

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Le Masiofo Siva Academy hopes to know the true essence to serve and love their communities through Campus of Hope**

*Apia, Samoa – 5 September 2025* --- SVSG was blessed with a heartwarming visit on Wednesday 3 September 2025 from the **Le Masiofo Siva Academy** of Auckland, New Zealand, led by Steva Auina, former Miss Samoa Fa’afafine 2015.

Close to 30 members of the Academy shared their talents through a vibrant cultural performance, which brought so much joy and excitement to the children. Alongside the performance, the Academy presented a generous donation of \$1,000 tala and accessories for the children, symbolizing their love and support.

The visit was more than a cultural exchange; it was a reminder to the children of the Campus that they are valued, cherished, and remembered by communities beyond Samoa’s shores. It was also a deeply emotional space for the young adults in the dance group, who were moved by the opportunity to spend time with the children and share moments of joy with them.

Academy Director Steva Auina shared her reflections on the visit:

*“I hope that through this visit, the youths under my leadership will come to know the true essence of what it means to serve and to love their communities. This experience has touched us all in a very special way.”*

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang extended her heartfelt gratitude to the Academy:

*“Through their generosity and compassion, the Le Masiofo Siva Academy has uplifted the spirits of our children and reminded them of their worth. We are deeply grateful for their support and the joy they have brought to the Campus of Hope.”*

The Le Masiofo Siva Academy’s contribution reflects the strength of Samoan communities abroad in standing together for the welfare of vulnerable children, and the importance of cultural connections in healing and hope.

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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*

