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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to support the application for funding to attend The New Zealand Trauma Conference. The conference will take place between Monday the 27th of February and Wednesday the March 1st, 2023 at the Riccarton Park Function Centre, Ōtautahi, Christchurch.

Our society has been affected by a significant number of traumas from the Christchurch Earthquakes, the Mosque Shootings, The Port Hills Fires, The Covid19 Pandemic and much more. At least, one in three women and one in five men, in New Zealand will experience sexual abuse before the age of eighteen. New Zealand has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the world¹.

We are bringing some of the world's leading experts in preventing and healing trauma. For example, Ed Tronick PhD, is one of the most famous and influential psychologists alive today, he has taught at Harvard Medical School and been a consultant for the United Nations.

The aims of the conference are to...

- Learn how to prevent trauma from occurring by having the courage to speak up when we know something is not right.
- Discover the latest neuroscience of how trauma can affect the mind and the body.
- Learn about the latest insights and techniques for healing a wide range of traumas.

The cost of the conference is,

\$700+GST low-mid income professionals, lower income schools

\$300+GST students/volunteers

Costs of trauma

It is estimated that sexual violence costs New Zealand 6.9 billion dollars per annum². There is a strong link between a history of trauma and suicide. Every suicide costs \$587,000 in direct costs and an average of 2.3 million dollars over a lifetime of lost income³. In total suicide costs New Zealand 2.7 billion per annum.

Return on Investment

We believe the knowledge gained from this conference will offer a social and economic return, many times the value of the money needed to attend the conference. As well as the economic benefit, if we can prevent even one instance of sexual abuse, this is an invaluable social return.

We believe people who attend the conference will be able to benefit Aotearoa, New Zealand for decades to come.

We encourage you to support the cost of flights and accommodation if required.

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Please contact us, if you have any further questions, email: info@nztrauma.com

¹ <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/domestic-violence-increases-rapidly-in-new-zealand-strangulation-beatings-commonplace-in-2020/TKNYCLLUVQMBANS4QNXFXORLLM/>

² <https://www.berl.co.nz/our-mahi/startling-economic-cost-sexual-violence>

³ https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/assets/SUMRC/PR/Suicide_Mortality_Review_Cost_Benefit_Analysis.pdf