

# What will your legacy be?



Leaving a planned  
*gift in your will*



**Cancer  
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku  
o Aotearoa

## Your lasting legacy

There are many ways to leave your mark on the world. Your relationships with your whānau (family) and friends, your work, community engagement 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 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

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



“There are lots of people out there like me who don’t have family and need a lot of support when going through cancer.

This was my opportunity to give back to the Cancer Society - leaving a **gift in my will** made sense.”

- Ana, Breast Cancer Survivor

"We're here to listen  
and for you to be heard."

We're here to give you  
the support that you,  
your whānau and your  
support person need."

- Tiara, Supportive Care Team  
Cancer Society Wellington

## Help us continue the good work

The Cancer Society New Zealand has been supporting people affected by cancer since 1929. We are the leading non-government organisation dedicated to ensuring cancer care for every community and person throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

We are self-funded and rely on the generosity of the people of Aotearoa New Zealand to help us do our vital work for individuals and the community. We are the only cancer charity that is not cancer specific – we provide support to all who need us.

The Cancer Society Wellington Division covers Greater Wellington, Wairarapa, Nelson-Tasman and Marlborough. Perhaps we've 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, now and in the future.

Any gift you leave to us will stay in your community unless you indicate otherwise in your will.

**Every person, every cancer.**

“I don't like to talk about vulnerabilities and things like that, but I decided I needed to do something:

Talking to a Cancer Society counsellor I felt valued, respected, cared for and that I was a person, a man, not just a statistic.”

- Pete, Prostate Cancer Survivor



## Your gift could help us with...

### Support and Information

The Cancer Society offers emotional, social, and financial help for people affected by cancer. Our frontline services include:

- Expert Cancer Information Nurses who provide advice in-person, via phone or email.
- Supporting patients who are receiving treatment at oncology wards and visiting them at home.
- Transport to treatment with volunteer drivers, and a free carpark right next to Wellington Hospital.
- Support groups and workshops for those living with and beyond cancer.
- Specialised counselling for people affected by cancer and their whānau.

### Margaret Stewart House

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 3,500 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 finding ways to reduce, treat or eradicate cancer.

## Cancer Prevention

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

## Advocacy

We advocate for equitable public health outcomes. This means we have strong 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.

## Planning your gift

Leaving a planned gift is a very personal decision. If you would like your gift to be used for a specific purpose, please get in touch.

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 gifts:

- 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 in such a manner as its Directors may determine [or for the purposes of \_\_\_\_\_]. I direct that a receipt from the Cancer Society shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

## Receive \$250 towards your legal costs

Once you have made a gift 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.

“What the Cancer Society provides is so important.

Having had family with cancer and being personally affected myself, it was a **no-brainer to leave a bequest to the Cancer Society.**”

- Jon, Bequestor



## The Hope Fellowship

Please let us know if you have made a gift in your will, as this helps us plan for future projects, and allows us the opportunity to engage with you on the future use of your funds if you wish. Telling us your wishes is 100% confidential.

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

You will then receive:

- A lapel pin to commemorate the promise of a gift in your will.
- The choice to have your name on the Hope Fellowship honours board located in our Newtown office reception.
- 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. We will always respect the wishes of those who want to keep their gifts confidential.



**With your help,  
there is hope.**



Thank you for considering leaving  
a gift in your will to the Cancer  
Society Wellington Division.

For a confidential discussion,  
please contact our  
Bequest Coordinator on:

 04 389 8421

 [bequest@cancersoc.org.nz](mailto:bequest@cancersoc.org.nz)

 Visit [yourwillcancerwgtm.org.nz](http://yourwillcancerwgtm.org.nz)



Scan with your  
phone camera



**Cancer  
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku  
o Aotearoa

WELLINGTON DIVISION

Covering Greater Wellington, Wairarapa,  
Marlborough and Nelson-Tasman