# Your bequest will create a better future

The Cancer Society of New Zealand Otago and Southland Division has been serving the people in Otago and Southland communities for over 85 years. Thanks to the generosity of supporters we have been able to focus on the three main areas of our works:



#### Supportive Care

We are committed to providing the very best practical support for people and families affected by a cancer diagnosis. Our Daffodil House accommodation becomes a home away from home for cancer patients and their support person when they have to travel to Dunedin for oncology services. Our professional staff, supported by volunteers, provide supportive care through diagnosis and in pre and post-treatment. We provide a free and confidential helpline service, printed booklets and brochures, access to other information and a website to answer any question on any cancer.



# Health Promotion

Our vision is a future with less cancer. The Cancer Society promotes sound nutrition and regular physical activity to reduce cancer risk. Every year 5000 New Zealanders die from tobacco-related illnesses so we are committed to the Smokefree 2025 goal which means 95% or more of NZers will be smoke free by then. New Zealand, along with Australia, has the world's highest rate of skin cancer. Our SunSmart Schools Programme teaches students to protect themselves from the sun and helps reduce skin cancer risk by creating SunSmart environments.



#### Research Through ongoing research and grants, scientists and researchers are developing more effective, less invasive treatments that are better tolerated, reducing stress and trauma for patients and their families. The Cancer Society is New Zealand's largest independent funder of cancer research but there is still much work to be done. Bequests are critical to ensure these life-changing discoveries and work continue.



Daffodil House, our Supportive Care accommodation for cancer treatment patients, Great King Street, Dunedin



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# Leave a lasting legacy

# Wills and Bequests



Many people are surprised to learn that the Cancer Society receives no direct government funding. It is only through bequests, donations and the ongoing support of thousands of New Zealanders that we can maintain and expand our support programmes, research, health promotion and advocacy.

Please consider leaving a bequest to the Cancer Society in your Will.

# A current Will is a good Will

A Will is the best way to provide for those you leave behind. It is important to update your existing Will from time to time to reflect changes, such as the arrival of children and grandchildren.

Please consider leaving a bequest to the Cancer Society in your Will. By doing so, you are giving beyond your lifetime to benefit many.

A bequest to the Cancer Society, no matter the amount, helps us to continue our work to minimise the impact of cancer on our community and makes a lasting contribution towards the fight against cancer.





# First steps - make a Will

#### Choose an Executor or Trustee(s)

An Executor will carry out the direction of your Will. A Trustee or Trustees will hold and deal with any property to be held in trust in the interests of the people who will benefit from the trust. Usually a Trustee and the Executor are the same person or people. It might be a member of your family, a friend, lawyer or an organisation like the Public Trust.

#### Identify your assets

When you are making or changing your Will you need to make a list of your assets and their approximate values. These items may include:

- Your home and other property
- Furniture, personal property, jewellery and vehicles
- Bank accounts, shares and other investments
- Insurance policies.

## Decide who benefits

How you share your estate is up to you. Once you have provided for your family and friends, you can also leave a bequest to a charity or other organisation you admire or which has helped you, such as the Cancer Society.

# Leave a lasting legacy use your Will to make a difference

In making a Will, there are many ways to consider how to bequeath your estate.

Any bequest to the Cancer Society, large or small, will bring hope to those living with cancer, and enable us to continue our work within our community.



Check the legal names of your Will's beneficiaries In nominating the Cancer Society as a beneficiary, you will need to advise your Executor of our correct legal name:

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## **Bequest options**

You can choose how the Cancer Society will benefit:

- A residue of your estate you can leave part or all of what is left (after any bills have been paid) to the Cancer Society.
- A percentage of your estate you can leave a specific percentage of your estate to the Cancer Society.
- A legacy you can leave a specific amount of money, jewellery, real estate, shares or any other gift to the Cancer Society.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss leaving the Cancer Society a bequest in your Will, or if you would like further information.

If you do decide to arrange a bequest to the Cancer Society in your Will, please let us know as we would like to express our appreciation to you for your support.