



Presbyterian Support Northern is one of Aotearoa New Zealand’s leading providers of social, health and disability services.

We have a long history supporting some of New Zealand’s most vulnerable people – a legacy that dates back to 1884.

Today, our social services are made up of Lifeline, Family Works and Shine, while our health and disability services are grouped under Enliven.

We also have a strong focus on business and community development through our Communities Feeding Communities Initiative in Auckland, as well as fee-for-service training for businesses and community groups (Lifeline Connect, DVFREE, Shine RESPOND).

With around 840 staff and volunteers, we deliver valued services from 23 sites throughout the upper North Island from Taupō to Whangārei.

Our legacy

Presbyterian Support Northern has a 140-year-long history and proud heritage of helping people. This experience enables us to tailor our services to where they are needed most.

We are independent from the Presbyterian Church, but share a common heritage founded by Auckland’s first City Missioner, a ropemaker called Duncan Macpherson. Macpherson was a Scot and known for his forthright personality, exceptional energy and strong humanitarian beliefs and Christian faith.

Our Values


hope


partnership


integrity & trust


compassion


tangatawhenua

Our vision is

A better life for everyone and our mission is to enable positive change in our communities.

Our values are at the heart of how we work.



Key facts

Presbyterian Support Northern (PSN) is one of seven charitable Presbyterian Support organisations in the country and collectively we are one of New Zealand's largest social service providers.

PSN supports vulnerable people and enhances or strengthens communities. We work alongside:

- children and families who are experiencing challenges including family violence, poverty, the impact of trauma; supporting them to make positive and lasting changes in their lives.
- the aged, disabled and injured, enabling them to thrive in their homes, stay healthy and engage with their communities.
- the financially disadvantaged, showing them how to move toward financial stability through hands-on budgeting advice to help people move from debt to financial independence.
- adults and children experiencing family violence and those who perpetuate violence.
- people experiencing any kind of emotional distress including loneliness and isolation, relationship difficulties, clinical mental health issues, anxiety and depression and suicide.



Despite government funding for some services, others like Lifeline rely entirely on donations. As a not-for-profit, every dollar donated supports New Zealand's most vulnerable people.



Communities
Feeding
Communities
— INITIATIVE —



Working with the local community

Communities Feeding Communities' vision is to nurture the strengths of the Puketāpapa/Mt Roskill South community and live out our covenant commitments: reciprocity, spirituality, creativity, food security, and building a sense of belonging.

We help people by providing food support and linking them to other Presbyterian Support Northern services as needed. We focus on making Communities Feeding Communities (CFC) a safe and caring place where people can find support, participate and have a sense of belonging without judgement. Word of mouth has seen more people coming through our doors seeking assistance.

CFC comprises community meeting spaces, a community kitchen, a community garden, allotments, a micro-food forest planted with berry and fruit trees, a kai space for emergency food parcels, a pātaka kai (community food pantry), and an interactive nature play area for children.