



DISTRICT GRAND LODGE of NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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DISTRICT RELEASE

Brethren,

Exciting news! I am thrilled and proud to announce the charity selected for this District's 150th Anniversary Charity Festival 2026.

I AM HOPE has been revolutionising mental health discussions in schools and communities nationwide for a decade. Their mission? Positive societal change. They understand the struggles of our youth - battling self-doubt and isolation. Learn more at www.iamhope.org.nz

After reviewing feedback from our District survey, it is clear mental health and supporting our youth are top priorities. Following discussions with key stakeholders, including the DGM, Trust Chairman, and President of the District Board, we unanimously agreed that I AM HOPE is the ideal partner for our Festival.

As outlined at the last Communications, the District Charitable Trust (NIEMDCT) pledges to return all donations received from individuals, Lodges, and Chapters between 1/4/24 to 31/3/26 back to the District. District Office will oversee this process, ensuring transparency and accountability.

In 2026, District will host a celebratory dinner for our 150th Anniversary, where we will proudly present the total Festival Fund to the I AM HOPE team.

My team and I will be organising various events throughout the District to raise awareness of I AM HOPE's invaluable contributions to our community. To immediately contribute to the Festival Fund, set up an automatic payment to the NIEMDCT bank details provided below.

My goal is to raise \$60,000 for I AM HOPE over the next two years, funding 400 counselling sessions for our youth - potentially saving countless lives.

I'm genuinely excited about this initiative and invite you to join us in making a tangible impact on the mental health of our youth.

W.Bro Andrew G. Cochrane
District Grand Charity Steward



District 150th Anniversary Charity Festival 2026 – I AM HOPE
Donate to the NIEMDCT with an Auto-Payment: 03-0243-0167251-02

