



CANTERBURY
CHARITY HOSPITAL
TRUST

"By the Community - For the Community"

**“ ALL THE PEOPLE I MET WERE VERY FRIENDLY AND
CALMING....THE EXPERIENCE ENDED SEVERAL YEARS OF
CONCERN AND DOUBT ABOUT MY HEALTH. INVALUABLE. ”**

Colonoscopy patient



SARAH PALLETT VISITS

The new MP for Ilam Sarah Pallett popped in for a visit to the Charity Hospital in Harewood Road. It was great to show her around and have a chat. Sarah is pictured (third from left) with Hospital Manager Carl Shaw and Sue and Phil Bagshaw in the hospital's Endoscopy theatre.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The hospital does not receive any Government funding so relies totally on the generosity of the community, fundraising events, donations, charitable organisations and bequests to raise the \$800,000 required to run its free services.

This amount would be closer to \$2.6 million without their 300 volunteers, including surgeons, dentists, anaesthetists, nurses, technicians, gardeners and support staff who all give generously of their time.

To donate to the Charity Hospital, find out more about their current services or to enquire about gifting your skills visit the hospital website at www.charityhospital.org.nz.



HEALING HANDS

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IMPROVING THE PATIENT JOURNEY

Endoscopy patients at the Canterbury Charity Hospital in Harewood Road now have increased privacy and can be seen more quickly, with additional consulting rooms as part of a revamp that was re-opened late last year.

More than 60 patients were seen in the endoscopy unit during the first month. The building was also extended at the back to accommodate new sterilising equipment. The building was also extended at the back to accommodate new sterilising equipment which is now required by law.

The Charity Hospital runs a free endoscopy clinic for people aged under 50 with rectal bleeding who are not currently seen through the public system.

To date the hospital has seen over 1503 of these patients and expect to see a further 600 each year. The Charity Hospital also provides other endoscopy services for a wider age range with a referral from the patient's GP.

All the Charity Hospital's services are free due to the commitment of their 300 volunteers, many of whom are medical professionals from the CDHB and private practice.



Many of the hospital's volunteers attended the re-opening ceremony.



The building's new reception area.

YES I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CANTERBURY CHARITY HOSPITAL



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☐ I would like to make a regular gift by automatic payment.

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DONATE ONLINE
www.charityhospital.org.nz

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

PLEASE POST TO THE CANTERBURY CHARITY HOSPITAL, PO BOX 20-409, CHRISTCHURCH 8543 – THANK YOU!

**“ I NEVER THOUGHT HAVING SURGERY WOULD
BE SUCH A LOVELY EXPERIENCE. I FELT WELL
LOOKED AFTER BY EVERYONE IN THE TEAM.
THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. ”**

Surgery patient

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**“VERY SATISFIED WITH STANDARD OF DENTAL CARE. I
EXPECTED FAR LESS THAN WHAT I RECEIVED. THE STANDARD
OF CARE AND WORK CARRIED OUT WAS FIRST CLASS.”**

Dental patient

NEW VOLUNTEER GIVING BACK

Marilyn Stewart (left) is one of the newest volunteers at the Charity Hospital starting work there this year. She will eventually become a receptionist but is currently busy scanning documents. Marilyn has previously worked in the medical field and wanted to give back to society. "Volunteering at the hospital keeps my brain active and everyone's really friendly so it's great to meet new people," she says.

LIFE WITHOUT CHEQUES

The fundraising team at the Charity Hospital has been busy creating a way for regular donors who usually donate by cheque to continue giving to the hospital. Fundraising co-ordinator Rosie Graham is working on a project to give these donors a Donor Number which can be used through internet or telephone banking.

The number can be found on the top left-hand side of future receipts. If you would like a donor number please email Rosie at rosie@charityhospital.org.nz or telephone her on 021 160 2066.



North Christchurch Community Patrol volunteers Mary Chappell, Gordon Craig, Reg Riki and Graeme Tong.

COMMUNITY PATROL PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICE

Suitcases being taken from the Canterbury Charity Hospital in Harewood Road and then being returned the next day could look like something suspicious.

But inside are the cleaned instruments from surgical procedures that are taken to Burwood Hospital where they are sterilised. The team then picks up the instruments and returns them to the hospital ready for future operations.

Without the many volunteer drivers at the Christchurch North Community Patrol, transporting the instruments would be an additional cost to the hospital which continues to provide free day treatments to Cantabrians in need.

The team was kept busy following the February 2011 earthquakes transporting people to the Charity Hospital for free counselling. They continue to transport patients as required.

Based in Papanui, their North Christchurch area is large stretching from Bealey Avenue in the city to Brooklands and Russley. Their main role, according to team leader Sam Hall, is to be the "eyes and ears" of the police during the day and evening shifts.

"We look out for things like stolen cars, suspicious behavior or burglary hot spots on behalf of the Police who are kept busy with their urgent work," says Sam.

Volunteer numbers have been reduced since the Covid-19 outbreak last year and now stands at 35. More help is always needed and there is a desperate need for a second vehicle to help them with their much-needed work in the community.

If you can help or would like to volunteer please email Sam at northpatrol.chair@gmail.com.



**THANKS NORTH CHRISTCHURCH
COMMUNITY PATROL.**

WHAT WE DO

Based in Harewood Road, Bishopdale, the Canterbury Charity Hospital has grown its free services for Cantabrians in need who have been turned down by the public health system.

To be eligible patients do not have medical insurance or the means to pay for their treatment privately. They must also be a referred by their general practitioner or dentist for most of the hospital's services.

The Charity Hospital currently provides colonoscopy (acute and screening), gynaecology and women's health, general surgery (abdominal, rectal), oral surgery and dentistry, counselling (self-referral), orthopaedics (upper and lower limb), cataract surgery, dietetics and urology.

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**“THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'M SO
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Counselling patient

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