Waka Tainui Te waka /Hoturoa Te tangata

Awa Taringamotu

Maunga Tuhua Te Maunga Tapu /Hikurangi Te Maunga Aroha

Iwi/Hapu Maniapoto Te Iwi /Ngati Hari Te Hapu

Kei te noho au kei Tamaki Makaurau

Ko Myra Barrett ahau

From overcoming hearing loss at the age of five due to illness, my journey has been

defined by resilience and a passion for empowering others. In 2008, I earned my Certificate

in Deaf Studies, embarking on a fulfilling career as a Deaf Tutor.

My involvement with Te Roopu Waiora, the Māori Deaf Community, has been

transformative. Through this engagement, I've gained invaluable insights into Whānau

Hauā and the diverse challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. This experience has

not only enhanced my communication skills but has also strengthened my ability to foster

meaningful relationships within teams and communities

Having served as the former secretary of Mana Tangata Turi Ruaumoko Marae in Kelston,

as well as on the Tū Tangata Turi Aotearoa Board, and as a trustee of Te Roopu Waiora

Trust, I've continually demonstrated my commitment to community service. Additionally,

my volunteer experience at the Consumer Council at Middlemore Hospital from 2015 to

2017 further underscores my dedication to advocating for the needs of others.

In 2018, I joined Te Ao Mārama Aotearoa Trust, where I continue to cultivate positive

relationships and offer empathetic support to individuals, particularly within the Deaf

community. Sign language has proven to be an invaluable tool in facilitating

communication and connection.

With a steadfast commitment to inclusivity and empowerment, I look forward to

continuing to make a difference in the lives of those around me.