

Your life, your legacy for a future of hope.

Give the greatest gift.

Help protect future
generations of
New Zealanders from the
heartbreak of cancer.



Cancer Society

Te Kāhui Matepukupuku o Aotearoa

Your lasting legacy

Creating a Will is one of the most significant decisions you will make, ensuring your wishes are honoured and providing peace of mind for those you care about most.

Alongside providing for your whānau (family) and loved ones, many people also choose to include a charitable gift. This is a meaningful way to carry your values and memories into the future – allowing your generosity to live on and improve lives long after you are gone.

“Leaving a legacy gift gives my life a purpose – I’m leaving something to those facing cancer who need help. It helps me to honour my parents who I miss so much, and it gives hope for the future.”

– Joy included a gift in her Will to honour the memory of her parents.



Why leave a gift to Cancer Society Wellington in your Will?

Cancer touches nearly every whānau across New Zealand — and the need for our services continues to grow.

Every day, 81 people are diagnosed, and around 10,500 New Zealanders will die from cancer this year. Without action, new diagnoses are projected to rise from over 30,000 in 2025 to more than 45,000 by 2044. These are not just numbers — they are parents, partners, grandparents and friends in communities.

Around a third of all cancers could be prevented. The tools exist, and the opportunity to act is clear.

A gift in your Will helps us continue to support whānau through cancer while investing in prevention and early detection for future generations.

The outlook in numbers

1:3 

New Zealanders will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

10,500 of us

die from cancer each year.

Unders 50s

have noticeably more early-onset cancers.

30,000

are diagnosed with cancer each year (excluding non-melanoma skin cancers) — **81 people a day.**

x2

Māori are **twice as likely** to die from cancer than non-Māori.

30–50%

of cancers can be prevented.

“There are lots of people out there like me who don’t have family and need a lot of support when going through cancer. This was my opportunity to give back to the Cancer Society – leaving a gift in my Will made sense.”

– Ana, breast cancer survivor



Your gift can **help us with...**

For generations, the Cancer Society New Zealand has stood alongside people affected by cancer, providing care, comfort, and dedicated support since 1929.

As someone who understands the importance of this work, you may have seen firsthand the difference it makes—whether for yourself, someone close to you, or within your community.

We are self-funded and rely on the generosity of New Zealanders to help do our vital work.

The Cancer Society Wellington Division supports people across Greater Wellington, Wairarapa, Nelson-Tasman and Marlborough. We are part of our communities, and we rely on the ongoing generosity of people like you to continue being there when it matters most.

We are the only cancer charity that supports all people affected by cancer, regardless of type—because every person’s experience matters, and no one should face cancer alone.

With your help, we can continue this care and be there for people affected by cancer, for their caregivers and whānau, now and in the future.

Any gift you leave to us will stay within your community, unless you indicate otherwise in your Will.

Every person, every cancer.



“I don’t like to talk about vulnerabilities and things like that, but I decided I needed to do something. Talking to a Cancer Society counsellor I felt valued, respected, cared for and that I was a person, a man, not just a statistic”.

- **Pete**, prostate cancer survivor

Leaving a gift in your Will to the Cancer Society Wellington can help shape a brighter future for those facing cancer.



Critical support services

Providing emotional and social support through our expert Cancer Information Nurses, hospital and home visits, ensuring no one faces cancer alone.



Research

Funding lifesaving, world-class research through our Research Grants Programme to find ways to reduce, treat, and eradicate cancer.



Free accommodation

Providing a comfortable 'home away from home' at our Margaret Stewart House near Wellington Hospital, easing the financial strain for patients and whānau travelling for treatment.



Free transport and parking for treatment

Ensuring free transport to treatment safely with our volunteer drivers and a free car park next to Wellington Hospital.



Support & promote health education

Through programmes like our SunSmart, SmokeFree, and healthy lifestyle initiatives, helping communities reduce cancer risk and live well.



Dedicated counselling sessions

Offering specialised counselling and support group programmes to help people living with cancer and their whānau.



Advocacy

Advocating for fair and equitable health outcomes, including stronger action on tobacco control, skin cancer prevention, and access to cancer treatment and screening.

Planning **your gift**

After taking care of your family and loved ones, you may choose to include a gift in your Will to the Cancer Society Wellington. You can do this by updating your current Will or creating a new Will.

Preparing your gift in your Will

Legal wording: Charity name: The Cancer Society Wellington Division. Charity number: CC10067

Here is a sample of what you could write in your Will:

"I give to The Cancer Society Wellington Division, registered charity CC10067, the sum of _____ dollars, or a percentage of my estate, or the residue of my estate, or write a description of property or assets, free of all duties to be applied by the Cancer Society Wellington in such a manner as its Directors may determine (or for the purposes of _____). I direct that a receipt from the Cancer Society Wellington Division shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustee/ Executors."

There are several ways you can leave a gift to the Cancer Society Wellington Division in your Will. In general, there are three main types of gifts:

Residuary Gift – leaving a portion, or the remainder, of your estate to the Cancer Society Wellington Division after all other commitments have been met.

Specific Gift – leaving a specific item, such as property or shares, to the Cancer Society Wellington Division.

Pecuniary Gift – leaving a gift to the Cancer Society of Wellington Division of a nominated sum of money designated in your Will.

If you would like your gift to be used for a specific purpose, please get in touch with us.

You can either see a lawyer to prepare your Will or create one online through Safewill, which we can offer to you for \$80 (usually \$160). Safewill is New Zealand's leading Will-writing platform, and each Will is reviewed by their legal team to ensure everything is completed correctly.

Find out more at: www.safewill.com/nz/csw

We value every gift, no matter what form or amount.



"What the Cancer Society provides is so important. Having had family with cancer and being personally affected myself, it was a no-brainer to leave a bequest to the Cancer Society."

– Jon, Bequestor

Thank you

We are extremely grateful to every person who includes a gift in their Will to The Cancer Society Wellington, and we would love to say “thank you” for supporting future generations in this special way. You could also become a lifetime member of the Hope Fellowship, a very special group of valued supporters

We understand this is a special and personal decision. If you are considering, or have included a gift in your Will to The Cancer Society Wellington, we would love to hear from you to share the impact your generous decision can have.

Response Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

We understand choosing to leave a gift in this way is an important and personal decision. Please tick which most reflects your current thoughts on leaving a gift in your Will to The Cancer Society:

- I have already left a gift in my Will to The Cancer Society Wellington.
- I would like to include The Cancer Society Wellington in my Will.
- I am considering this as an option but have not yet decided.
- I have not thought about this before but would like more information.
- I am not considering this as an option, currently.

Thank you for sharing, we appreciate your time and consideration.

Please return this form to us at:

Cancer Society Wellington Division,
52 Riddiford Street, Newtown,
Wellington 6021

Or contact on :

Email: bequest@cancersoc.org.nz **or Phone:** 0800 467 345 (press 4 Wellington)



Thank you for considering
leaving a gift in your Will to the Cancer
Society Wellington Division.



Scan with your phone camera to visit
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For a confidential discussion please
contact Ruchika, Bequest Lead on:

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