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A man who always leads from the front

gāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated leaders have been working hard to push the vaccination to protect themselves, their families and their communities.

Hori Reti, 37, chairman of Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui A Orotu and representative on the Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated Board, is one of those hard-working leaders.

On October 16, he was pleasantly overwhelmed when his children. who he describes as his first XV line up, came together to be vaccinated as a family.

"All of our kids and mokos spent the day with each other for the first time in a long time, and everyone 12 years and over got vaxed," said Hori.

Since the pandemic arrived last vear. Hori. with many others, has been on a mission to care for not just Kahungunu people but for everyone

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in his community. Hori and his team were also able to provide support for a needy community after a flood in Napier late last year that destroyed homes and stranded many families.

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out but throughout the whole duration of the pandemic since this virus arrived on our shores," says Hori.

"We truly care for each other, our people and our community as Ngāti Kahungunu has for generations."

Hori is also a minister for his church, so he is used to being at the call of duty any time of night or day. But he is strong and active and his faith has a lot to do with the fine young man he is.

The Super Saturday vaccination push was just another day, another chance to support the community and encourage wellbeing. Hori's example to his family and community been outstanding.

When we asked how he copes and manages to support his whanau as well as his community, he said: "My whānau are the principle behind all of my mahi within the community and so it is very important to me to see that they are healthy and well.

"My wife JoAnne is my backbone. which makes all the difference. We have both worked in our community

and know the needs of our people. JoAnne supports me in what I do, which makes the tasks more bearable. I couldn't do it without her support.

Hori Reti.

Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui

A Orotu, with his

We believe that a healthy community is very important. If we don't look after ourselves and have good health and wellbeing today, I fear that we are not just letting ourselves down but also the generations to come.

"Kia kaha evervbody. Let's do the right thing for our families and our

