OUR HISTORY



1994: Jo-anne Wilkinson and Graeme Dingle meet with Kiwi icons on One Tree Hill - in the presence of about 100 people, including Sir Edmund Hillary, Sir Paul Reeves, Wayne Walden, Pat Booth, Murray Deaker and Arthur Lydiard. Graeme and Jo-anne announce their intention to establish an organisation designed to impact positively on negative youth statistics in New Zealand 1994 - 1995: Consulting with Communities - Jo-anne and Graeme kayak and tramp 1200 kilometres from Nelson to Auckland, consulting with people and communities. Project K Trust established May 1995 1995 - 1996: Research and Development - Graeme and Jo-anne do desk-top research and trial formulae for evaluation of the programme 1996 - 1997: First Project K programmes trial in four diverse Auckland sites. Research and Evaluation team established 1999: First Community Partner established in Auckland (North Shore) 2000: Stars programme established and trialled in a South Auckland school. This becomes part of the Kaikohe Coalition – a coalition of HIPPY, Kiwi Can, Stars and Parenting with Confidence working together in Kaikohe. This initiative led to FYD's Community Development Strategy (CDS) which is now being established in a number of communities throughout New Zealand. The endowment fund, called the Graeme Dingle Foundation (GDF) is established Programmes are established in the Waikato **2001**: Hutt Valley – introduces programmes to the region **2002:** Canterbury – introduces programmes to the region 2003: Foundation for Youth Development is established as an entity **2003:** Hawke's Bay – introduces programmes to the region **2004:** Bay of Plenty – introduces programmes to the region 2006: Kiwi Can programmes in 13 communities are incorporated under the FYD umbrella Southland – introduces programmes to the region 2008: MYND programme is incorporated under the FYD umbrella **2011:** Marlborough – FYD introduces programmes to the region 2012: MYND Sibling programme trialled Five Auckland trusts merged into one 2013: Career Navigator is launched 2015: We celebrate our 20th anniversary **2016:** FYD becomes the Graeme Dingle Foundation 2017: Sir Graeme Dingle awarded a KNZM in the Queen's Birthday honours Rotorua - introduces Kiwi Can to the region 2018: Kiwi Can online piloted MYND Sibling renamed to Kiwi Tahi Named Charity of Choice for New Zealand Rugby **2019:** Over 270,000 kids reached since inception

2020: We celebrate 25 years of empowering Kiwi kids throughout Aotearoa