

This Volunteer Awareness Week we celebrate and acknowledge the enormous contribution Cancer Society volunteers make to our organisation and to the lives of people affected by



cancer throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

The theme for Volunteer Awareness Week this year is ‘volunteering across the generations’. In health promotion, support services, fundraising and all areas of our work there is a variety of ways people of all generations support the work of the Cancer Society.

Teenagers involved in our Smokefree Youth Ambassadors programme are campaigning to make New Zealand 100 percent Smokefree. Many recently retired are driving people to treatment or helping collate information packs for people newly diagnosed with cancer. Within the volunteer driving service, for example, there are volunteers who have been supporting our work for over 20 years. Their children were small when they accompanied them and they are now, as young adults, volunteering with the Cancer Society themselves.

Cancer Society volunteers often say things like “I enjoy the opportunity to meet people and, in some way, help them on their cancer journey.” and “Working as a volunteer is one of the most rewarding paths I have followed...”.

Thank you to those people around the country who support and enhance our work in over 160 different [volunteer roles](#)—we couldn’t do this without your contribution.