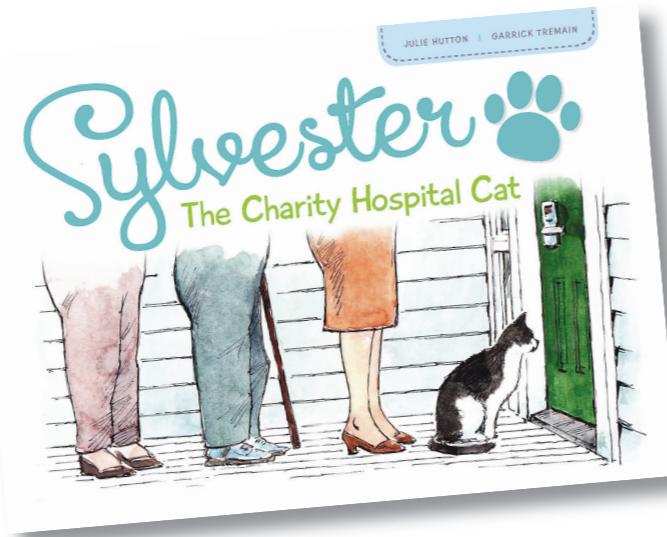


*S*YLVESTER BOOK POPULAR

Many of our patients and visitors have met Sylvester, the cat, who is often found snuggling up on the couch in our reception area or at the front door waiting to be let in.

Sales of Sylvester The Charity Hospital Cat, written by local poet Julie Hutton and illustrated by well-known artist Garrick Tremain, have exceeded expectations.

Sylvester the Charity Hospital Cat costs a minimum donation of \$7.50 a copy and can be bought from the hospital at 349-351 Harewood Road during working hours or online at www.charityhospital.org.nz.



*H*OW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Our services are free and, to qualify, patients need a referral from their doctor or GP along with:

- a letter from the public health system turning them down for their treatment,
- no medical insurance, and
- don't have the means to pay for their treatment



*Thank
You...*

Thank you to The Canterbury Community Trust, Infinity Foundation, Southern Trust, Mainland Foundation, Ivoclar Vivadent, Pub Charity and Maugers for your generous contributions to our trust and to everyone who supports us by making donations, bequests and other funding. Your support enables us to continue to do the valuable work we do.

YES!

I would like to support the Canterbury Charity Hospital to help Cantabrians access the medical treatments they need.

OR donate online at www.charityhospital.org.nz

MY DETAILS

FIRST

SURNAME

NO / STREET

SUBURB

TOWN / CITY

POST CODE

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

Please find enclosed my gift of: (please circle) **\$200** **\$100** **\$50** **\$20** **Other \$**

I am paying by: **Cheque enclosed** (payable to Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust)

(please circle) Visa Mastercard

Card number

Expiry date

Name on card

Signature

Please send me information about including The Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust in my Will. Please do not add me to your mailing list or include me in acknowledgements.

I would like to make a regular gift by automatic payments.

Donations of \$5 or greater may qualify for a tax rebate - an official receipt will be issued.



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*N*EW LOOK HOSPITAL TO BE OPENED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The new look Canterbury Charity Hospital premises will be opened in July by Hospital Trust Patron and Governor-General Sir Jerry Mataparae to celebrate the many people who volunteer within the medical sector.

The Charity Hospital has over 280 volunteers including surgeons, nurses, dentists, technicians, doctors and anaesthetists.

"We are honoured to have His Excellency and Lady Janine here to celebrate our success and to help us mark this occasion," says Trust chairman and surgeon Philip Bagshaw.

The extensions to the original villa include a larger recovery room and changing room for staff, along with bathroom facilities for visitors.

"With the new extensions we will have nine beds and five second stage recliners so we can increase the number of surgeries we perform on any one day," says Phil.

The hospital will remain open during the building work, though some services may be moved to the hospital's second building on the other side of the car park.

The extensions cost over \$300,000 and the Canterbury Charity Hospital will be running several campaigns and hosting a range of events to raise the full amount.

**The Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust:
With a volunteer staff of over 280
people, we provide free day surgery,
medical treatments, dentistry and
counselling to Cantabrians in need.**



Canterbury Charity Hospital Manager, Carl Shaw, with Adam Closs from Leighs Construction.

Dates for your diary

Please help us raise funds for our hospital extensions by attending our fundraising events for this year.

MID-CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Thursday 25 June at the Christchurch Casino
Tickets available from 1 May

AN EVENING AT THE RACES

Friday 11 September at Addington Raceway
Tickets available from 1 July

CHARITY HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS BALL

Friday 4 December at Maugers Innovation Park
Tickets available from 1 October

Tickets can be purchased from our website www.charityhospital.org.nz.

THANK YOU - Please complete, cut along the dotted line and send this form, with your donation, to:

Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust, PO Box 20409, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543 OR you can donate online at www.charityhospital.org.nz

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HEALING HANDS

Surgeon Ram Chandru's work is to treat hand and upper limb problems. As a surgeon at a private practice, Ram donates a day every week to the charity hospital to perform a range of hand and wrist surgeries including carpal tunnel and tendonitis.

He says that the concept of the Canterbury Charity Hospital is very important and he enjoys using his skills to give back to the community rather than simply donating money.

The Charity Hospital, he says, is a great place to work and Cantabrians are very lucky that they have the opportunity to have their treatment there.

"Many of our patients have been in pain for a long time. With us, they see me for a consultation and then the following week I perform their surgery if required. It's all very quick," says Ram.

The pain caused by a carpal tunnel issue can be severe so the surgery can be life-changing.

"They have disturbed sleep, can't drive and often have trouble working. We can sort this out very quickly in a 20 minute operation."



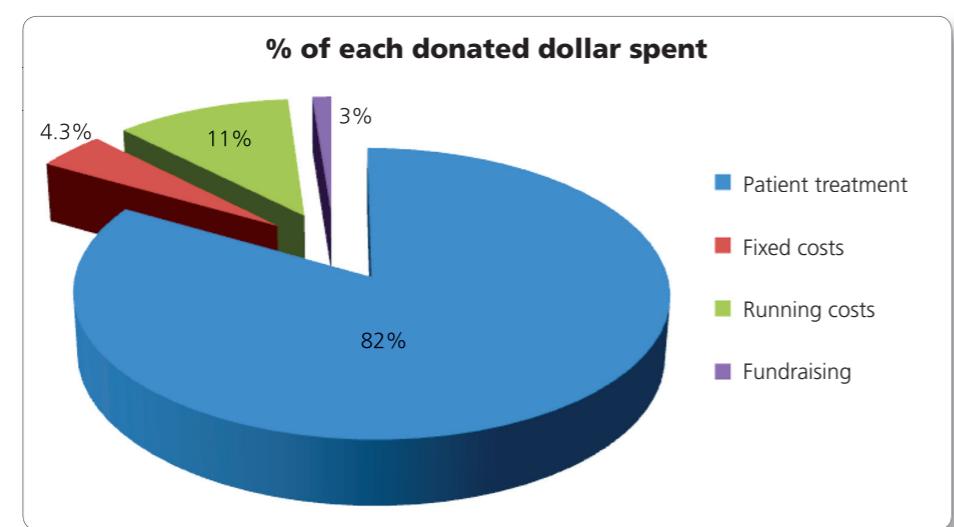
Volunteer surgeon Ram Chandru enjoys giving back to the community.

"Along with all the other surgeons, nurses and other volunteers we are catering to a genuine need and I'm happy to continue volunteering my time for as long as that need is there. Working at the Charity Hospital gives me the opportunity to connect with the community, a different environment to work in and a break away from the normal weekly routine.

"The most important thing is that the patients leave so happy and grateful and that's a great feeling," he says.

NUMBER OF TREATMENTS AT THE CANTERBURY CHARITY HOSPITAL IN 2014

General surgery	161	Women's health	126
Orthopaedic	67	Counselling	462
Dentistry	318	Colonoscopy	27
Consultations and outpatient appointments	654	Audio tests	31



CHANGING PROFESSION

After many years as an academic at the College of Education, University of Canterbury and as a Professor at a Japanese university, Rex Johnstone is enjoying the challenges of a new kind of profession as one of the volunteer receptionists at the Canterbury Charity Hospital in Harewood Road.

"It's a challenge to learn a new language (medical) and procedures and it's an interesting and stimulating environment to work in," he says.



Receptionist Rex Johnstone volunteers one day a week at the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

As one of the volunteer receptionists, Rex works once a week confirming patient appointments filing and processing referrals as well as being the friendly voice on the end of the phone.

"I'm privileged to work at the charity hospital alongside people who still have a community service focus," says Rex.

" Thank you to you all for making my daily chores and everyday life a pleasure again – it's easy to smile these days. I can't tell you how great it is to be able to peel an apple, do up my shoelaces, brush my hair amongst other things that had become difficult and painful to do or not be able to do at all! It is sooo nice to not have that awful pain and aching And to enjoy my garden again. **"** Karen

" In appreciation for a wonderful operation by wonderful staff in a wonderful hospital. I am greatly blessed. **"** Russell



DENTAL SERVICE FREE FOR WINZ CLIENTS

Dental equipment supply company Ivoclar Vivadent is just one of our many ongoing sponsors, helping us to provide free dental services for WINZ clients, including fillings, root canals and non-urgent extractions.

Ivoclar Vivadent, an international company, has committed dental equipment and ongoing support by donating \$5000 worth of products a year to the Canterbury Charity Hospital.

"It's a great opportunity for us to give something back to our community," says Lisa Kahi, who is one of the hospital's volunteer dental nurses and also works for Ivoclar Vivadent.



Mike Bell and Lisa Kahi from Ivoclar Vivadent in the hospital's dental surgery.