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### **Cancer Society Recognises Hard Working Volunteers**

Today 17 dedicated Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society volunteers and two community groups were recognised at the annual volunteer awards function.

Judy Gould, Cancer Society CEO, says the awards celebrate and acknowledge the valuable contribution made by volunteers to the Cancer Society and the support these volunteers give to those in the community affected by cancer.

“Not only is it an opportunity to thank those receiving awards but this provides us a chance to show our appreciation, in a small way, to the many, many people in the community who so willingly give their time to assist the Cancer Society.”

The Cancer Society’s volunteer awards were held at the Southwell School’s new Performing Arts Centre with volunteers enjoying an afternoon tea and entertainment by a Barbershop Quartet from Hamilton.

“The Cancer Society receives no direct government funding and relies solely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors to continue to provide our free support services.”

Volunteer roles can range from driving people to and from appointments, visiting people in hospital and at home, providing administrative and clerical support as well as helping with fundraising events such as Daffodil Day and Relay For Life.

“Further out in the community there are also Cancer Society volunteer support groups operating with assistance from the Cancer Society.”

She says the society is always looking for volunteers who have a positive attitude, communicate well with others and can show initiative.

More ...

To get involved in your community as a Cancer Society volunteer please call 07 838 2027 or 0800 22 77 44 or visit [www.cancersociety.org.nz](http://www.cancersociety.org.nz) for more information.

Cancer Society Volunteer Award winners for 2008 were:

### **Long Service Award**

- Kaye Nelson Pio Pio
- Clive Cleland Hamilton
- Dr David Taylor Rotorua

### **Most Dependable and Willing volunteer**

- Marilyn Cooper Cambridge
- Ngaire Ander Morrinsville
- Tom Dinning Hamilton
- Gerry O'Neill Hamilton
- Max Hodson Hamilton
- Maureen Sherborne Hamilton
- Keith Smith Hamilton
- Julie Pickerill Hamilton
- Val Jones Hamilton
- Helen Smith Hamilton

### **Outstanding contribution by a volunteer**

- Glenys Taylor Morrinsville

### **Most versatile volunteer**

- June Styles Te Awamutu
- Sister Mary David Cambridge
- Audrey Palmer Whitianga

### **Community Services Award**

- Opotiki Quota Club Opotiki
- Women's Cancer Support Group Waikato

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### **Editor's Note:**

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Division of the Cancer Society of New Zealand Inc is a non-profit organisation that receives no direct financial support from the Government. We are funded by bequests and donations from the public as well as fundraising activities.

***We are committed to minimising the impact of cancer in our communities by providing:***

- Quality support services for people affected by cancer
- Education to promote early detection and help reduce the risk of cancer
- Free information and resources on cancer
- Support for research into the causes, prevention, detection and treatment of cancer