

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD GOOD CITIZENS' AWARDS 2019

Our first award of the night in the Community Group category goes to, **'I Got Your Back Pack'**.

I Got Your Back Pack is a non-profit initiative in support of those seeking refuge from family violence by providing backpacks filled with practical and essential items to those that had to seek shelter leaving behind most of their personal possessions.

The team at I Got Your Back Pack are all volunteers dedicated to tackling one of New Zealand's biggest issues, domestic violence.

Volunteers have been giving of their time since 2015 filling back packs with every day essentials, like a toothbrush but also for children, items that will hopefully bring some comfort such as a soft toy.

I Got Your Back Pack supports the Waitemata community by delivering back packs to safe houses in Central Auckland and Grey Lynn but also further afield across New Zealand.

Groups like I Got Your Back Pack are a vital of the support network for domestic abuse survivors.

We are honoured to acknowledge this group for its passion and desire to make a meaningful contribution to the Community.

Congratulations I Got Your Back Pack!