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Tamsin's London science adventure

Ashburton's Budding Scientist - Tamsin Cartney

Excited? Heck yes.

Ashburton College head student Tamsin Cartney can't wait for her trip of a lifetime.

The 18-year-old will attend the London International Youth Science Forum in the home of Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and all the other sites and magic that comes with one of the world's great cities.

Cartney will be one of about 500 science loving youngsters, aged 16 to 21 from 70 countries, attending the forum at London's Imperial College from July 24 to August 7.

The year 13 student will be exposed to science degree programmes, attend lectures taken by world-leading leading scientists and even visit the famed Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

She scored the trip after impressing at an Auckland science forum at the beginning of the year, which followed her NCEA level one and two endorsements with excellence science results, and a glowing reference from one of her teachers.

She is one of 10 who attended the Auckland event who will now be winging their way to London.

The experience is all about providing the attendees an opportunity to deepen their understanding of science, its application and understanding where that could take them.

Cartney, indebted to Braided Rivers Community Trust for a $750 funding grant to assist with costs, said even attending London by herself was part of the adventure.

"The science forum is incredible but just going to London is very cool in itself."

Vinnie's community boost

They play such an important role in helping those in need that a generous six-figure grant could be a life changer for many in Ashburton.

That's how vital the $150,211 Braided Rivers Community Trust and the Lion Foundation funding grant is for Ashburton's Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, the Catholic community charity agency that's been running for close to 150 years in New Zealand.

Ashburton St Vincent de Paul member Michael Hanrahan said the funding boost was greatly appreciated by his organisation, which offers food and support to those that need it.

"We're thrilled," Hanrahan said.

"Three different trusts have now supported us, but Braided Rivers Community Trust and the Lion Foundation have also helped us out in the past."

They've helped because there are few organisations stepping up for the community more so than Ashburton's St Vincent de Paul, who are using the funding to develop premises out of the former St Peter's Church building.

The building was in need of repair work, mostly around replacing the roof and earthquake strengthening, Hanrahan said.

"We're getting a lot of generous donations for our food bank," he said.

"It (grant money) would be used to increase storage for that because our shop is too small for the amount of stock we're getting in.

"Also, we've got three vehicles. We need storage for them and there's room on the property to build a garage."

Though Hanrahan has been a devoted St Vincent de Paul member for 19 years, he and the Ashburton conference were indebted to the work and vision of former society president, the late Mike (Mick) Hanham.

"This whole project (buying and developing the former church building) was driven by Mick," Hanrahan said.

Ashburton's much-loved Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

Braided Rivers Community Trust - May 2024

Quick Response Grants

Digital Waitaha	$900
Mid Canterbury Hockey	$900
Mid Canterbury Football	$1,000
Tamsin Cartney	$750

Braided Rivers Community Trust - April 2024

Quick Response Grants

Canterbury Latin American Assn	$1,500
Whatever with Wiggy Charitable Trust	$5,000

We give the money - however the recipients are the heroes who make the magic happen with the funds.

Braided Rivers Community Trust and the Lion Foundation are committed to assisting local individuals, teams and groups with monetary donations that will enable them to thrive, grow and help others in our community.

We are regularly overwhelmed with stories of how the funds are used to ensure people achieve their vision and we plan to regularly tell their stories of success.

Braided Rivers Community Trust in partnership with the Lion Foundation

Ashburton Golf Club Inc	$5,000
Ashburton Youth Health Trust	$6,000
Mid Canterbury Choir Charitable Trust	$6,000
Dorie School	$4,000
Ashburton Art Gallery Inc	$7,000
Young Men's Christian Assoc of South & Mid Cant Inc	$8,000
Rakaia Community Assn Inc	$8,000
Ashburton Learning Centre Inc	$20,000
S A N Z - Mania-o-Roto Zone	$20,000
Mid Canterbury Cricket Assn Inc	$30,000
Allenton Rugby Football Club Inc	$25,000
Society of St Vincent de Paul - Ashburton Conference	$150,211
Allenton Rugby Football Club	$1,500
Total	**$289,211**

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