even take a Circle to visit a charity they are interested in supporting.



The Giving Circle's funds are distributed to the chosen recipients each year.

Pooled donations from throughout the year are donated annually to the local charities selected by the Circle.

WHY JOIN OR CREATE A GIVING CIRCLE?

- It's a great way to **meet like-minded people** and be part of a social group that can make a real difference in our community.
- **Pooling financial resources** means that your money will work harder, sooner, for a bigger collective impact.
- Thanks to **Acorn's in-depth knowledge** of local charities, you will be certain that your money is going to a worthy cause.
- You will have the **opportunity to learn** more about needs in our community, and some of the charities doing amazing mahi in the region.
- All your donations qualify for **33.3% tax credit**, up to the level of your taxable income.
- Seeing your contribution make a difference in your own backyard is **extremely rewarding**.

A GIVING CIRCLE IN ACTION

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.

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

Each year the Honeybadgers pick a few themes and then nominate three members to decide on the actual charities to give to. In 2021, they decided to focus on child and youth development, and supported three deserving local charities providing life-changing support to young people in our local community.

Honeybadger Megan told us, *"It's lovely to be a part of. 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."*

What is the Acorn Foundation?

The Acorn Foundation is a community-based charitable trust that connects generous people who care with causes that matter in the Western Bay of Plenty region.

Many of our 400+ donors have set up endowments that leave money to the community when they die, while other donors get a lot of pleasure out of seeing their money at work while they are still alive.

Since Acorn was established in 2003 — thanks to our generous donors — we have distributed over \$10m to the community, with over \$2M distributed in 2021 alone. This funding has supported hundreds of charitable organisations that are important to our donors and are vital to our region's well-being.

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