

# What will your legacy be?





## Your lasting legacy

There are many ways to leave your mark on the world – your relationships with your whānau/family and friends, your work, sporting or community endeavours and more – all contribute to memories of you.

Another way is to leave a planned gift to the Cancer Society in your will. By doing so, your kindness will live on, improving lives long after you have gone. When you support us, you become a partner in helping to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer affecting our families and our communities.

Your planned gift could include:

- A percentage (or whole) of your estate
- A sum of money
- Property
- Stocks and shares
- A life insurance policy, annuities or trust.

We value every gift, no matter what form or amount.

The Cancer Society Wellington Division covers the Greater Wellington area, the Kāpiti Coast, Wairarapa, Nelson-Tasman and Marlborough. Your gift will be used in the area you live in, unless you indicate otherwise in your bequest.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a small, white paper boat on a body of water. The background is a blurred, natural setting with green and brown tones, suggesting a lake or river. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

# Your gift will help ensure no one has to face cancer alone

## Help us continue the good work

The Cancer Society has been supporting people affected by cancer for over 90 years.

We are the leading non-government organisation dedicated to ensuring cancer care for every community throughout New Zealand.

We're here for all.

We are the only cancer charity that is not cancer-specific. We provide support to all who need us.

We are self-funded and rely on the generosity of the people of New Zealand to help us do our vital work for individuals and the community.

Perhaps the Cancer Society Wellington has been there to help you, a family member, or someone in your community. With your help, we will always be there for people affected by cancer, and for their caregivers and whānau/family, now and in the future.

Your planned koha/gift could help to support a person going through cancer, contribute to world-leading research programmes, and/or support community initiatives/policy that will help whānau/family reduce cancer risk.



*“The Cancer Society needs financial support from the community to enable it to continue its role. We give annually but also want to give in the future. So we have made a bequest in our wills, which was a very easy process. Our bequest is a percentage of the estate, so we don’t have to worry about specifying dollar amounts. It’s a very simple way to continue our support.” – ROBIN & FERIEL*

## Your gift could help us with...

### **Support & Information**

The Cancer Society offers emotional, social and financial support for people affected by cancer.

Our frontline services include:

- Expert Cancer Information Nurses who provide advice in-person or via phone and email
- Transport to and from hospital appointments and a free carpark right next to Wellington Hospital
- A large team of volunteers who enable us to provide vital services such as driving patients to and from treatment, supporting patients who are receiving treatment at oncology wards and home visits
- Support groups for those living with and beyond cancer
- Specialised counselling for people affected by cancer and their whānau/family.

### **Health Promotion**

We work collaboratively with community groups to provide a range of resources to help people make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their risk of cancer.



*“I was 33 with an eight-month-old baby. I didn’t know where to start, what did my diagnosis mean, how would my kids and my husband cope, how would we cope financially? I popped over to the Cancer Society and met a lovely lady who told me about support groups, counselling, groups for children and much more. After that, I felt like I could do this!” – AYLA*

### **Margaret Stewart House**

Is a ‘home away from home’ for cancer patients from out of town who need a place to stay while receiving treatment at Wellington Hospital. We have around 3500 bed-night stays each year. This greatly reduces the financial burden on patients and their families.

### **Research**

The Cancer Society is a major funder of life-saving and world-class cancer research through our Research Grants Programme, dedicated to find ways to reduce, treat or eradicate the risks associated with cancer.

### **Advocacy**

We advocate for equitable public health outcomes. This means we have strong established relationships with the media to comment on public health issues such as tobacco control, skin cancer prevention and equitable access to cancer treatment and screening programmes.

### **Health Equity**

We work alongside communities to improve cancer outcomes for vulnerable populations.



## Planning your gift

Leaving a planned gift is a very personal decision. Decide on a gift that's suitable to you. If you would like your bequest to be used for a specific purpose, we would be pleased to discuss your options in person.

There are many ways you can arrange to leave a gift to the Cancer Society in your will. Your solicitor, trustee or the Public Trust can assist with the detail, but in general, there are three main types of bequests:

- **Residuary Gift** – leaving a portion or the remainder of your estate to the Cancer Society after all other commitments have been honoured
- **Specific Gift** – leaving a specific item, such as property or shares to the Cancer Society
- **Pecuniary Gift** – a gift to the Cancer Society of a stated sum of money designated in your will.

## Preparing your will

Here is an example of the words you can use:

“I bequeath The Cancer Society Wellington (CC10067), the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars [*or a percentage of your residual estate*], to be applied by the Cancer Society Wellington in such a manner as its Directors may determine [*or for the purposes of \_\_\_\_\_*]. I direct that a receipt from the Cancer Society Wellington shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.



## Receive \$250 towards your legal costs

Once you have made a bequest to us through your will, or a memorandum of wishes, you can arrange for your lawyer or the Public Trust to send us an account for up to \$250 plus GST towards the cost of your legal fees.

## The Hope Fellowship

Please let us know if you have made a bequest, as this helps us plan for future projects, and enables us the opportunity of engaging with you on the future use of your funds if you wish. Telling us your wishes is of course 100% confidential.

When you contact us, we will offer to make you a lifetime member of the Hope Fellowship – a small way to acknowledge your commitment and generosity. You will then receive:

- A lapel pin to commemorate the promise of a bequest
- The choice to have your name on the Hope Fellowship honours board
- With your consent, a special mention in appropriate Cancer Society publications.

Joining the Hope Fellowship is completely up to you. We understand that some supporters wish to remain anonymous and, of course, we always respect the wishes of those who want to keep their bequests confidential.



*A yellow flower traditionally symbolises the strong connections we have with each other, in life and in parting.*

## TALK WITH US TODAY

Thank you for considering leaving a bequest to the Cancer Society.

For a confidential discussion about this, contact our Bequest Coordinator

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