



## With *your* help there is hope

It is difficult to pretend cancer doesn't exist. Most of us know a friend, family member, neighbour or colleague whose life has been turned upside down by cancer. For many of us, this has been a personal and life changing experience. Cancer touches us all, making no allowance for age, income, address or occupation. Cancer simply doesn't discriminate.

The Cancer Society exists to help all people affected by cancer and your support on Daffodil Day this year will ensure we are able to continue doing this.

It is hard to believe it is almost twelve months since the first earthquake struck the Canterbury region on 4 September. Since then, over 7300 aftershocks have continued to remind us of our vulnerability and the power of nature. At times it has been a hard and difficult road. But it is important to remember that this road is so much more difficult to negotiate when you are coping with cancer. Frazzled nerves, broken houses, limited services and an uncertain future do not make a cancer diagnosis any easier to deal with.

I had hoped by Daffodil Day I would have been in a position to let you know the future of the Cancer Society buildings in the central city. Unfortunately, like many other homeowners and businesses, we are still waiting to hear about the status of our land and property. As I prepare this letter, we are investigating the options of rental property.

Throughout the Canterbury West Coast Division our cancer services continue to be very much in demand. Daffodil House – our home away from home for those who have to travel to Christchurch for their Oncology treatment - is constantly at maximum capacity, with staff always searching to find suitable motels for all our referrals.

Coping with cancer is stressful. It can help to talk to an understanding person who can be trusted to offer reliable information. Sometimes it may be important to talk to someone from outside your immediate family and friendships. Factual information can help reduce anxiety and fear and assist people to become confident in their ability to cope. The Cancer Society is available to meet these support and information needs through our Oncology Nurses in the Cancer Information Service 0800 CANCER (226 237).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Cancer Society. It is only through your generosity and the willingness of our trained volunteers that we can continue to work towards reducing the impact of cancer on people's lives and make a difference in the incidence of cancer in our community.

**Please give generously this year for Daffodil Day, because with your help there is hope.**

Kind regards

Elizabeth Chesterman  
 Chief Executive

*You will not be able to go back to what it was like, but you can go forward by using the creative, innovative, sustainable opportunities that are already there. It will be a challenge, and it will be huge, but the city can be stronger and more beautiful than it was before".*

*Art Agnos - 39<sup>th</sup> Mayor of San Francisco*



### Here is my gift

- \$25     \$50     \$100  
 \$250     \$500     other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I've enclosed a cheque made out to the Cancer Society of New Zealand Canterbury West Coast Division Inc.

Please debit my:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex

Card number:

Name on card: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_    Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to make regular donations by automatic payment  
 Please send me information on leaving a bequest in my Will  
 Tick here if you do not wish to be on our mailing list

Donations of \$5 or more are receipted and are eligible for tax deductions

**thank you**