

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SVSG Says Thank You for the Celebration of its 20 Years Anniversary**

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*Apia*

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang, expresses deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all of its partners, both local and overseas, who made SVSG 20th Anniversary celebration this year a truly memorable milestone.

For two decades, SVSG has stood strong in serving the vulnerable, the voiceless, and the forgotten in the Samoan society. This year, as SVSG celebrated its 20-year journey of compassion, protection, and justice, we were humbled to witness the outpouring of love and support from every corner of Samoa and beyond. The celebration, themed "Celebrating 20 Years of Partnership in Saving Lives," began its activities in January 2025 and concluded with the final celebration in June 2025.

#### ***A thank you message from President Siliniu. Lina. Chang;***

SVSG was honored to have His Highness Tuimaleali'ifano Va'aletolua Sualauvi II, the Head of State, and caretaker Prime Minister, Honourable Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, join us. Their support shows the importance of our work for Samoa's growth and wellbeing.

We thank our faith-based community partners, church leaders, and village representatives. Your contributions are vital to our efforts, and we appreciate you!

A highlight of our anniversary was the SVSG Human Rights Forum, where discussions and stories reminded us of our challenges and hope. Thanks to our partners and school communities for inspiring us to advocate for a safer Samoa for everyone, especially our children. The Amazing Race competition brought fun and teamwork, showing the strength of unity. Thank you to everyone who participated and cheered. Our 20th Anniversary Official Ball was a wonderful celebration, reflecting on the love, hard work, and partnerships that sustain SVSG's mission.

To our volunteers and supporters, we see you and thank you. You are ALL essential to our SVSG service. To our community and business partners, thank you for your generous contributions.

To our local and international partners, your faith in SVSG inspires us. We appreciate your commitment to the people of Samoa. The success of our anniversary celebrations came from your donations and partnerships. Every contribution big or small helped us reflect on our vision to support those in need.

Looking ahead, SVSG is committed to its mission. With your continued support, we can create a Samoa where every child, and all voiceless victims and survivors feels safe, valued, and heard.

**Thank you for being part of our 20<sup>th</sup> Celebration story.**

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*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*