



Dear Friends, Colleagues and Supporters

As 2013 draws to a close, we've taken time to look back on what has been achieved since the Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust was established in March 2010.

As time flies by, it is easy to lose track of achievements. This newsletter is a chance to celebrate the accomplishments of the Trust to date.

- Eleven grants and scholarships totalling more than \$30,000 have assisted inspiring young people from around New Zealand to gain learning experiences in rural healthcare situations as diverse as Nepal, Tanzania, Kalgoorlie and Ecuador.
- Auctions have raised almost \$40,000 to fund our work. The Art + Wine Auction in Queenstown brought together an array of enthusiasts. A guided walk on the Routeburn Track, donated by Ultimate Hikes, aroused keen interest.
- The annual Fun Run / Walk has grown in popularity each year, raising awareness of the Trust and bringing healthcare professionals and their communities together in Queenstown and Rotorua. In March 2014, the event will take place on the Wellington waterfront.
- Trust representatives have been invited to events and conferences around New Zealand to speak of the Trust's work. Our website and Facebook page carry our stories to a wider audience.

We've had great support from the NZ Rural General Practice Network, Rural Women NZ, the NZ Royal College of General Practice, the University of Otago General Practice & Rural Health Department, and the University of Otago Alumni Association.

Local and national businesses who have assisted us include Southern Cross Primary Care, Mobile Health, Anderson Lloyd Lawyers, Ultimate Hikes New Zealand, Conference Innovators, Marilyn Webb, Queenstown Medical Centre, Lone Star Rotorua, Te Puia, Dartworks, the Breeze Rotorua, Ethical Pharmacy, La Hoods the Chemist, Apt Design, and Print Central.

The Trust is sincerely appreciative of those individuals and families who have donated so generously, either annually or by setting up regular direct debit donations. Thank you also for wearing the bright green Fun Run T-shirts with pride or for throwing caution to the wind and buying art and wine. Pat would have been proud of each one of you.

A special tribute is due to the Trustees who give of their time and energy on a voluntary basis. Their input is vital to the ongoing development of the Trust. As Patron, Dr David Gerrard has provided invaluable support and encouragement. Special mention must also be made of Sue Farry, Sarah Swale, Sharon Aitken and Simone Flight. Their dedicated commitment to the Trust and to Pat's memory is inspirational.

We trust that you will be pleased to know that steady progress is being made. Enjoy reading our stories. We may see you on the Pat Farry Trust Fun Run start line in Wellington.

Best wishes for the festive season,

**John Farry**

**Chairman**

# Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust

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## The First Patient by David Neynens

David Neynens, the first of our 2013 Travelling Scholarship recipients to start their elective, has done so with some drama experiencing rural healthcare first hand in Bir, Northern India. [...]



## Scholarships for Medical Students Aspiring to a Rural Career

The 2013 Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust Travelling Scholarship was awarded to two University of Otago School of Medicine students who will travel to India, Nepal, Gibraltar and The Falklands to further their rural health education. [...]



## Rotorua community supports 2013 Pat Farry Trust Fun Run / Walk.

The Pat Farry Trust Fun Run / Walk held in Rotorua on Saturday 16 March 2013 was a great success, doubling in size and participation since its first outing in 2012. The 2014 event will be held on the Wellington Waterfront on 15 March 2014. [...]



## Eleven grants and scholarships awarded since March 2011 [...]

Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust scholarships and grants assist young people to spend valuable time in innovative and challenging overseas situations, to return, and to become the next generation of idea generators here in New Zealand. [...]



## Final reflections on Zambia by Nicola Shaw

Nicola Shaw, 2012 Travelling Scholarship recipient wrote a series of blogs from Equador and Zambia that were published on our website. Her final reflection on her time in Zambia was a particularly good read.[...]



## The small ones by Kerry Short

Kerry Short, also a 2012 Travelling Scholarship recipient, wrote a series of blogs while working in Nepal, Tanzania and Zambia. Kerry wrote vividly about her experiences and this blog about neonatal care was special. [...]



## 2012 Wine + Art Auction and Pat Farry Trust Fun Run / Walk

The inaugural Pat Farry Trust Wine & Art Auction and Gala Dinner and Pat Farry Trust Fun Run / Walk raised almost \$36,000 for the Trust's work. As with other fundraising initiatives, we are forever grateful to Pat's peers and local community for their generous support. [...]

## Support the Pat Farry Rural Health Education Trust's Work



Donating to support the Pat Farry Trust's work is simple. We accept donations via online banking, cheque, direct debit authority or credit card (using Givealittle by the Telecom Foundation).[...]

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