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A legacy of love and commitment

There was nothing Rima wouldn't do for family and friends. And in return, they were there for him too when he needed them - including building a ramp to get outside and running a 24/7 care roster.

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It's a big and growing family – Rima's siblings, wife, children, and 10 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All connected with a genuine family love and respect.

"Dad was very kind and understanding," say his five children Leanne, Mele, Michelle, Mareta, and Moko. "Dad was very much a family man not only for us but for his siblings, extended family and his friends. He would give the shirt off his back, money in his wallet, car to use and the list goes on."

Married for 55 years, Rima and Shirley met at the Adam's Bruce Chocolate Factory in College Street. He had not long arrived from Rarotonga.

Rima would tell the story of living in Rarotonga in a two-room house with a verandah, and a shed out the back for cooking. He was one of 15 siblings. Transport was a horse and cart.

Rima was never idle. He was a talented sewer, making

wedding dresses for his daughters, his own suits, bridesmaids' dresses, and school shirts. When they went to 'Island dos' the girls always had new dresses.

"Dad had a good life. It has come with its ups and downs but there is nothing Dad wouldn't have changed. All of us are Dad's legacy. The traditions, customs, memories, the stories will be with us always for us to pass down."

Rima spent his last three weeks at Mary Potter Hospice, after an all-family meeting with the Hospice agreed it was the best place for him.

"When we got to Mary Potter they were waiting for us. Rima was shown to his room and he said, 'this feels like home.'

"The staff were brilliant – every single one of them. You could ask them any questions about what we should expect and they would explain. They gave you peace of mind.

"The Hospice made the process easier for us. We were tired, but we didn't have to worry about looking after ourselves – the Hospice took care of that too. Our family is forever grateful - we thank you Mary Potter Hospice for your kindness and compassion."



Kia ora koutou,

Mary Potter Hospice is working as part of a health system that is under a huge amount of pressure. We know that impacts on the quality of the care people dealing with serious illnesses are getting, as health resources in hospitals and the community are in desperately short supply.

That's why the ways hospices save the wider health system time and money are a small but important part of what makes palliative care so important.

At Mary Potter we know that when we are looking after a patient and their family, their use of ambulance services, emergency department and hospital stays reduces. That's helpful for all users of the system and for us taxpayers who are funding it.

So, in addition to ensuring we can be there for people at the end of their lives, alongside them and their whānau with all the tough and unwelcome things that come with that journey, you are helping us take

some of the pressure off the wider health system.

We've been highlighting that with government and as demand for palliative care grows, we will continue to look to the Crown to help supplement your very generous support of Mary Potter Hospice.

As I spend time with our volunteers and people who donate I am struck again by all you are making possible. This is the power of humanity and strong communities in action. I hope you understand just how essential your support is. We could not be there during the last days, without you with us every day!

My thanks for your contribution and for all you make possible.

Tony Paine, Chief Executive

Shifting focus to second-hand

Mike and Lance are helping our hospice shops raise money in an innovative new way. Based out of our Newlands Hospice Shop, they power our Trade Me online store, where we have around 400 items for sale at any given time. We focus on anything collectable, unique, or high-value. It also allows us to reach the entire country, and you'd be surprised what sells well!

"Digital cameras are in huge demand right now – particularly among 20-30 year olds," Lance explains. "I think this is because younger people are sick of just 'clicking away' on their phones." So when cameras are donated to us, Lance cleans them, sources new batteries and a charger if needed, and tests them. It's also OK if items aren't working, as the team has lots of tricks to get them going again. We can then sell them for \$150-300!

In recent times, with the cost of living, we've noticed that lots of people have shifted their focus to second-hand, and buying items or gifts from the hospice has a feel-good factor.

"I also think the appeal of collectables is that people are buying nostalgia," Mike said. "That could mean buying an item that someone couldn't afford before, or even something that they have lost along the way. And I suppose that loss is a bit like how we lose loved ones in life, too, often after having an experience at hospice."



Lance, volunteer and camera expert, and Mike, Online Store Manager

Anything can be valuable, including old figurines, comics, toys, New Zealand pottery, and, of course, Crown Lynn! It doesn't have to be in perfect condition either for us to fix it, or for someone to love it as is.

Our Trade Me store is run from our Newlands location, but you can donate any items for it at any of our shops. You can also visit the official Mary Potter Hospice online store on Trade Me, where we try to have something listed for everyone!

www.trademe.co.nz/stores/Mary-Potter-Hospice

Big news, Hospice Shoppers!

We're excited to announce our newest Mary Potter Shop, **now open in Kelburn Village!**

Your new destination for pre-loved treasures and vintage finds. Every purchase supports free hospice care in your local community.

Our Hospice Shops rely completely on donations and we could not open our doors without your generosity. For information on how to donate your quality goods to our Hospice Shops please visit marypotter.org.nz/shops or call 237 2300 to speak with our friendly Retail Team.

Find us in the heart of Kelburn Village, 93 Upland Road, phone 830 1680. We look forward to welcoming you!



For moments that matter

Did you know **1 in 7** of our patients wouldn't be cared for without someone remembering us in their Will?

A gift in your Will ensures this care for today and generations to come.



A Legacy of Gratitude

Recently, we received a generous donation from the estate of a kind gentleman, as a gesture of heartfelt thanks for the care given to his beloved wife during her final days. His estate executors shared this deeply moving tribute to the compassionate care provided by Mary Potter Hospice:

"Mr P never forgot the kindness, dignity, and support shown to his wife by the Hospice team in 2001. It brought immense comfort to his family at a profoundly difficult time. In his passing, he wanted that same comfort to be passed on to help ensure others continue to receive the same exceptional care his family did."

"We extend our sincere appreciation for the vital work you do, and we hope this gift assists you in continuing to provide comfort and care to others in need."

– Don B and Jagpreet K, Executors

Gifts in Wills are more than a donation: they are a testament to the impact of our work and the lasting legacy of compassion that lives on through our care.

Bequests truly touch lives in ways that endure beyond words or time.

Have you considered including a Gift in your Will to Mary Potter Hospice?

☒ Yes, I would like to plan a gift now for the future of Mary Potter Hospice and help those with terminal illness:

- ☐ I would like to tell you I have made a Gift in my Will
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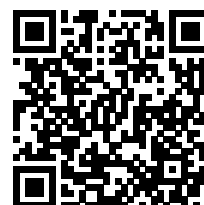
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A NIGHT *under the stars*

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR MARY POTTER HOSPICE
TO HELP RENOVATE THE KAPITI COMMUNITY BASE

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST | 6.15PM
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We're calling on our supporters to gather your friends, family and colleagues for a glittering Gala Dinner to launch the fundraising for our Kāpiti Hospice Renovation!

Please join us for a fabulous night out to raise vital funds for your local Hospice. Find out more and purchase tickets at www.hospice-gala-dinner-2025.raiselysite.com

- Special guest speaker **Stew Darling from Unstoppable Force**
- MC **Nick Tansley**
- Savour a delicious three-course meal by **Relish Cafe and Catering**
- Matched with **Spy Valley wine/Double Vision Brewing** beer
- Enjoy some of Kāpiti's top up and coming entertainers
- Bid on a stunning range of silent and live auction items
- Great food, great music, great cause!

\$1700 for a table of 10, or \$170 per ticket. All funds raised at A Night Under The Stars will stay in Kāpiti.

Why are we fundraising?

The Kāpiti Hospice Community Base was built in 1996 with the support of the local community. 30 years later, the building is no longer fit for purpose, and not up to the standard we want to offer patients, families, visitors and staff.

Patient numbers have increased over time, and so too has the amazing team of staff and volunteers who care for over 200 people and their whānau each year.

As the need for hospice care in Kāpiti grows, this space must grow with it. With the help of generous people like you, we can make sure it continues to serve the Kāpiti community well into the future.

Thank you to our generous supporters

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