

MEDIA RELEASE

SVSG Receives Book Donation from New Zealand Teacher to Support Children's Learning

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The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) is grateful to receive a generous donation of children's books from Ms. Penny Dawber, a teacher from Auckland, New Zealand, whose passion for education and reading has reached across the ocean to support young lives in Samoa.

The books, shipped all the way from New Zealand, were formally presented yesterday at the SVSG main office in Apia by Ms. Dawber's niece, Malinnah Logoia, on behalf of her aunt and were received by one of SVSG's board member, Afioga Lefaoalii Unutoa Auelua-Fonoti.

In her message to SVSG, Ms. Penny Dawber shared the heart behind her contribution:
"As a teacher I know how wonderful books are for children and how reading helps their learning in all areas, but also their imagination and creativity. Blessings to you all."

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang expressed heartfelt appreciation, noting that the donation comes at a time when the organisation continues to strengthen its educational support for children under its care.

"We are deeply thankful for Ms. Dawber's kindness. Books open doors for our children—not only to learn, but to dream, explore, and imagine a brighter future. This gift speaks to the power of compassion and the global community that stands with SVSG in uplifting vulnerable children," said Siliniu.

SVSG extends its sincere gratitude to Ms. Dawber and her family for their generosity and commitment to the wellbeing of children in Samoa. Such acts of kindness continue to inspire hope and contribute to nurturing safe, supportive, and empowering environments for all children under SVSG's care.

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Ensuring that victims of crime and those in need are well supported to be safe and in control to restore their lives

*2016: With and for Girls Award – Star Foundation of London
2017: Innovation & Excellence Team Award – Samoa Public Service
2018: Finalist, International Children's Peace Prize 2018 – Kids Right Foundation of Amsterdam, Netherlands
2018: Human Rights Champion in Samoa – UNESCO
2019: Innovation for Sustainable Development Award – Commonwealth Secretary-General
2020: Nominated Person(s) of the Year – Samoa Observer
2021: Outstanding Contributions to Human Rights Promotion & Protection – Samoa Office of the Ombudsman/NHRI
2023: Healthy Islands Best Proposal Award – World Health Organization
2026 Noble Peace Prize Nomination*