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Hospice Matters

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AT HOSPICE IT IS ABOUT “LIVING EVERY MOMENT”

As staff of Hospice we often get approached and told “it must be very difficult working there”. The truth is, we are grateful and see it as a privilege to do the work we do. Everyday we are reminded about how our philosophy makes a very real difference in the lives of those we care for, both our patients and the family and carers who support them.

In February we had a great example of this when Brian was in Hospice for respite care for a few days. On Brian's last day with us, a warm sunny afternoon, he had a very special visitor. “Minty” his favourite horse dropped in to say hello for what would be one last time.

Brian's friend Janine had brought Minty to Hospice as he had been too unwell to go and see his favourite horse. As can be seen, there are many ways we can “make a difference” for those under our care. Hospice is so much more than medications, beds, doctors and nurses. Hospice at its heart is also about “living every moment”, something unique to each patient and family we care for.

For Brian it was the opportunity to play the piano in the family lounge. So we moved it down there and enjoyed listening as the music brought the Hospice to life. And it was catching up with his favourite horse, Minty who had been a friend and companion to Brian for over 16 years.



Brian with his Horse “Minty”, visiting at Hospice Southland.

Thanks to wonderful community support we at Hospice see such precious moments in our patient's lives, and remain grateful to work somewhere which allows us to care in such a fulfilling way. Enriching not only the lives of those we care for, but also our own. Thank you Southland, your support makes a world of difference. Thank you Brian and Minty, for reminding us how precious “Living Every Moment” can be.

HOSPICE AWARENESS WEEK – YOU'RE INVITED.....



Hospice Awareness Week | 14-20 May 2018

Register now for a morning tea at Hospice Southland. Come meet the team and hear about how we are, with your support, making a very real difference in the lives of those we care for. 10am Wednesday 16th or Thursday 17th.

Call to register during office hours 03-211 3081.

Everyone is welcome. Look forward to seeing you there.

FROM CEO ANDREW LEYS



Welcome to our Autumn newsletter!

At Hospice we are well into the new year and welcoming new members to the team to ensure we can continue to meet the growing demand for Hospice care.

2017 saw demand for Hospice services grow and we are doing so much more out in our community. This includes both caring for patients and families in their own home as well as working with aged residential facilities and local hospitals to ensure everyone has access to the very best possible care. As a result we have experienced growing demands on the team to travel to patients' homes. This combined with the fact we service the largest geographic area for a Hospice has meant our team have travelled a combined 150,000Kms to provide this care in the past 12 months alone.

Of course supporting patients in the setting of their choice is core to the philosophy of Hospice. The team have been so successful at this in recent years that less than 25% of patients need to spend any time at Hospice. This is important for two reasons. Firstly it means we have the capacity to offer more respite care for patients in need and also patients are more likely to stay where they want to be, at home surrounded by their loved ones.

As a community we can be proud of how dedicated our Hospice team is, constantly striving to provide the very best care in our community. We can only do this however with your ongoing support so as always we want to thank-you.

TE ANAU STORE

At the end of September we opened our fifth Hospice Shop at 104 Town Centre, Te Anau. The store has exceeded all expectations thanks to a wonderfully supportive community and a great team lead by manager Janis Steel. Things have gone so well in fact that we have now employed Marg Tustin as joint retail manager so that we can open the store 7 days a week, a first for Hospice Southland.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful, friendly team of volunteers at the store. If you are in the area and have a morning or afternoon free each week we would love to hear from you. You'll have loads of fun while making a real difference for your community. Drop in and talk to Marg or Janis soon, or call Hospice on **03 2113081** and ask for Robyn.



Marg, Janis (joint Store manager Te Anau) and volunteer Sandra

OUR WONDERFUL GARDENS

We have had a great summer here in Southland and the team of volunteer gardeners have done us proud, presenting the Hospice grounds in a spectacular never ending progression of colourful flowers and trees.



It really does make a difference to all those who visit Hospice and we really appreciate the pride the team takes in our facility all year round.

This Autumn we are hoping to further the beautification of the area around Hospice with native tree plantings in the surrounding areas so that over time we can hopefully attract more native birds to Hospice.

If you are keen to help with this project or can supply some native seedlings, please contact Robyn at Hospice Southland.

Farmers Trees of Remembrance Christmas 2017

\$16,316.57 raised for Hospice Southland



Thank-you to Jan and the team at Farmers Invercargill who raised \$16,316.57 for local Hospice services in this years "Trees of Remembrance" fundraiser.

Well done, marvellous team effort and very much appreciated by the whole team here at Hospice Southland.

CALVES FOR HOSPICE



Last year we partnered with Jenny Holmes, Manager of the Winton Farm Source store to set up a calf rearing fundraiser for Hospice.

It truly was a "community" fundraising project involving donated services and time from many of our rural supporters. Thanks goes out to Murray Mitchell and

the team at Peter Walsh & Associates, cartage firms Andrews Transport, Callahan Transport, DT Kings, HRT, Sinclair Transport and TSL. Also Lakers House of travel, Sgt Dan and Farm Source who donated prizes, and also Katrina Thomas and the Southern Dairy Women's Network for their support.

Most of all, we would like to thank the over 100 farmers who donated calves last season. With individual Farmers donating from 1 to 5 calves each, we received 135 in the end and raised over \$55,000 to help ensure Hospice Southland can be there when we are needed no matter where you are in our region. Hospice Southland has the largest geographic area to cover of any Hospice and it is only through such generosity that we can do the work we do.

We are hoping 2018 will be an even bigger year for our "Calves for Hospice" fundraiser. While there are worries about how the presence of Mycoplasma Bovis Virus in the region will impact on the scheme, our team are confident by the end of the year's we will be o.k. So don't delay, register for this years scheme today.

If you or someone you know can help by donating a calf or two for our sale, please go to www.calvesforhospice.org.nz to find out more and register for 2018. This year the calf sale date has been set for 11th December.

STREET DAY 2018

Thank-you to the over 170 volunteers who pitched in at one of 55 sites across Southland and Queenstown as part of our annual street day appeal held on the 16th of February. This year we raised over \$20,000 which will all go to local services.

Nice picture of the team at SBS, Jo, Zelda and Maria who collected outside the Windsor Branch of SBS Bank. Much appreciated.



2018 GOLF CLASSIC



Peter and hospice doctor Liam catch up before teeing off in this years Golf Classic.

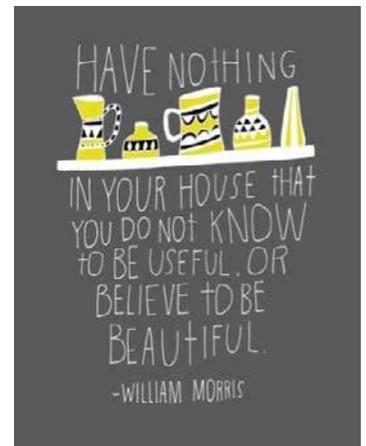
Thank you to Craig's Investment Partners Invercargill and all our corporate sponsors who supported this years Golf Classic at the Otataru Golf Club.

Another great day had by all and \$14,000 raised for Hospice Southland. Not bad work for a fun afternoon doing something you enjoy.

Looking forward to another great tournament next year.

INVERCARGILL HOSPICE SHOP

Volunteers Clive and Helen at the Invercargill shop admire some of the wonderful donations that generous Southlanders have made. Our stores are the largest contributor to our community funding thanks to your generosity. If you are decluttering, give one of our stores a call and we can arrange to pick your items up. Or, pop down and grab yourself something special at a fabulous price and help Hospice Southland at the same time.



WISH LIST

Our community team need new wheels..
Did you know that most of the care provided by Hospice is in the patient's home?

As a consequence 75% of patients never need to spend time at Hospice because of the fabulous care provided by our Nurses, Doctors, Counsellors, Social Workers and Occupational Therapists in the home. This also includes growing support provided in Aged Residential Care across the region. To do this, the team travelled over 150,000kms last year alone.

With growing demand for Hospice service right across our region we need another vehicle. We have a great opportunity to acquire a free charging station from Powernet for a 100% electric car. All we need to do is buy a much needed vehicle which will not only allow our team to get to patients when they are needed, but also be 100% green at the same time. We need \$25,000 in total but if you can donate even a small amount towards the car, you will be helping ensure our team are there for patients when they are needed most.



Education Projector

Our projector in Hospice meeting room has died and needs to be replaced. This is a much used facility for Hospice staff training and also education for other health professionals involved in Palliative Care. Our meeting room is also used by other health providers and community groups. We need \$2,400 to buy a replacement projector so this important part of our activities can continue to be provided.

**Also... Tissues • Toilet Paper • AA and AAA Batteries
Coffee • Teaspoons • Sugar • Tea Towels • Biscuits
Serviettes • Paper Towels • Tinned Salmon/Fish •
Fabric Whitener • Janola • Good quality Toys for our
lounges would be a great help also.....**

DID YOU KNOW

Volunteers lead longer, happier, more fulfilled lives? True! Here at Hospice Southland we have over 400 volunteers who donate not only their time, experience and skills, but most importantly passion for what we do. Without this generosity we simply would not have a Hospice. If you want to make a difference while having fun, call Robyn our Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice Ph 03 2113081. Alternatively go to our website www.hospicesouthland.org.nz and click on the "Our people" tab to find out more and register your interest. We have many, many opportunities for you to join the team, look forward to hearing from you.



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Thank You

— TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS —

Farmers Support Centre	\$16,317	Trees of Remembrance 2017
Catholic Pastoral Centre	\$1,000	Advent Collection
Southland Rodders	\$1,147	Car Show proceeds - 50th Anniversary
Mrs Janice McLeod	\$1,000	Donation for Item of Equipment
Mr&Mrs Bruce & June Matheson.....	\$1,000	Donation
South Port NZ Ltd	\$2,680	Sale of Railway Sleepers
Mrs D M Warren	\$5,000	In Memory Of Donation
J B W McKenzie Trust	\$1,000	Donation
Anonymous	\$10,000	Donation
R Kells	\$1,000	Calf Sale
Peter Walsh & Associates	\$46,228	Calf Sale
Anonymous.....	\$1,000	Donation
Mr John Ward	\$1,000	Donation
Lakes District Construction	\$1,000	In Memory Of Donation
Mr Graeme McKenzie	\$1,000	In Memory Of Donation
ILT - Staff Charitable Trust	\$5,000	Grant - Operation Funding
The Hugh Anderson Charitable Trust	\$6,000	2017 Donation
Mrs Beverly Erskine	\$1,000	In Memory Of Donation
Mrs Margaret Risk S.....	\$1,000	In Memory Of Donation
Invercargill Licensing Trust	\$2,000	Grant - Volunteer Christmas Party
AWS Legal	\$5,000	Estate J M Weston
Southland Sports Bar	\$2,324	Patrons Donation
Central Lakes Trust	\$33,500	Operational Grant for services in the Wakatipu area
Waiau Town & Country Club	\$6,880	Wild Foods & Dinner Auction
Mr Peter Williams	\$1,000	In Memory of Donation
Macalisters Barristers & Solicitors	\$27,683	Estate L S King
Lions Club of Toi Tois	\$5,810	Quiz night, raffle
Nadia Lim Event.....	\$2,310	Raffle Tickets
Nadia Lim Event	\$5,750	Paper Plus - Book Sales, Ticket Sales
Southland Hospital Volunteers.....	\$1,200	Donation
Kathleen Dorothy Kirkby	\$8,000	2017 Grant Charitable Trust
Mr Leslie Donald	\$2,000	Donation
BNI Queenstown.....	\$1,000	Extreme Team

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