

Your Will Information Guide

What will your legacy be?

Cancer Society of New Zealand Wellington Division Inc.
Covering: Marlborough, Nelson, Wairarapa and Greater Wellington



**Cancer
Society**

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku
o Aotearoa



Why I have left a bequest

Cancer will have an impact on us all in some way during our lifetime - it has touched several members of my extended family, young and old. I have had the privilege of seeing the great work that the Cancer Society does for people on their cancer journey, in cancer research and in educating people about how to reduce the risk of cancer. The demand

for our services and support continues to grow year on year. By leaving a bequest, it is a very tangible way for me to help the Cancer Society continue its work.

Michael Smith

Michael Smith, Chief Executive,
Cancer Society Wellington



The importance of having a Will

Do you know what happens to your property if you die without a Will? It does not all automatically pass to your partner or children; in fact it may not go to the people you think should receive it at all.

Did you know that if you get married your Will automatically becomes invalid (unless it was specially made in contemplation of your marriage to the other person)?

Did you know that the last Will you made might still be valid, even if it was made 20, 30 or 40 years ago? It's quite likely that the decisions you made at that time are no longer appropriate now.

All of the above are interesting facts about Wills. The real fact is that everyone should have a Will - you included, and you should review it every few years (or sooner if you have a change of circumstances).

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Simply by having an up to date Will, not only do you get to choose what you want to happen after you have passed away, but the process of carrying out your wishes is much simpler for those left behind. If you don't have a Will please look into making one. The process is easier than you might imagine. If you already have a Will, get it out and have a read through it to make sure that it still suits your circumstances.

Your bequest helps transform lives and make a lasting difference in your community

The best time to make your Will is now



Things to consider when making your will

The value of your estate

To prepare a Will, begin by making a list of your assets (for example your home or your car) and debts. Be sure to include the contents of safe deposit boxes, family treasures, and other assets that you wish to transfer to a particular person or entity.

Who you want to include

Your Will is your chance to say how you'd like your assets to be gifted after you're gone. These can be anything you own including specific items, money, property, or a percentage of your estate.

Nominate Guardians

If you have children under the age of 18, adult dependents or even your pets, you'll need to decide who you would like to take care of them if you die.

Who you would like to look after your Estate

The people who handle your affairs after you're gone are called Executors. Your executor is the person/people who takes responsibility for your estate after your passing. It's usual for two people to share the task of executing your Will. Clearly name your executor(s) and get their approval in advance

What funeral arrangements you would like

Your Will also provides you with the opportunity to say what you'd like to happen at your funeral, which can greatly help your loved ones in their time of grief.

How do I make a Will?

It is best to consult a legal professional to prepare your Will or make amendments to it. They know how to make it legal and can ensure that your wishes are clearly understood. Before making your Will, you'll want to consider who will benefit from your estate.

Can I change my existing Will?

Yes, it's a simple process to change a Will by consulting your legal advisor and adding a clause known as a Codicil.

Leaving a gift to charity

We may have not been able to give as generously during our lives as we might like. Leaving a gift in your Will is a great way to support the vital work of charities you have always wanted to support but were unable to.



After taking care of your family and loved ones, you may also like to include the Cancer Society in your Will. The formal name is Cancer Society Wellington, and our charity number is CC10067.

The Cancer Society can assist with a \$250 (plus GST) contribution towards your legal service costs, find out how on page 7 of this guide.

John's Story

"Including the Cancer Society in my Will was a sensible thing to do."

When I was diagnosed with prostate cancer 12 years ago, I started a gruelling combination of radiotherapy, chemotherapy and hormone therapy. It was a pretty grim time. I came across the Cancer Society during my treatment and joined a support group they organised for men who were going through the same thing.

That was incredibly helpful because there were a lot of things that I just couldn't talk about with anyone else. That was very important to me.

It wasn't until my wife Siân was diagnosed with ovarian cancer a few years later that I became more actively involved with the Cancer Society. Six months into her treatment we were told that some of the cancer couldn't be cured and that she'd only have a few months to live.

The thing we felt really frustrated by was the fact that we both knew about cervical and breast cancer and Siân was always vigilant about getting tested. But ovarian cancer was something we just didn't know about. Siân died the next year. Together with Cancer Society I have created a leaflet about ovarian cancer and sent it to every GP's waiting room in Wellington.

"I spoke to our children about it and they understood how much it meant to me."

At that stage I was already donating regularly to the Cancer Society because of the support I received during my treatment. But after Siân's death I decided to leave a gift in my Will. Given they had been a



The Bolland Family. From left: John, Daniel, Angharad and Siân

significant part of our lives, including them in my Will was a sensible thing to do. I spoke to our children about it and they backed me up, understanding how much it meant to me.

Whoever you are and wherever you are, you would almost certainly know someone who has cancer or who has died of cancer. By including the Cancer Society in my Will, I feel good

knowing that I'll be making life easier for patients and their families. When Siân died I realised that had she had better information she probably would've gone to the GP sooner. With help and information from the Cancer Society, if someone goes to the doctor as soon as symptoms appear and survives as a result, I know that my bequest will have been truly worthwhile.



Siân

If Siân went the doctor sooner she might've had a chance of coming out the other side.

I'm grateful the Cancer Society is committed to raising awareness.

You can't give the gift of life, but you can improve people's chances. That's a very worthy cause.

Leaving a Gifts in Wills

Gifts in Wills, however large or small, make a huge impact and help us continue to meet the increasing demand for our services. They allow us to support people affected by cancer and their whānau today, and help reduce the incidence and impact of cancer for future generations.

1 Making the decision

After taking care of your family and loved ones, you may decide to include a gift in your Will to Cancer Society. We do suggest discussing your decision with family first before going ahead.

2 Contact us

Once you have decided to leave a gift to Cancer Society in your Will, you can contact our Gifts in Wills coordinator, Judith Langridge, for a confidential discussion at bequest@cancersoc.org.nz or 0800 467 345. She can also advise if there are any requirements or wording which will help make sure your gift is used in the way you intended.

3 Discuss your options with your lawyer or the Public Trust

Seek advice from a lawyer when drafting your Will as the wording is very important. Your lawyer can also advise you about the different types of gifts and which is best for your circumstances e.g. whether to leave a percentage of your estate, a specific sum of money, or property or other assets.



4 Receive a \$250 towards your legal costs

Once you have made a gift in your Will to us, you can arrange for your lawyer or the Public Trust to send us an account for up to \$250 + GST towards the cost of your legal fees.

5 Confirmation of your gift & joining the Hope Fellowship

Please let us know as soon as you have left a gift in your Will. It is also a good idea to let your family know that your Will has been updated. Our Gifts in Wills coordinator Judith Langridge will offer you lifetime membership of the Hope Fellowship as our way of expressing our heartfelt thanks and keep you up to date on the future use of your funds. We value your privacy, so all discussions will be 100% confidential.

We love to meet all our bequestors and thank them in person, so please feel free to come and visit us in the office. You will be able to see the names of other people like you who have left gifts in Wills and take a selfie with your name on the board!

Contact

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Why I'm leaving a bequest to the Cancer Society



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Tell us a bit about yourself.

My name is Jon and I've been retired for 20 years. I got involved with the Cancer Society as a volunteer around 16 years ago. That was not long after my partner was diagnosed with breast cancer. I supported her through that and then later the same year I was diagnosed with leukaemia and had to have chemo.

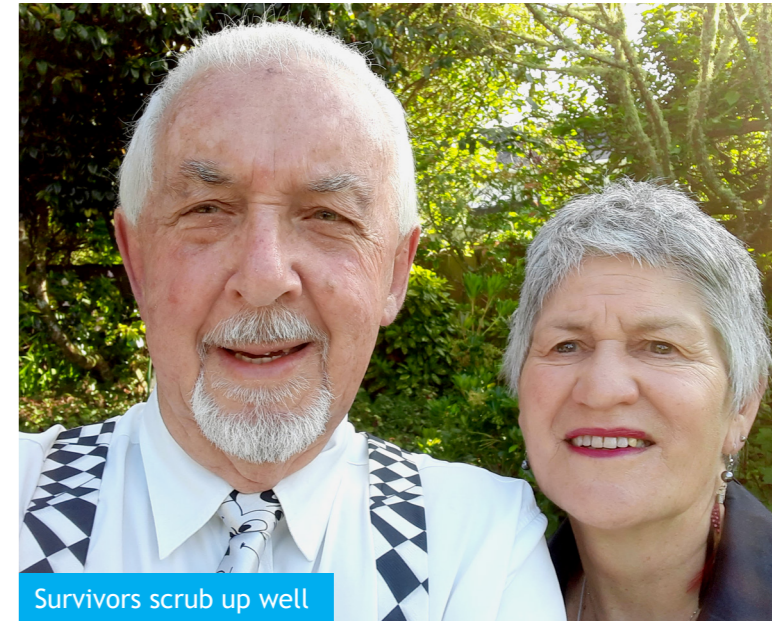
Why did you decide to volunteer for the Cancer Society?

After my treatment I really felt I had to do something, otherwise I think I would've gone stir crazy at home. It keeps me out of mischief! I volunteer to drive patients to and from their appointments - it gives them a smooth and trouble-free experience during a very hard time in their lives. They're under enough stress as it is. I also visit patients once a week, just to sit and talk or read with them. Other times they might get cabin fever and want to go out, so I'll take them for a drive to grab a coffee and just talk and relax.

Why are you leaving a bequest to the Cancer Society?

Having had family with cancer and being personally affected myself, it was a no-brainer as far as I was concerned. I definitely understand the mental and emotional toll it can have on people and their families. A lot of the patients I meet really appreciate things like transport and accommodation during their treatment. The Cancer Society relies solely on donations and receives no direct government funding, so without donors their services would have to be stripped back and they wouldn't be able to help as many people as they do now.

“What the Cancer Society provides is so important, especially for patients who are struggling financially. Without the driving service it would be much harder for them to get to appointments. That kind of support makes things a lot less stressful.”



Survivors scrub up well

What impact do you hope your gift will make for cancer patients?

When I talk to the patients I work with, I can see straight away how relieved they are to get help. I think that's a big part of their treatment - by taking the pressure off and helping them feel more relaxed and peaceful, I think that benefits them a great deal with their therapy and recovery. I feel quite happy about that. I'm doing some good to people that are less well-off than I am.



*Why we are leaving
a bequest to the
Cancer Society*

We have left a bequest in our Wills because we believe the Cancer Society does a great job in supporting those who have cancer.

We have been affected by cancer personally, and as a wider family, over the last two decades. During treatment we used the facilities of the Cancer Society in Wellington, and also found the support and information provided invaluable.

“We give annually but also want to give in the future. So we have made a bequest in our Wills, which was a very easy process. Our bequest is a percentage of the estate, so we do not have to worry about specifying dollar amounts. It is a very simple way to continue supporting the Cancer Society.”

Robin and Ferial have been supporting the Cancer Society for over 16 years. After using our services for many years and having many positive experiences during that time, they decided to leave a gift to Cancer Society in their Wills.



*Letting us know
you've helped*

The Hope Fellowship

We encourage you to let us know when you have made a gift to the Cancer Society in your Will, as this helps us to plan for future projects - an incredibly important part of our work. This information is of course 100% confidential.

When you contact us to tell us about your wishes, we will also offer you lifetime membership of the Hope Fellowship. It's our small way of acknowledging your commitment and generosity, and allows us the opportunity of engaging with you on the future use of your funds.

As a member of the Hope Fellowship, you will receive:

- A lapel pin to commemorate the promise of a gift in your Will
- The choice to have your name on the Hope Fellowship honour board
- With your consent, a special mention in appropriate Cancer Society publications.

Whether you choose to join the Hope Fellowship is completely up to you. We understand that sometimes supporters wish to remain anonymous, and of course we always respect the wishes of those who prefer to keep their gifts in Wills confidential.



Contact Judith on 0800 467 345 to join today.

HOW WE HELP



Any Cancer, Any Question
0800 CANCER Helpline



Cancer information
and resources



Support groups and
workshops



Counselling and
Massage services



Exercise and
wellbeing classes



Transport to
treatment



Patient
accommodation



Health
promotion



Volunteer visitors at
home and hospital



Advocacy



Cancer research



We're always here for emotional support when things get tough.

For answers, support or just a chat, call us on 0800 CANCER.



Please contact us today to discuss leaving a bequest, and how we can thank you by contributing towards the costs of your legal fees.

Contact our Donor Care Team
0800 467 345 or email bequest@cancersoc.org.nz

Thank you

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