

FAMILY/WHANAU PEER SUPPORTER VACANCY

Spinal Support New Zealand is a well-respected charity with a 30 year history which provides support, information, educational programmes, peer support groups and advocacy services to people with a spinal cord injury.

We have a vacancy for a Whānau Peer Supporter, to work with and support the whānau of patients with an SCI impairment within the Auckland Rehabilitation Unit and thereafter within their communities. We are searching for a person who can bring warmth, care and expertise to inspire and empower people to restore whānau by supporting their journey.

This role will be based in our Auckland office and will require the individual to have the ability to relate to and work closely with whanau, the health professionals who work alongside them and other agencies involved in their care and training will be provided.

It is a highly rewarding role as you will make a significant impact on the lives of the people you work with.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Listening and communication skills, empathy and understanding of the challenges that whānau may experience
- Provide information on knowledge resources in the community that are available to help.
- Experience and understanding of supporting people from diverse cultures and backgrounds especially Māori and Pasifika.
- Group facilitation skills.
- Lived experience of supporting a family member with an SCI impairment who have lived through many challenges
- Ability to work autonomously whilst operating within a team setting.

Essential requirements:

Clean full driver's license, and police check

Valid work visa, NZ residency

This is a paid position working 15-20hours per week.

Please submit a cover letter expressing how you believe your qualifications and experience can meet the challenges of supporting families of a person with an SCI impairment and send to:

Denise Roberts, Office Manager: Email: office@spinalsupport.nz

During the Covid Level 4 and 3 lockdown we will be working from home

Should you have any queries please contact the Office Manager, Spinal Support New Zealand on the above email address and I will call you back.

Applications close 28th October 2021

Interviews will be conducted via Zoom