



Press Release
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Kea and Starship Foundation sign charity partnership

Kea's commitment to showcasing ways in which our offshore community can give back to New Zealand and sharing inspiring stories of Kiwi innovation will be elevated thanks to the signing of a partnership with the Starship Foundation.

For the past 20 years, Kea has worked to nurture a vibrant and diverse community of offshore Kiwi who share a passion for New Zealand and the success of its people and businesses. Ensuring these globally talented Kiwi remain connected to Aotearoa no matter where they are based, is a key driver of Kea's work.

Kea Global CEO Toni Truslove, says the Starship Foundation is focused on accelerating world class healthcare for all New Zealand children, and partnering with them provides an opportunity for Kea's offshore community to remain connected to the initiatives and goals which are ensuring the care and success of our next generation of Kiwi.

"We know the Starship Foundation is a charity our community cares about and we are really looking forward to working with them for a second year, this time as our exclusive charity partner. Many of our offshore Kiwi express a desire to give back to New Zealand and by connecting this community with the innovation and world leading work that Starship is undertaking, we can help them understand the areas where they can make the most impact."

Starship Foundation CEO Aisha Daji Punga says the partnership helps create a stronger New Zealand through connection and care.

"We are thrilled to come on board as Kea's exclusive charity partner this year and to continue engaging the Kea community for the betterment of Aotearoa. Starship, our national children's hospital, is a taonga and as the charity for Starship we share similar aspirations with Kea and the expat community to build a stronger New Zealand. An investment in child health is an investment in the future of this country and together we can help make a difference to the lives of our tamariki to bring them better health and a brighter future."

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Kea is a Public/Private not for profit, supported by NZTE, MFAT and MBIE

New Zealand has the second largest offshore community per capita in the OECD. Kea was founded in 2001 to connect and engage our global people, for the benefit of Aotearoa. Two decades on, Kea nurtures a vibrant and diverse community who share a strong passion for New Zealand and the success of its people and businesses. Our mission to connect New Zealanders has never been more important.

To find out more see <https://www.keanewzealand.com/>

The Starship Foundation supports Starship, New Zealand's national children's hospital

Since 1992 the Starship Foundation has invested more than \$150 million into Starship Child Health, making a real difference to New Zealand children every day. Right now we have a new sense of urgency with an ambitious target to generate \$20 million a year for Starship by 2023.

We will continue investing in Starship's National Air Ambulance Service, bringing children from all over New Zealand to Starship for life-saving care, latest advances in new technology and medical equipment, boosted family support and specialist staff training. In line with global best practice we are increasing our efforts in research and innovation targeting an additional \$5 million per annum.

To find out more visit their website: <https://starship.org.nz/foundation/>