

WAITEMATĀ LOCAL BOARD GOOD CITIZENS' AWARDS 2019

The next award of the night under the Children & Young People category, goes to **Neia Hinton**. Neia has been nominated by her mum, Anita Hinton, for her dedication and commitment to helping domestic abuse survivors.

For the past four years, Neia has been volunteering in all aspects of her mum's charity 'I Got Your Back Pack'.

The charity supports those in crisis following domestic violence, by providing backpacks filled with practical and essential items to every woman and child as they enter Women's Refuge.

Neia is part of the volunteer team that helps to collect these items, packing them into backpacks for women, boys, girls and babies. Neia also helps out with delivering these backpacks directly to safe houses.

New Zealand has some of the worst domestic violence statistics in the developed world and Neia, at a very young age, is tackling this with love, humanity and kindness.

Youth with such well-developed compassion and empathy like Neia, certainly must be celebrated.

Congratulations Neia!