



Cancer
Society

Your good Will will make
a difference - become a
Lifetime Partner



Including a bequest to the Cancer Society in your Will, no matter how small or large, is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give.

Bequests provide around one third of the Society's income, which goes towards the fight against cancer.

This year, almost 20,000 people will be diagnosed with a serious cancer and sadly, around 8,000 people will die from cancer. There are over 100 different cancer diseases.

The five most common cancer diagnoses are colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer, melanoma and lung cancer.





Background

The Cancer Society was first established in 1929 and it is the leading non-government organisation dedicated to reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in New Zealand.

The Society is proud that it is regarded as one of New Zealand's most trusted charities.

The Daffodil

The daffodil is the Cancer Society's symbol of hope. In the same way spring brings re-growth and new life, daffodils give hope and new life to all New Zealanders coping with cancer.

Research



Finding a cure for cancer begins with scientific research. The Cancer Society demonstrates its unwavering commitment to carrying out research into the treatment and causes of cancer, as New Zealand's largest private funder of cancer research.

The Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre, founded in 1956, is internationally recognised for its anti-cancer drug development, and has eight new drugs currently in clinical trial.

How we help

The Society provides a wide range of services which include fully subsidized accommodation for patients at Domain Lodge in Auckland. Domain Lodge is also the hub for the Society's support and information services which are provided free of charge. These include liaison nursing support, 0800 Cancer Information Helpline, counselling, transport to treatment and meal service.

Other services provided by the Society include health promotion initiatives which are aimed at reducing the incidence of some cancers (e.g. SunSmart, Smokefree and LiveSmart programmes).

Our mission

Improving community well-being by reducing the incidence and impact of cancer.

But we can't do it alone.

Your good Will will make a difference!

We are sincerely grateful to those visionary benefactors who have or are in the process of planning a bequest in support of the Cancer Society.

Ultimately your bequest enables the Society to continue to provide its wide range of services free of charge as well as secure the long term future of the Cancer Society.



There are several ways to make a gift to the Cancer Society in a Will, but first, you need to have a Will. To include the Cancer Society in your Will, we recommend seeking advice from a solicitor or trustee organisation.

A life changing legacy

Today the Cancer Society's Domain Lodge in Auckland provides fully subsidized accommodation for more than 1400 patients each year from outer Auckland and Northland.

A major bequest received from Agnes Trotter, founding matron of the Rangimarie private hospital in Herne Bay, provided the catalyst for the re-development of the Society's Domain Lodge.

The large bequest that Agnes Trotter awarded the Society, together with contributions from other visionary donors and several Trusts & Foundations, enabled the Cancer Society to completely redevelop the old Domain Lodge (originally a small motel) and build a modern, low maintenance accommodation and patient support facility for out-of-town cancer patients and their families.

Agnes was an exceptional woman who cared for people in need throughout her life. Ultimately it was her vision and unselfish support that has enabled the Society to help many thousands of cancer patients every year by way of Domain Lodge.

Lifetime Partners

If you decide to leave a bequest to the Cancer Society, you will become a Lifetime Partner.

Lifetime Partners are generous people who have included the Cancer Society in their Will and we are privileged to call these people our partners.

Our Lifetime Partner programme allows the Society to recognise and honour this special group during their lifetime while they are able to accept our thanks and appreciation for their generosity.

Lifetime Partners are kept up-to-date with the Cancer Society's activities, services and research programs occurring today and in the future.

The future of our work would not be possible without the extraordinary generosity of people who choose to remember the Cancer Society in their Will.



"I have made a bequest from my estate for the purpose of endowment to support the Cancer Society Auckland in conjunction with The Davis Carr Domain Lodge Endowment Trust. My family has agreed to request donations in lieu of flowers in support of cancer research to assist the work of the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre".

"Please join with me and leave a bequest to help future generations be free of this disease".

Joan Swift



"I have been delighted to contribute to the marvellous work of Domain Lodge and the Cancer Society, and at the same time to be able to remember my late wife Marylyn in this wonderful and appropriate way, which I am certain she herself would really appreciate".

Dr John Mayo



"There can be few worthier causes than the fight against cancer, so often devastating for both patient and family. Three members of my family have had it but are now, thankfully, in remission. As patients we become fully aware of the extent of the good work being done by the Society, not only in patient and family support but also in very valuable research."

Noel Ashby

Why do you need a Will or Memorandum of Wishes (if you have a Family Trust)?

You need a Will to ensure your affairs are settled the way you would like. It also means your estate can be administered quickly and economically, making the process easier for your family and beneficiaries.

It is advisable update your Will or your Trust's Memorandum of Wishes every five to 10 years to take account of any changes in your circumstances.

Making a Will or Memorandum of Wishes (if you have a Trust) is usually a simple process and not expensive. It gives you peace of mind that after your death your assets will go to the people and organisations you have chosen. If you do not have a Will, the law decides how to share your estate.

If you already have a Will or Trust and have decided you want to make a gift to a new beneficiary, such as the Cancer Society, changing a Will or Memorandum of Wishes is very simple by adding a codicil (a short legal document which changes your will) or altering your Trust and/or Memorandum of Wishes.

What if I have a Family Trust?

If you have a Family Trust that holds the majority of your assets you should leave a written Memorandum (or Letter) of Wishes which informs your Trustees how you would prefer them to deal with the assets of the Trust following your death. This can include a gift to a charity such as the Cancer Society as long as your Family Trust Deed lists charities as potential beneficiaries of the Trust. You will need to ask your lawyer to check your Trust Deed and advise you how you can go about this.

First steps

1. When you are making a Will you need to make a list of your assets and their approximate value

These items might include:

- Your home
- Other land or property
- Bank accounts
- Vehicles
- Shares
- Investments
- Insurance policy
- Furniture
- Artwork
- Antiques
- Household goods

You should also list your debts such as:

- Funeral expenses
- Tax
- Mortgage
- Loans and overdrafts
- Hire purchase

Total the value and subtract the debts from the assets. This is your "Estate".

2. Decide who you want to benefit

How you share your estate is up to you – your spouse or partner; your family or friends. You can also leave a legacy to a charity or organisation you admire or which has helped you such as the Cancer Society.

3. Nominate a Trustee and Executor

A Trustee and Executor is the person or people you choose to carry out your wishes. It might be a member of the family, a friend, your lawyer or a Trustee organisation such as the Public Trust or New Zealand Guardian Trust.

4. Making it legal

Your Will needs to be signed and witnessed by two people who are not beneficiaries.

5. Gift options

If you would like to make a bequest to the Cancer Society, there are a number of different ways:

It can be:

A residue gift

After providing for your family, you can nominate that you want to leave part or all of what is left of your estate to the Cancer Society.

A percentage

You can leave a nominated percentage of your estate to the Cancer Society.

A specific gift

You can also choose to leave a specific gift of money, jewellery, real estate, shares or any other gift.

Gifts during your Lifetime

Some people like to make charitable gifts during their lifetime. Charitable gifts of any amount to the Cancer Society do not attract a gift duty.

Some generous people have gifted their family home to the Society but reserved the right to remain living in that home (or any replacement home) for their lifetime.

Suggested wording for your Will

I give and bequeath _____ to the Cancer Society of New Zealand Auckland Division Incorporated, to be applied for the general charitable purposes of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Auckland Division Incorporated, and in respect of such legacy, I declare that the receipt of the secretary or treasurer for the time shall constitute a full and sufficient discharge to my executor(s) and Trustees; and nor shall they be obliged to see to or enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of legacy.



If you wish you may direct that your gift assist the Cancer Society in a specific area:

Cancer Research into the treatment and causes of cancer by way of the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre which has an international reputation as a leading anti-cancer drug development laboratory.

Support Services - The Society provides a wide range of support services including fully subsidized accommodation at Domain Lodge, all of which help thousands of patients and their families every year.

Endowment - Whereby your bequest (all, or a share of) will be invested prudently by the Society in perpetuity, into a named endowment trust "The Davis Carr Domain Lodge Endowment Trust" which has been established by the Cancer Society Auckland.

Each year the Society will use a percentage of the net growth derived from this enduring fund to help sustain the annual costs of operating Domain Lodge as well as the core support services which are provided from Domain Lodge.

Essentially gifting in support of endowment enables the benefactor to make an enduring contribution to the work of the Society as well as an annual gift in support of core support services.



Background to the Cancer Society's Endowment

In the last quarter of 2007, a joint lead gift of \$2.3 Million was secured by two valued benefactors; The Sir Ernest Davis Endowment Trust and the Ted & Mollie Carr Endowment Trust.

Sir Ernest Davis was Chairman of the Cancer Society Auckland from 1935 - 1948 and his daughter Mollie Carr also shared a genuine interest in the work of the Society. Both these visionary donors, by way of their Trusts were major supporters of the Domain Lodge re-development project which was completed in 1999.

We are most grateful to these benefactors for the enduring support they have awarded the Society and we are thrilled the Endowment Fund carries their name.

The Cancer Society has also been fortunate and most grateful to receive planned gifts from a number of other visionary donors. The sum total of this support has enabled the Society to invest a total of \$5.5 Million into The Davis Carr Domain Lodge Endowment Trust.

The initial fundraising goal of this endowment is \$20 Million which is the minimum the Society needs to be able to sustain Domain Lodge support services. All benefactors will be awarded enduring naming recognition.

If you have made provision for the Cancer Society in your Will and would like to keep in touch with our activities please phone 09 308 0242 or send us this coupon.

This coupon can be folded, taped, then sent in confidence to the Cancer Society by Freepost.

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