

Let's Connect...



... with the Cancer Society and its services

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Mission Statement

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

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Mark the date and help us celebrate!

This year marks our 20th Daffodil Day and we invite you to help celebrate this milestone with us. Over the years there have been many outstanding Daffodil Day fundraising events held on or around this special day and we anticipate that 2010 will be no different! So, consider bringing together your friends, family, school, work group or club and have a morning tea, shave your heads, organise a raffle, host a golf day on our behalf, dress in yellow for the day, have a mad hatters tea party at work ... the list of fun opportunities is endless!



To support you, the Cancer Society has a list of fundraising ideas and can supply you with posters, donation boxes and fabric daffodils. All you need to do is contact a Cancer Society Centre near you or email daffodilday@canty.cancernz.org.nz

Relay For Life

The sun shone brightly on both of our Relay For Life events this year and, once again, the Cancer Society has been overwhelmed at the community response to our events in Greymouth and Christchurch.

Relay For Life is not only an opportunity for the Cancer Society to promote important messages to the community but it also enables the Society to celebrate the work achieved and to reconnect with people who have received services from the Cancer Society. Once again the participants mentioned that the survivors' lap of honour and the candlelight ceremony were the most moving and memorable parts of the event.

Special thanks are extended to the volunteer committees, the team captains and their team members, the sponsors and to everyone who contributed to the team fundraising.

The key staff members and volunteers involved in our Relay For Life events are looking forward to attending an update about Relay For Life from the American Cancer Society staff and volunteers when they travel to New Zealand in July.



Six year old Camille Perelini studies her candlebag at the Christchurch event.

Relay For Life is a fun community event and we encourage everyone to join us for our 2011 events when we will **Celebrate** the lives of those living with cancer, **Remember** and honour those who have been lost to cancer and **Fight Back** against a disease that affects one in three New Zealanders.

Plans are now underway for events in Christchurch, Timaru and Buller for 2011. Please keep an eye out in future newsletters for 2011 *Relay For Life* dates and confirmed venues.

Pink walkers taking the track in Greymouth



The Cancer Society is a non-government organisation, dependent on community support and donations, serving the people of Canterbury and the West Coast.

Men's cancer support group formed

A new Men's Cancer Support group has been formed on the West Coast and held its inaugural meeting on 22 April. Cancer survivors Adam Gilshnan, Trevor Crestani and Gary Coghlan identified the need for men who are affected by cancer to have the opportunity to meet other men who were in a similar situation.

Adam says "the meetings will create an environment where blokes can come along and be able to talk openly." Jenny Kenning, West Coast Cancer Society Co-ordinator, says the group will meet a need for many local men and says "As the Cancer Society doesn't get many GP referrals at the time of diagnosis they are keen for men to come forward and attend the meetings. They will be assured of great support."



For more information about this new Men's Support Group, please contact the West Coast Centre on 03 768 9557.

**Any
Cancer,
Any
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Special thanks to

- The Sand Dunes Classic Trust in Hokitika for their generous donation of \$3,000, part proceeds from the annual golf classic – given in support of Daffodil and Davidson Houses.
- The Timaru Scottish Society for their donation of \$1,000 – in support of the work of the Cancer Society South Canterbury Centre.
- The Woolston Branch of the ANZ Bank for their donation of \$103.10 from their annual "blue" day.
- The Cancer Society Kaikoura Support Group for \$1000.00 – to cover the cost of reupholstering the chairs at Davidson House.

Davidson and Daffodil House receive generous support

It has been nearly a year since Daffodil House on Papanui Road was opened and during that time residents have mentioned how useful it would be to have bed-settees in the rooms. It is also twelve years since Davidson House was opened and many hundreds of residents have stayed in the rooms, so this year sees the second stage replacement of all the beds.

The Cancer Society has been overwhelmed at the generous support received from various groups around our Division which will allow us to purchase the bed settees and replacement beds. We are especially grateful to Don and Lorna Hayman for their support in approaching a variety of community groups to gather the required funds.



Generous donations have been received from:

- The Rotary Club of Waimate – \$1300.00
- The Rotary Club of Timaru North – \$1500.00
- The Rotary Club of Timaru – \$1500.00
- The Cancer Society Support Services Group in Blenheim – \$4000.00
- The Otago Service Clubs Medical Trust – \$5000.00

Your donation truly does count

- ★ **\$10** will help provide turbans to women who experience hair loss through their treatment
- ★ **\$15** will help fund the volunteer driving service; transporting patients to their hospital appointments
- ★ **\$20** will help fund the information resources available at no charge to patients, their families and health professionals
- ★ **\$25** will contribute to the running costs of the Cancer Information Helpline (0800 226 237)
- ★ **\$50** will help fund practical, emotional and financial support to people with cancer and their caregivers
- ★ **\$100** will help provide accommodation, transport and support at Davidson House and Daffodil House for a patient and their caregiver when they have to travel to Christchurch for their treatment
- ★ **\$500** will go towards the cost of funding research into the causes of cancer and into improved treatments

But any donation, no matter how large or small, will make a difference in the life of someone living with cancer.

Christchurch Hospital Re-development Plans



Public submissions closed on 4 May 2010 regarding the proposed re-development of the Christchurch Hospital site. This far reaching proposal has major implications for the future provision of South Island health services. The Canterbury District Health Board and the Christchurch City Council have been consulting with the community because of the wide implications of their proposals and because changes in legislation and resource consent will be required. The Cancer Society was keen to assist as many people in our Division to find out about these plans, to ask the important questions and to encourage people to exercise their democratic rights through a submission. A very well attended meeting of volunteers, patients and staff was organised by the Cancer Society and held in Christchurch on Thursday 22 April. Representatives from the DHB and City Council presented their plans and answered a variety of pertinent and important questions from the floor. In its advocacy role, the Cancer Society will be forwarding a formal submission, which will ensure its voice is heard and considered in the ongoing development of these plans, and will keep *Let's Connect* readers up to date about progress through this quarterly newsletter.

A refresh and a new office

Both the Oncology Outpatient's and Radiation Oncology waiting areas at Christchurch Hospital have recently had a well deserved revamp. As part of the "refresh" Cancer Society Volunteer Driving Co-ordinator Christine Hope's new office, is now located within the waiting area on the Lower Ground Floor.

Cancer Society refreshment volunteers are also based in the "refreshed" waiting areas where they provide a much appreciated coffee or tea to patients and visitors as they wait for their appointments.

House and Garden Tours

**NZHOUSE
& GARDEN
Tours 2010**

Over 4500 people from across the country had an opportunity to venture "beyond the garden gate" into homes in Christchurch, Auckland, Wellington and Omaha/Matakana. Forty fabulous homes and gardens opened their gates and doors to raise \$215,000.00 nationally. These funds will be shared between the Cancer Society and the charity Look Good Feel Better.

The Cancer Society is extremely grateful to the team at New Zealand House and Garden who organised the event and to the homeowners who opened their homes for people to visit. Special thanks must also be made to the four and half thousand people who purchased tickets (almost 900 for the Christchurch event) and to the hundreds of volunteers who assisted on the day.





Tranz Alpine
Scooter Safari
Cancer Society
May 29th 2010

On Saturday May 29th 2010, scooterists will conquer the Alps in the second Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari.

The Scooter Safari is an endurance ride, coast to coast, Christchurch to Hokitika, a journey of more than 250km to raise funds for the New Zealand Cancer Society.

The Safari is not a race – it's an awareness-raising and fundraising event for the survivors, families of those with cancer and those committed to making a difference.

Join the ride - Donate - Find out more
www.scootersafari.co.nz

Cancer Society Ball



"Golden Nights" the Cancer Society's annual ball will be held this year on Saturday 26 June. Patricia Proctor and her creative team will transform the Christchurch Convention Centre into a wonderful ballroom where guests will dance the night away to two live bands and enjoy fine dining and wine. This year we celebrate a special milestone with our 21st ball and are looking forward to another wonderful evening.

The Cancer Society would like to acknowledge the support received from the many individuals and businesses who assist with the planning and organisation of the ball, all our sponsors especially Millennium Hotels and Resorts, Singapore Airlines and Vbase Venue Management Group.

To find out more about the Ball or to purchase tickets, please contact the Cancer Society on 03 379 5835 or email ball@canty.cancernz.org.nz

Volunteers have been busy

Volunteers are a vital component of the Cancer Society and enable us to deliver our community services and programmes.

Volunteer orientation sessions have been undertaken in Ashburton and Christchurch and an orientation day is planned for the West Coast and in North Canterbury later in May. In South Canterbury rural workshops have already been held in some areas along with a volunteer driver information meeting.

Our Ellesmere volunteers have been busily sewing turbans which are greatly appreciated by those people with cancer related hair loss. In Twizel, the local volunteers provided the sunscreen for the recent Maadi Cup Rowing Regatta.

In addition to the regular and ongoing volunteer activities, which include driving, baking, reception duties, CancerConnect, home and hospital and the myriad of other jobs volunteers do on a daily basis, volunteers have also been busy supporting Relay For Life, assisting at the Ellerslie Flower Show, The Bridal Show and the House and Garden Tours. For all of this generous and often unsolicited help, the Cancer Society says a great big THANK YOU.

A much appreciated service

The Cancer Society volunteer driving service is a key part of the Cancer Society's core services. Volunteer drivers are used to transport patients to and from their medical appointments at the Oncology Department, Christchurch Hospital and for some of these patients the trips could be from as far afield as South Canterbury. Whilst the patients and their families helped by the volunteer drivers are very appreciative of the personalised service, we know that the volunteers are also well rewarded as most of them tell us that it is great to be able to help and to know they are doing something that people appreciate.

Christine Hope, Cancer Society Driving Coordinator is the key in matching patients with volunteer drivers and she is very experienced in doing this. In March this year, Christine marked 25 years of Cancer Society service. She is based in the waiting area on the lower ground floor in Oncology Department at Christchurch Hospital and is linked into the hospital system so that volunteers are organised to collect patients from their homes and have them at the hospital in time for their appointment. Christine's good working relationship with the hospital staff ensures this is a straightforward process and is one less stress in the lives of people receiving cancer treatment.

In the past year volunteer drivers have driven around 900 patients to 6178 appointments at Christchurch Hospital. These figures do not include the 4588 appointments that patients have used the Cancer Society shuttle for, or the additional volunteer drives that are organised by Support Service staff members to transport patients to and from their local doctor or to appointments within their local community.

If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer driver please contact your local Cancer Society Centre.

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DIARY DATES:

Saturday 29 May	Tranz Alpine Scooter Safari – visit www.scootersafari.co.nz
Saturday 26 June	Cancer Society Ball
Friday 27 August	DAFFODIL DAY
Sunday 5 September	Spring Charity Wedding Show, 10am - 4pm, Horticultural Hall Christchurch
February 2011	Relay For Life Buller
March 2011	Relay For Life Christchurch
12-13 March 2011	Relay For Life Timaru

Telephone 03 379 5835 for further information

Can you help on Daffodil Day?



Can you spare a couple of hours of your time on Friday 27 August 2010 to help us collect?

Or would you like to help with some of our other Daffodil Day activities such as our business house phoneout (volunteers sell bunches of fresh daffodils by telephone to businesses).

Send us your contact telephone number and an area co-ordinator will be in touch.

YES! I would like to help with Daffodil Day

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Daytime

_____ Evening

Have you collected for Daffodil Day before? Yes No

I'd like to help by _____

Preferred collection area _____

Please return in the freepost envelope provided.