

CHRISTMAS UPDATE 2025



As we come to the end of another year, we want to take a moment to reflect, celebrate and say **thank you to everyone who has supported the New Zealand Foundation for Conductive Education throughout 2025.**

THE HIGHLIGHTS

This year was filled with connection, commitment and community. One of our standout highlights was the **Leadership in Laughs breakfast**, sponsored by our wonderful friends Emm & Terry McCartney from NZHL Canterbury Metro, featuring Sir Wayne Smith, Gilbert Enoka, Scott Robertson and James Laughlin. It was a fantastic morning of insight and humour, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended and supported the event — raising **over \$55,000** for Conductive Education..



August saw our **Wheelie Awesome Wheel-a-thon** and Awareness Month take place, with centres right across the country getting behind the kaupapa. From organised Wheel-a-thon events to individual fundraisers and creative community initiatives together you helped raise **more than \$17,000 nationwide**. It was inspiring to see so many people rolling together in support. Thanks also to Andy Kidd www.themojowellbeing.com for his cycling fundraiser earlier in the year, we look forward to following his 2026 cycling journey!



During August, our Awareness Month, we were also proud to see the **Adult Conductive Education Trust** share their story in Stuff – helping raise awareness of the impact Conductive Education has for adults and their whānau. Read the full story via the link below:

<https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/360799885/crusaders-cricket-stars-go-wheelie-hard-disability-fundraiser>

Beyond fundraising and awareness, NZFCE continues its important role in **advocacy and lobbying** on behalf of our affiliates and the people they support. This year we submitted feedback on the **Draft Disability Strategy** and were honoured to be invited to the **Minister of Education, Hon Erica Stanford's Budget launch in May** — ensuring the voice of Conductive Education is heard at a national level.

Most importantly, throughout 2025 **our centres supported over 340 individuals and whānau to work towards their goals and develop new skills that make a meaningful difference in their lives.** We acknowledge that this is sometimes hard mahi, and we want to take a moment to thank whānau for the vital role they play in motivating, encouraging and walking alongside their family members every step of the way.



Finally, we would like to congratulate The Nielsen Whānau on being selected as a semi finalist in the category of The Tower Local Hero of the Year Award in the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year Awards. It is wonderful that they are being recognised for all of the volunteer time they do in the Taranaki & Conductive communities. To read their full nomination, head to [New Zealand Local Hero of the Year](#)

Thank you to our centres, supporters, funders, advocates, whānau and board members for another incredible year. We wish you all a safe, restful and joyful Christmas, and we look forward to continuing this important work together in 2026.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Meri Kirihimete,**

Rebecca Courtney on behalf of NZFCE

