

Compassion Soup Kitchen Appeal 2025

The year is just beginning, and the demand for food and essential services in our region continues to rise. That's why we're launching the Compassion Soup Kitchen Appeal 2025 to help address the crisis we are currently facing.

Only in the past six years, the demand for food at Compassion Soup Kitchen has increased by 600%, from 10,000 meals in 2018 to 70,000 in 2024. This is a clear reflection of the growing number of people in our community seeking support and a reminder that, despite our best efforts, it is still not enough.

The recent rise in unemployment may explain why more people have come looking for a hot meal or the support we provide through our Clothing Room. Here, our whānau can pick up essentials such as underwear and socks, or perhaps a warm jacket or a pair of shoes.

Every week we are seeing our clothing room emptying, despite our efforts to keep up with demand.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors, we have been able to sustain our services in recent times. The kindness of those who give has helped keep alive the mission of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, who began supporting those in need many years ago.

We encourage everyone to support our Compassion Soup Kitchen Appeal 2025. A warm meal or a new pair of trousers can provide dignity and hope to those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference.

For more information on how to donate, please visit www.soupkitchen.org.nz.