

**THE TODD  
FOUNDATION**  
**2006**  
**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

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# Looking ahead to 2007: Chairman's report



John Todd  
Chairman

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The next 12 months promise to be even more exciting for the Todd Foundation than the last. Not only will we have more funds to allocate, we're also continuing our more focused approach to how we allocate them so we can more effectively contribute to our vision of Aotearoa New Zealand as a place where:

*everyone can contribute to the best of their ability in a society that nurtures and values young people, encourages endeavour and recognises our cultural diversity.*

You can read more about our vision, goals and grant-making framework in "About the Todd Foundation" on page 4. This framework has proved very useful – for assessing grant applications, for reflecting on the impact of past grants and for identifying possibilities for the future.

Learning from experience is an important part of our approach; that's why our two part-time staff do their best to keep in touch with our grantees and to act on the feedback we receive. For example, we understand that grantees need more funding certainty, so we are now making more multi-year grants (although we're still limited in the number of such grants we can make). We also provide grants for operating expenses, including salaries, where they clearly contribute to our goals and vision. Additionally, because we frequently hear from community organisations that there is a considerable administrative overhead in funding a single initiative with multiple small grants, we have moved towards funding fewer organisations but providing a greater proportion of the financial need.

In 2007 we'll be building on this work and introducing some new initiatives. These include:

- A focus on the environment for the 2007 Centenary Fund. We'll be inviting selected organisations to provide proposals for initiatives that "involve children and young people in addressing climate change"
- Awarding the second three-year Todd Foundation Scholarship in Energy Research. You can read all about the first Scholarship on page 6
- Providing research scholarships for students at polytechnics and institutes of technology. We hope to have these open for applications by the end of the year.
- Continuing our research into specific areas of need, for example, young people leaving school without qualifications and out-of-school provisions for talented and gifted kids

As always, I appreciate the contributions of our Trustees, who continue to give their valuable time and expertise to the Foundation. In May we were sad to farewell our Council of Trade Union (CTU) representative Ross Wilson, whose considered and insightful advice throughout his eight-year term will be missed. Helen Kelly, CTU's Vice President, has taken over this position and is already contributing with enthusiasm and wisdom.

Finally, we could not look forward to a positive 2007 without the help of the many people who willingly provide the Todd Foundation with advice and guidance: the shareholders, staff and Board of the Todd Corporation and, especially, everyone involved in delivering the initiatives we help to fund.

# Looking back at 2006: Executive Director's report

We're delighted to report that, in 2006, the Todd Foundation approved a total of \$1,655,689 from its three funding programmes - a new record high, up from \$1,250,826 in 2005.

## The General Fund

As you can see in the graphs opposite, funding was spread relatively evenly between our three key goals.

Across our target areas:

- Funding for initiatives aimed at high-need families has increased significantly from 2005 when it was just 6% of total General Fund grants. This reflects our belief in early intervention and the importance of children growing up in violence-free homes
- Our funding for children with disabilities, a longstanding focus for the Foundation, concentrated on disabilities that have relatively low profiles in the community
- Early Childhood Education (ECE) funding was similar in proportion to 2005. While it's pleasing to see ECE participation rates continue to rise, we believe there are still important needs that foundations like ours can help to meet
- Funding for talented and gifted education initiatives dropped a little this year as we await the results of specifically commissioned research on out-of-school provisions for gifted education
- Youth development funding also dropped as a proportion of the total General Fund grants this year. This reflects a better balancing of our funding to meet the needs of young children and their families as well as young people.

## The Centenary Fund

Our theme for the 2006 Centenary Fund was "Arts and Cultural Heritage projects that promote tolerance and build understanding of our cultural diversity". We received an excellent response to our request for expressions of interest from New Zealand museums and galleries through Museums Aotearoa, and were very pleased to award the four grants detailed on page 8 (also see the story on page 5).

## Scholarships and Awards

Massey University PhD student Sheinach Dunn was the recipient of our first Todd Foundation Scholarship in Energy Research (covered on page 6). We are delighted to help Sheinach with her important work on sustainable energy and wish her every success. We also awarded 10 Awards for Excellence for a diverse and exciting range of projects.

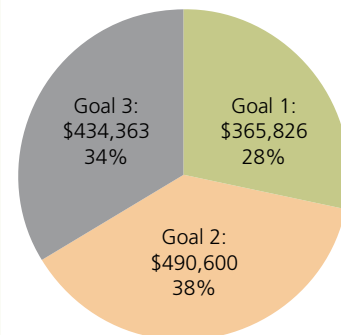
## Staff Changes

This year we said farewell - but not goodbye - to Shirley Day, who has been with the Todd Foundation for the past seven years. Shirley is continuing to work for the Todd Corporation and we're very grateful that she is still able to provide advice and guidance to the Foundation when she can. In September we were joined by Wainui Bedford, who has taken on the part-time role of Grants Coordinator with enthusiasm, efficiency and empathy. Finally, I'd like to add my thanks to the Todd Foundation Trustees and to the people who do the real work of implementing social change, our grantees and everyone else in the community and voluntary sector.



*Kate Frykberg*  
Executive Director

2006 GENERAL FUND  
BY GOAL

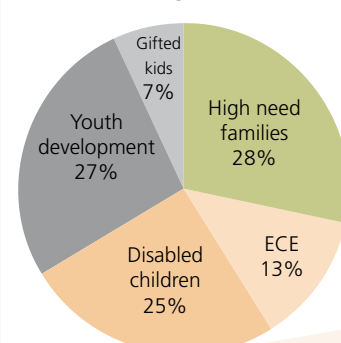


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2006 GENERAL FUND  
BY TARGET AREA



# About the Todd Foundation

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The Todd Foundation, one of New Zealand's earliest private family foundations, was established in 1972. It has three funding programmes:

- The General Fund is our main fund and focuses on children and young people
- The Centenary Fund is an invitation-only fund. In 2007 we will be exploring initiatives that involve children and young people in addressing climate change, while in 2006 we considered Arts and Cultural Heritage projects that promote tolerance and celebrate our cultural diversity
- Our Scholarships and Awards support postgraduate research in approved universities or polytechnics.

Our vision for New Zealand Aotearoa is: "A place where everyone can contribute to the best of their ability in a society that nurtures and values young people, encourages endeavour and recognises our cultural diversity".

To work towards this vision, we focus on four goals:

- Supporting families to provide safe and nurturing environments for children
- Helping children to be school ready by age five and, after that, to participate actively in school life
- Helping young people to develop their potential and to contribute fully in the community.
- Promoting tolerance and building understanding of our cultural diversity

These goals are in turn achieved by directing our funding to six target areas:

- High Need Families
- Early Childhood Education
- Disabled Children
- Talented and Gifted Children
- Youth Development
- Scholarships and Awards.

## Todd Foundation Trustees and Staff

All decisions in response to applications for funding are made by the Trustees of the Todd Foundation Administration Board. Funding meetings are generally held twice a year in May and November.

The Board comprises three representatives of the Todd family, an associate trustee from the Todd family and a representative from each of the New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, Federated Farmers of New Zealand, the New Zealand Law Society and Business New Zealand. The current Trustees are John Todd (Chairman), Malcolm Whyte,

Charles Reid, Helen Kelly, Tom Lambie, John Marshall, and David Moloney. Our Associate Trustee is Georgina Ralston.

The Todd Foundation Investment Board is responsible for investing the funds and advising the Administration Board on the amount available for distribution. Members of the Investment Board are John Todd (Chairman), Alan Harwood, Kevin O'Connor and David Wale.

The Foundation employs two part-time staff, Executive Director Kate Frykberg and Grants Coordinator Wainui Bedford.

# What's new: Selected 2006 grants

## Around the World in 30 Lounges



New Zealand's cultural and ethnic diversity will be celebrated in style in 2007, with complementary programmes on offer from the Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna o Waiwhetu and Canterbury Museum.

The Museum will host *Around the World in 30 Lounges*, a unique and engaging exhibition that uses the family lounge as a window to ethnic communities and their

home lives. Thirty communities in Canterbury will create typical lounges in the Museum, six at a time throughout March and April. Each lounge will have an accompanying audio guide and visitors will be able to walk from lounge to lounge, talking with people from each community and enjoying their hospitality.

Meanwhile, the Art Gallery is planning a series of public lectures and debates addressing biculturalism-multiculturalism, migration and national identity that will be both live and broadcast. This will be accompanied by exhibitions and a series of interactive weekend workshops to enable participants to learn about traditional crafts, skills and traditions from the different ethnic communities.

This project is one of four Arts and Cultural Heritage initiatives supported by the Todd Foundation's Centenary Fund to "promote tolerance and build understanding of our cultural diversity". We were impressed by this innovative concept and its collaborative approach and we look forward to the exhibition and events.

## Supporting whānau-led early childhood education on the East Coast

It may be one of most beautiful places on our planet, but geographical isolation and a transient population mean many people on the North Island's East Coast experience low incomes and low educational achievements. Early childhood education in rural areas is often provided by informal and/or unlicensed playgroups and puna, and some areas offer no access to early childhood education at all.

However, things are looking up. With the Todd Foundation's support, the Tairāwhiti REAP (Rural Education Activities Programme) will employ a trained, culturally appropriate Early Childhood Education Advisor with a vehicle and educational resources to work with rural whānau and community-based early childhood groups. The Advisor will support, resource and up-skill communities and whānau to ensure rural tamariki receive a high-quality early child-



hood education. They'll also help new groups to get established and support positive parenting – encouraging self-sufficiency and supportive learning environments for the tamariki of today and tomorrow.

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## Sustainable, pollution-free energy: Todd Foundation Energy Research Scholarship

In a world where natural energy resources are diminishing and sustainability of supply is becoming a hot topic of debate, research into alternative sources is valued more highly than ever. We were therefore delighted to establish the Todd Foundation Scholarship in Energy Research, and to award it to Sheinach Dunn, a PhD student at Massey University of Ngati Maniapoto, Ngati Raukawa and Scottish descent.

"I want to contribute significantly to sustainable, renewable energy here in New Zealand," says Sheinach, "and I've been given this great opportunity by being awarded the Todd Foundation Scholarship in Energy Research to investigate hydrogen technology."

"Hydrogen is the most plentiful element on Earth and is found in combination with oxygen in water, and in organic

matter including living plants, petroleum, coal, natural gas and other hydrocarbon compounds. The great attraction of hydrogen is that it's a clean-burning fuel that can be used for electricity production, transportation and other energy needs. However, it produces neither carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) nor toxic emissions."

Sheinach's PhD project will investigate electrocatalysts for the efficient conversion of electricity to hydrogen and hydrogen to electricity. "Energy is required to split water into hydrogen and oxygen, and electrocatalysts are used to reduce this energy requirement" explains Sheinach. "Likewise, producing electricity from hydrogen requires electrodes, a material that contains electrocatalyst particles and the electrochemical processes. I'll be working in collaboration with other researchers at Massey University to explore ways to make this process more cost-effective and efficient".

## Bringing music to children's ears

Music is surely one of the most powerful and universal communications media of all - particularly for a group of special young New Zealanders with significant disabilities.

Each week, more than 100 children aged from birth to school age are consolidating, integrating and expanding their development through music at the Champion Centre in Christchurch. Administered by the Christchurch Early Intervention Trust, it takes a multidisciplinary approach to early intervention, with some remarkable results.

For example, Margaret was born very premature and is still frail at four and a half years old. When she arrived at the Centre she could barely produce more than a whisper, but when singing an echo song with her Mum she now sounds clear and confident. Another student, Tom, was always a proud performer but no one could understand what he said, so he was frustrated and overwhelmed. This is hard to believe when you hear him now, assigning dramatic roles to the adults, telling everyone what to do and banging drums.

Meanwhile, Chris needs to be calmed by music and responds well when he rolls over the Swiss ball on his tummy while music specialist Julie sings a gentle rocking song. While the moments of calm are rare now, Chris will find it easier to get into a calm space when he understands the rhythm and pulse of his body.

The music programme at the Champion Centre is a place where listening, communication, physical, and cognitive skills are developed through play - a process that brings joy to both children and parents.



# What's maturing: an update on some of our 2005 grants

## Introducing refugee families to early childhood education

Last year the Todd Foundation helped the Early Childhood Unit at the Mangere Refugee Centre to produce a DVD and booklet on early childhood education for refugee families. The DVD and booklet are now available in Burmese, Chin and Arabic, with Farsi, Amharic, Somali and Swahili editions planned.

"The project has been a great success," says Centre Manager Maria Hayward. "We showed the DVD to all refugees who arrived in the second half of 2006 and it helped them to understand how to support their children in early childhood education - a new concept for most refugees. The wider community has also shown great interest in both resources, and we're keen to provide these to other educators and refugee support workers."

### Lessons learned:

*"Producing a DVD is a huge time commitment, particularly for the teachers, and it took longer than we expected. However, the finished resources justified the extra time and input."*



## Lucky to be alive: Cardiac inherited diseases national screening programme

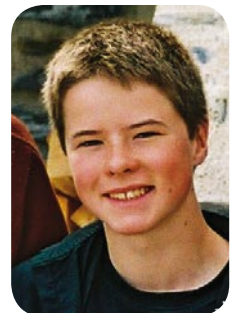
The Cardiac Inherited Diseases screening programme was established because of the alarming incidence of "sudden death" among seemingly healthy young New Zealanders - often because of the inherited cardiac disease "long QT syndrome". Last year the Todd Foundation's Centenary Fund contributed to a programme spearheaded by leading Auckland paediatric cardiologist Jon Skinner, as part of its focus on "genetic disorders and rare diseases".

The screening programme involves testing post-mortem samples where sudden and unexplained death has occurred. "Of the 75 tests we've processed, eight have already been identified with long QT," says Cure Kids Chief Executive Kaye Parker. "We've been able to advise these children's families on the probable cause of death and, because approximately 50% of close family relatives will carry the same gene, facilitate testing and where necessary provide appropriate medication. This is research that saves lives."

### Lessons learned:

*"We underestimated the time and the extent of funding it would take to launch a best practice national screening programme into cardiac inherited diseases."*

*"Strong leadership and good communication are essential."*



# 2006 grants

## 2006 TODD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP IN ENERGY RESEARCH

**Sheinach Dunn** (Massey) *PbD research into electrocatalysts for converting electricity to hydrogen and hydrogen to electricity* \$25,000

## 2006 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

**Congratulations to the ten recipients of our Awards for Excellence. A total of \$59,900 was awarded.**

**Joanna Whitehead** (Lincoln) *Kakapo protection*, **Nicole Woutersen** (Massey) *Soil biology*, **Huayang Xie** (Victoria) *Economic genetic computer programming*, **Hayden Bowen** (Canterbury) *Earthquake engineering*, **Melissa Talbot** (Lincoln) *Genetic research - sheep health*, **David Williamson** (Waikato) *Rescue robots*, **Mariana Vargas** (Lincoln) *DNA ID for animal control*, **Steven Niederer** (Auckland) *Heart disease blood flow*, **James McBryde** (Canterbury) *Fire protection in building design*, **Jonathan Gauntlett** (Otago) *Antibiotic resistance*.

## TODD FOUNDATION CENTENARY FUND GRANTS 2006

*for "Arts and Cultural Heritage projects that promote tolerance and build understanding of our cultural diversity"*

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| <b>Auckland Museum</b> "Treasures and Tales" children's exhibition and events  | \$75,000 | <b>Carter Observatory</b> Development of Maori/Polynesian room and exhibits | \$100,000        |
| <b>Canterbury Museum and Christchurch Art Gallery</b> "Around the World in 30 Lounges" exhibition and Cultural Diversity Programme | \$85,000 | <b>Waikato Museum</b> Community-based faith exhibition                      | \$20,000         |
|  |          | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$280,000</b> |

## TODD FOUNDATION GENERAL FUND GRANTS 2006

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| <b>GOAL 1: Support families to provide safe and nurturing environments for children</b>                             |           | <b>Standards Plus</b> "Taking a Lead" programme for families of disabled children                               | \$49,800           |
| <b>CPS training</b> Attendees on child protection training courses  | \$60,000  | <b>Tairāwhiti REAP</b> Support and resources for wbanau-led early childhood education                           | \$105,800          |
| <b>Family Help Trust</b> Best practice development and salary contribution  | \$60,000  | <b>WestREAP</b> Support and expansion of the Early Literacy Project   | \$60,000           |
| <b>NZ Family and Foster Care Federation</b> Regional support worker to support foster carers and families           | \$78,200  | <b>GOAL 3: Help young people to develop their potential and to contribute fully in the community</b>            |                    |
| <b>Parents' Centre</b> Volunteer manager and coordinator salaries and expenses                                      | \$100,000 | <b>Auckland University/Pacific Foundation</b> MATES programme to support secondary students                     | \$100,000          |
| <b>Peace Foundation</b> "Roots of Empathy" programme for school children  | \$25,000  | <b>Conferences and Events/GKP</b> Parent attendees at the National Gifted and Talented Conference               | \$8,538            |
| <b>Presbyterian Support Northern</b> "Restore Programme" for children who have experienced family violence          | \$11,266  | <b>Massey University</b> Research out-of-school provisions for gifted and talented children                     | \$31,275           |
| <b>Women's Refuge</b> Refuge facilitator training for supporting children   | \$31,360  | <b>Ronald McDonald House, Auckland</b> In-house learning centre for siblings of children with serious illnesses | \$20,000           |
| <b>GOAL 2: Help children to be school ready by age five and, after that, to participate actively in school life</b> |           | <b>Royal Society of NZ</b> CREST awards for science and technology projects                                     | \$50,000           |
| <b>Champion Centre</b> Music programme for young children with disabilities   | \$45,000  | <b>Te Aroha Kanarahi Trust</b> Youth development initiatives in the East Cape region                            | \$63,200           |
| <b>Diabetes Youth</b> Camps for young people with diabetes  | \$20,000  | <b>Te Ropu Tamariki – Girl Guides</b> Coordinators' salaries contribution                                       | \$45,000           |
| <b>Fragile X Trust</b> Seminars and resource kits for professionals and parents                                     | \$20,000  | <b>The Kauri Trust</b> Tutor costs for alternative education programme for young women                          | \$10,000           |
| <b>Hohepa Hawkes Bay</b> Sensory therapy room for intellectually handicapped children                               | \$100,000 | <b>Wellington Ending Abuse and Violence</b> Violence intervention pilot programme for young people              | \$11,100           |
| <b>Lysosomal Storage Diseases</b> NZ Educational seminars for affected families                                     | \$15,000  | <b>YWCA Aotearoa</b> Rewrite DIY booklet for young people to create social change                               | \$10,000           |
| <b>NZ Conductive Education Foundation</b> National administrator and administration expenses                        | \$20,000  | <b>YWCA Auckland</b> "Future Leaders" programme for young immigrant women                                       | \$85,250           |
| <b>Raukauri Music Therapy Trust</b> Music therapist salary contribution   | \$40,000  | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$1,290,789</b> |
| <b>SPELD</b> Scoping phase of an evaluation of the SPELD programme  | \$15,000  | <b>Total Todd Foundation Grants 2006</b>  | <b>\$1,655,826</b> |

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