

You matter because you are you , and you matter to the end of your life. We will do all we can not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die.”

Dame Cicely Saunders, nurse, physician and writer, and founder of the hospice movement (1918-2005)



This pamphlet has been designed to give you some assistance with making a Will and to show how you can help Hospice Mid-Northland

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Your gift will
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“For it is in the giving that we receive.”

Francis of Assisi

About Hospice Mid-Northland

Hospice Mid-Northland provides care and support for people who are dying and their families, completely free of charge. We support our patients and their families whenever they want to be, and for most of them, that is at home. We aim to keep people in their homes, symptom free, for as long as possible.

How your bequest will help:

You can make a lasting gift to help those who need our care.

A bequest is an excellent way to contribute to the Hospice, thereby enabling the continuation of our services.

We are 46% funded by the Northland District Health Board, leaving a \$ 2 million shortfall we must fundraise from the community each year.

Why do you need a Will?

Your Will is a unique and clear record of your wishes. Making a plain English legal Will enables you to provide for the needs of your family, as well as the charities you choose to support.

Many of us put off making a Will, but if you die without leaving one, the law, not you, will decide what happens to your estate. There is no guarantee that those you care about will be taken care of.

Thinking about your Will

Before you make a Will, or change your existing one, you need to think carefully about how you wish to distribute your assets. You may choose to make a charitable donation to ensure the organisation you have supported during your lifetime is helped in the future.

The perfect way to help

To ensure services of the Hospice Mid-Northland remaining free and accessible to all indefinitely, we have established a Foundation Trust. Capital from this fund will be invested and the interest will be used to support Hospice Mid-Northland services.

Contributing to this fund with a bequest means you can express your thanks and support in a practical way.

How do I make a Will?

As a Will is a legal document, it is important to seek the right advice and wording. Your solicitor or trustee company can also help you with this.

How do I update my existing Will?

Your solicitor or trustee company can easily add a codicil to your existing Will to incorporate your bequest to the Hospice Mid-Northland.

Bequest Club

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for your gift. Please let us know if you have left a bequest to us as we would like to thank you for this special gesture.

When you let us know, you will automatically become a member of the Bequest Club. Please be assured your membership and bequest is kept completely confidential.

You can provide a gift for general funding.

Sample wording for a gift to Hospice Mid-Northland.

“I give Hospice Mid-Northland. Northland (_____% of the residue of my estate, or sum of money, or write a description of property or assets) for general purposes, for which the receipt of the Chief Executive Officer, or other proper officer, shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees.”

Or you can provide a gift to the Foundation Trust

(_____% of the residue of my estate, or sum of money, or write a description of property or assets) for investment purposes, for which the receipt of the Chief Executive Officer, or other proper officer, shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Your gift makes a real difference.



Six easy steps to make a Will

1. Advice

A Will is a legal document. Legal words have defined meanings so it can be unwise to write your own, just one simple mistake can render it invalid.

2. Value your assets

You may be surprised to find out how much your total assets are worth.

3. Who do you want to benefit?

People who benefit from your Will may include family, relatives, friends and charities. Make a list of names and addresses and specify what you would like each beneficiary to have. You can make specific bequests of property, possession or money but remember that what seems like a considerable amount now may be significantly reduced by inflation as the years pass. Nominating a percentage to each beneficiary is a fair way to distribute your estate to Hospice Mid-Northland.

4. The residue of your estate

After your estate is assessed and specific gifts distributed, funeral and administration expenses and any other debts allowed for, anything left over is called the residue. You can give all or part of the residue to Hospice Mid-Northland.

5. You executor and trustee

Your executor and trustee are responsible for carrying out your wishes and for paying your beneficiaries. You can appoint family or friends, a trustee or your solicitor.

6. The legal document

To have legal status, your Will is signed and witnessed by two people who are not beneficiaries or you Will or another legal advisor will guide you. Keep your Will in a safe place. You can decide to keep your Will at the bank or with your solicitor or trustee company. Tell a family member or close friend where the original Will is kept.

