



*A Lasting Legacy is one  
that keeps Giving to Others*

Making a provision in your Will for Mary Potter Hospice





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*The Hospice was there when we needed you – can't speak highly enough of the services, the care and the people.*

*A patient cared for in her own home.*

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## A Timeless Gift

A gift in your Will is a wonderful way to help people with a life-limiting illness live full, comfortable and dignified lives.

Here at Mary Potter Hospice we do everything possible to provide the compassionate and specialised care that people need at a difficult time in their lives.

We appreciate that your Will is a very personal matter and your first priority will be to ensure that the people you care about are provided for. If you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Mary Potter Hospice, your kindness will help us be there for others in our community or for someone who is close to you.

Your gift is very important. It costs around \$14 million a year to provide the Hospice's services to our patients and their family. The Government provides around half of this, and the rest we ask the community to help us raise.

The donations we receive help us not just to support our patients, but to provide great care to their family as well.

Please let us know when you have taken this wonderful act of leaving a bequest gift to the Hospice. It is important to us that we can thank you for your



very special gesture. You would also become a member of the *Camellia Heritage Club*, a very special group of valued supporters.

Your generosity will mean so much to us.

*Best wishes.*

Brent Alderton  
Chief Executive



## *Our Values*

- Mana/Respect
- Aroha/Compassion
- Rangatiratanga/Dignity
- Manaakitanga/  
Hospitality
- Kaitiakitanga/  
Stewardship

## *Our Vision*

That people in our communities who need palliative care have access to compassionate and quality care when and where they need it.

## *Our Approach*

Taking a whole person approach, we will provide and promote high quality specialist palliative care, grief support, education and care planning services.

Working alongside our health partners, we aim to make a difference in the communities we serve.







## What your gift will do

WITHOUT the support of the community, Mary Potter Hospice would not be able to operate. Thankfully, people like you help us stay open.

Large or small, a bequest from you will help provide for a wide variety of palliative and end-of-life care including grief and bereavement counselling.

Specifically, your gift will be used for:

- Funding doctors, nurses, social workers, counsellors and special therapists
- Essential pain-relieving drugs and medicines
- Community nurses who provide comfort, advice and practical support for patients and their carers
- Occupational therapists who help patients to be more mobile and comfortable
- Tasty and nutritious in-house meals
- Giving patients greater ease and comfort through hoists, air mattresses and special bathing equipment
- Emotional and stress release therapies, such as music and massage therapy
- Spiritual support for any patients and families that might want it
- Bereavement counselling
- *And more...*

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*She really enjoyed her days in Room 10 – loved the views and sunset. Really grateful to all staff at Mary Potter Hospice for looking after her so well. You also looked after me.*

**A grateful husband.**

## *Arnold and Reka Solomons*

**Arnold and Reka Solomons felt a special and unexpected link with Mary Potter Hospice when they retired and left Wellington city for Waikanae.**

"When we moved up here, we moved into a house which had the most beautiful camellias," Reka says. It was a reminder of the 'Mary Potter' camellia propagated in 1997 to honour the 150th anniversary of Mary Potter's birth. It is the symbol of the Camellia Heritage Club – the group of those who leave a bequest to the Hospice.

Arnold, a former pharmacist, businessman and director on a variety of business and charitable boards, served as trustee on the Mary Potter Hospice Board of Trustees from 1996 to 1998. He was Chair of the Committee of the Friends of the Kapiti Mary Potter Community Hospice in the late 1990s. The Kapiti Community Hospice opened in Paraparaumu in 1996. Reka, who had trained as a Karitane nurse but spent much of her professional life in business, had a part in establishing the new Kapiti base. "We were both involved in helping people set it up," Reka says.

Music is extremely important to the Solomons. "Music has been our life. Chamber Music is our passion," Arnold says. Arnold is a former Board Chair and President of Chamber Music New Zealand, and now a life member. They are supporters of the New Zealand String Quartet,



regulars at the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and members of the Waikanae Music Society.

Community service is also very important to them. For a number of years Arnold served as Chair of the Deckston Hebrew Trust Board, which first supported European Jewish orphans to come to Wellington and later devoted its resources to the Wellington Jewish Care of the Aged Society.

The couple are now living in a retirement village and have only one camellia in their much smaller garden but their interest in the work of the Hospice continues. "I just know what a wonderful job they do," Reka says. "Because of Arnold's involvement we were very happy to put Mary Potter Hospice into our wills." The Solomons have left a gift to the Forever Foundation, our Endowment Trust.

## *Kristin Castle*

**"I joined the donations administration team at Mary Potter Hospice in 1999. It's an awesome privilege to work for the Hospice."**

Every day, I see how our care and support makes a real difference for real people at a very difficult time in their lives.

Even though I'm not directly involved in caring for patients and their families, I know that my service in looking after our wonderful donors and supporters helps the Hospice as well.

It's important to me to make the same personal commitment to the Hospice that I ask others to consider – so one of the first things I did after starting here was to pledge a gift in my Will.

Although it's only a modest bequest, I'm proud to be a founding member of the Camellia Heritage Club, and to know that my connection with the Hospice will continue into the future, ever after I'm no longer working here."



## *Tony de Joux*

**If there's laughter and it's a Thursday, it's likely to be coming from an encounter with Tony de Joux at Mary Potter Hospice.**

Tony has been volunteering at the Hospice for 20 years and every Thursday he plates up lunch for the patients. He's also in charge of the drinks trolley that goes around an hour before lunch.

When Tony took early retirement from working in a bank, at the age of 53, he looked for somewhere to volunteer. "I chose to volunteer at Mary Potter because back in the mid-'60s we lived next door to Calvary Hospital and when my mother became ill the nuns looked after us," he says.

Tony says Mary Potter Hospice, which originated from Calvary Hospital in Wellington, was the obvious place for him to volunteer. "It's a nice place to be. I like talking to the patients. I get on well with the chaplains. You might say it's a calling. In that case, there are 1500 of us." Tony is referring to the number of people who volunteer at Mary Potter Hospice – from the street day appeals, to hospice shop staff, drivers, biographers and

people who arrange the flowers. "You can't work there as a palliative care person in any shape or form without being compassionate. Death is not a failure of medicine, it is inevitable for all of

us." Tony says someone said to him, 'I knew you were on duty because I could hear laughter'. "I have got a hell of a sense of humour and I am very good at punning. There's always something you can say that's amusing," he says.

Tony is a member of the Camellia Heritage Club, a group of those who have decided to leave money to the Hospice. His wife Marie died in 2015.

"They do good work and they are not fully supported by the Government, so we have to help out."



## *Jennie Vowles*

**Jennie Vowles has always rolled her sleeves up for a worthwhile community project. It's the way she is wired.**

For the past 30 years she has used her energy and organisational skills to raise money for Mary Potter Hospice. In 2014 Jennie won an award of appreciation from the Hospice. Jennie started volunteering for the Hospice in December 1989 when she and her husband Rod got talking one day after helping at a garage sale for another organisation. "I said to Rod, I wonder what we could do with a little bit of organisation for Mary Potter. He said, OK why don't we give it a go. So, we ended up with this huge garage sale on Karori Road."

"We got stuff here and we would clean things up to get another dollar, and Rod would mend things," Jennie says. "We did just under \$6000."

Jennie says she and Rod decided to support the Hospice because the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary at Calvary Hospital had cared for Rod's mother as she died. What they didn't expect, however, was that she and Rod would need the

Hospice themselves so soon, and so urgently. In November 2001, Rod developed an aggressive tumour in his throat that would kill him by the end of January 2002. "Rod moved from ICU to Mary Potter on his birthday. He was 58." Jennie says she was struck by the kindness and thoughtfulness of the staff and volunteers. "The support of these people I will never forget, along with the entire experience of being at Mary Potter."

Jennie has continued to volunteer and has decided to leave a bequest to the Forever Foundation. "That appeals to me quite a lot." She says the interest from the fund is there to spend but the principal is protected. "It's there for ongoing use forever and a day."





## How to make a bequest

*There are two main ways to give to Mary Potter Hospice:*



### *Option 1: A gift to Mary Potter Hospice*

A bequest gift to Mary Potter Hospice will be used for operational or general day-to-day running of the Hospice.

Here is a sample of what you could write in your Will:

*"I give to The Mary Potter Hospice Foundation, Wellington, registered charity CC 30221 (a percentage of my estate, **or** the residue of my estate, **or** specific sum of money **or** write a description of property or assets) for general purposes, for which the receipt of the Chief Executive or other proper office shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."*



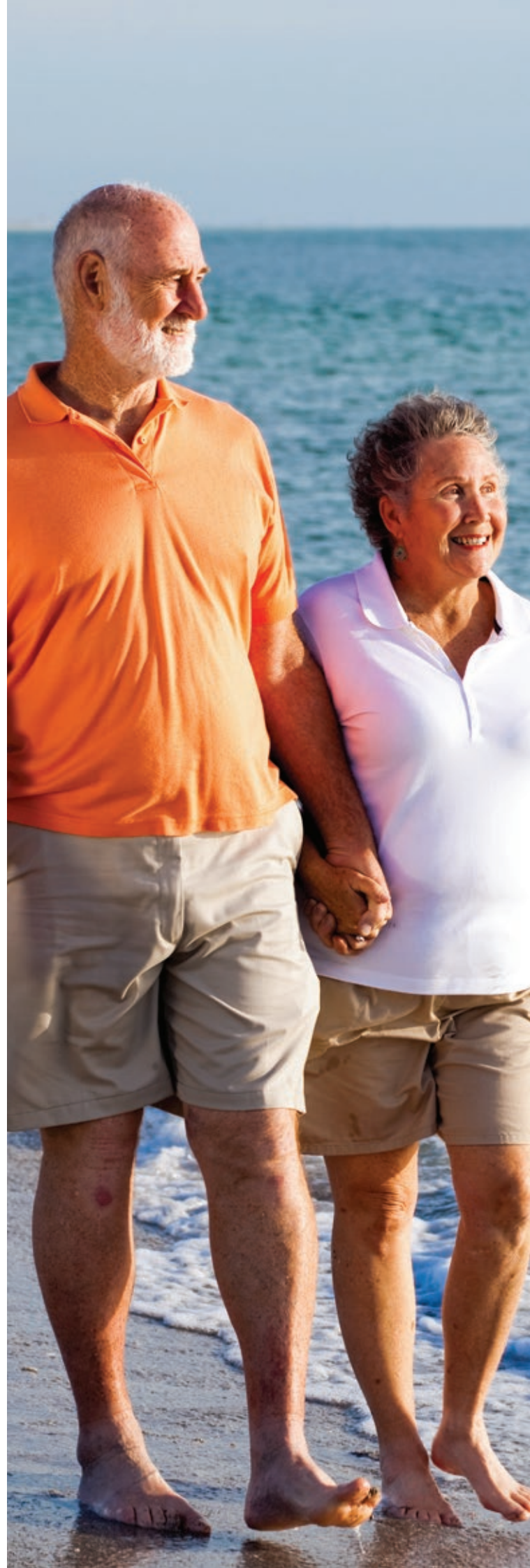
### *Option 2: Gifting a lasting legacy*

A bequest gift to the Forever Foundation (the Hospice's capital endowment trust) which has been set up to provide long term financial support to the Hospice in perpetuity.

Here is a sample of what you could write in your Will:

*"I give to The Mary Potter Hospice Forever Foundation, Wellington, registered charity CC 32009 (a percentage of my estate, **or** the residue of my estate, **or** specific sum of money, **or** write a description of property **or** assets) for which the receipt of the Forever Foundation Trustees or other proper office shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."*

**No matter what the type or amount of your gift, you can be confident that your generosity and compassion is helping someone get the quality of care they deserve.**





**“ The care and round the clock help and support with my husband’s illness was just outstanding. I could not have looked after him at home on my own. The staff were absolutely marvellous for the whole ten months. ”**  
Wife of a patient.

## FAQs on Wills and Bequests

### *Why do I need a Will?*

A Will is a legal document that provides a clear record of what happens to your possessions after you die. It provides for the needs of your loved ones who depend on you, as well as any charities you choose to support.

### *How do I make a Will?*

It is best to consult a solicitor or a trustee company to prepare your Will or make amendments to it. They know how to make it legal and can ensure there are no ambiguities. Before making your Will you’ll want to consider who will benefit from your estate.

### *Who ensures my wishes are carried out?*

In your Will you’ll want to decide who your executors are. Executors are people you trust to make sure your wishes are carried out. You can appoint one or more executors.

### *Can I change my existing Will?*

Yes, it’s a simple process to change a Will by consulting your legal advisor and adding a clause known as a Codicil. We can provide a copy if required

### *What is a bequest?*

A bequest is a gift from your estate that you give to family, friends and charities like Mary Potter Hospice. This is recorded in your Will with the guidance of your legal advisor.

### *What forms can my bequest take?*

Your bequest might be:

- A specific sum or percentage of your estate – nominating a percentage of your estate ensures your gift is not restricted by inflation.
- The residue of your estate – once all gifts and expenses are taken care of, Mary Potter Hospice would receive what is left.
- A specific gift or asset – this could be property, or goods, or other items from your estate.

### *I would like to leave a gift to the Hospice, but how do I make sure my family and friends don’t miss out?*

The people who are important to you in your life should of course come first, but after you have made provision for them you may choose to donate a percentage of the value of what is left to the Hospice. By leaving a gift of this kind rather than a specific amount you won’t have to worry if your circumstances change. Best of all, the value of your gift will not be affected by inflation.

### *Does a gift in a Will have to be a lot of money?*

No. Many people with different financial circumstances choose to remember us in this way. Any amount, large or small, makes a real difference in the future and we are very grateful for anything you are able to provide.

**“ Thank you so much Mary Potter Hospice staff and volunteers – you are all the best. No matter your position here you made our final journey with Mum a more peaceful, compassionate and respectful one. ”**

Daughter of a patient in IPU





## More about *Mary Potter Hospice*

We were established in 1979 and are a secular charitable trust based on the philosophy of our founder, The Venerable Mary Potter, and the Little Company of Mary.

The Hospice provides free specialist palliative care from Seatoun to Waikanae for people facing life-limiting terminal illness.

Palliative care goes beyond medical intervention and supports patients, carers and families with their emotional, social and spiritual needs. We aim to help our patients live life as fully as possible with comfort and dignity. We also provide support for their carers and family/whānau. This is a 'whole person' approach for people with terminal illness.

Today our services go beyond the Hospice doors and reach the Community with Day Hospice hubs in Porirua and Kapiti – and specialist teams that visit patients in their own homes. As well, the Hospice runs an Inpatient Unit in Newtown providing respite care and symptom management.

*We care for* approximately 1000 patients a year and on any given day we have between 240 to 260 patients in our care.

*My father was treated with such grace, tenderness and utter devotion. I will never forget it!"*

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A patient's son.





## *Our promise to you*

*Mary Potter Hospice promises*  
to carefully use all gifts received to continue  
providing the excellent end-of-life care  
we're recognised for.

*We will respect*  
your privacy and will manage your gift  
sensitively and effectively.

*We understand*  
that individual circumstances may change.

*As such, we respect your right*  
to remove Mary Potter Hospice from your  
Will at a later date, regardless of whether you  
have previously told us about your gift.

### **PLEASE CONTACT US**

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, or need more information about Mary Potter Hospice, please contact our Bequest Coordinator who will be delighted to hear from you and will

treat your enquiry in the strictest confidence. We cannot provide any legal or financial advice but we are happy to answer questions about gifts in Wills or provide information about our work.

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