

HOW TO HELP

There are several ways that you can donate to the Canterbury Charity Hospital:

- Internet or phone banking to 02 0800 0190893 00.
- EFTPOS at the Charity Hospital reception (349 Harewood Road, Bishopdale)
- Credit card donations at www.charityhospital.org.nz or by phoning the hospital during office hours at 03 360 2266.
- Complete the form below and post it to: Canterbury Charity Hospital, PO Box 20-049, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543.



Ilam Toyota has updated the hospital's sponsored vehicle with a new look. Ilam Toyota branch manager Paul Taylor recently handed the keys over to Charity Hospital clinical nurse manager Averill Williamson. The team is very grateful for their ongoing support.



HEALING HANDS

SPRING/SUMMER 2024

TRUST CELEBRATES 20 AMAZING YEARS



The Charity Hospital now has seven buildings in Harewood Road with proposed plans to open a training and education facility.

The 20th anniversary of the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust is this year.

No one could have imagined quite how successful a new community hospital staffed by volunteers would have become. The vision of the trusts founders has been made a reality by the good will and dedication of the community it has gone on to serve.

The reasons for its being, have sadly not gone away. That being the inadequacies of the public health system to provide basic elective care to those unable to access it.

In many specialties things have got even worse, for example women's health, endoscopy and dermatology to name but a few.

Fortunately, many of these services can now be offered by the charity's increased number of specialties from the modern facilities that have grown over the last two decades.

The next 20 years

One service that was not available when the hospital started has become essential and lifesaving for many. That area is endoscopy. The hospital team sees a large number of patients declined by NZ Health and sadly discovers more patients with cancer and abnormalities in increasingly younger people.

The trust has been looking at ways to deal with this problem longer term and believes part of the problem can be helped by increasing the number and types of health professionals who can undertake investigations.

To this end, and to also support additional clinical education, "The trust hopes develop a training and education facility next to the hospital in Harewood Road," says executive officer Carl Shaw.

As a true community charity, such a facility will also be available for other community groups who provide free services.

"Over the years it has become clear that clinical research and education at the hospital has served to bring in even greater numbers of volunteers and this new venture is expected to help further in this regard."

YES I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CANTERBURY CHARITY HOSPITAL

First name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Donor number CCHT _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to donate (please circle) \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

I am paying by (please circle) Visa Mastercard Internet banking: 02 0800 0190893 00

Card number

Name on card _____

Signature _____ Expiry date ____ / ____ 3 digit number _____

Please send me information about including the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust in my will.

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

Please do not add me to your mailing list or include me in acknowledgements.

Please post to the Canterbury Charity Hospital, PO Box 20-409, Christchurch 8543 or donate online at www.charityhospital.org.nz - thank you!

INTERNET BANKING
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“EVERYONE WAS SO WONDERFULLY
PROFESSIONAL AND KIND. YOU PUT ME AT
EASE WHEN I WAS NERVOUS.”

Endoscopy patient

VOLUNTEERS ESSENTIAL TO HOSPITAL'S SUCCESS



Volunteers Narlaka and Angela in one of the hospital's theatres.

The Charity Hospital's motto is 'By the Community - For the Community' and its dedicated volunteers are the driving force behind the hospital's continued success.

Thankfully our team is growing. Orthopaedic surgeon Narlaka volunteers weekly at the Charity Hospital when he's in Christchurch. The area of wide-awake orthopaedic surgery was an obvious choice for him with many patients needing surgery.

"Orthopaedic surgery gives patients life changing results. Timely carpal tunnel surgery patients, for instance, commonly make a miraculous recovery," says Narlaka who enjoys volunteering at the Charity Hospital.

"The hospital has a strong focus on their patients and there is a deep calling amongst all the volunteers."

"One thing that is always evident is that this is a unique and happy working environment, because those who work here have the same goals - they are all here to help people" says Phil Bagshaw, chair of the Charity Hospital Trust.

People who are keen to volunteer can email reception@ccht.org.nz or visit www.charityhospital.org.nz.

Supported by a small team of coordinating staff the hospital's army of over 280 volunteers give their time freely to help those in the community who have fallen through the cracks of our ailing public health system.

Many health professionals including surgeons, anaesthetists and dentists supported by nurses, technicians and dieticians donate their time to the charity. They are supported by many others from health care assistants, administration staff, gardeners and fundraisers.

It's a team effort!

SO GOOD IN THE HOOD



Thanks to the Z teams at Barrington, Bishopdale and Bryndwr who raised \$5743 for the Canterbury Charity Hospital as one of their charities. Ronan from Z Barrington is pictured with fundraising co-ordinator Rosie Graham.

WHO WE HELP

Patients seen at the hospital need a referral from their family doctor or dentist. They must also have been turned down by the public health system, not be covered by ACC and not have medical insurance. They must not have the funds to pay for their treatment privately.

The hospital's day services and treatments are regularly updated, depending on demand and volunteers services and currently includes colonoscopy; gynaecology and women's health; general day surgery; oral surgery and dentistry; orthopaedics; cataracts; dermatology; dietetics and urology.

OVERWHELMING DEMAND FOR SKIN CHECK DAY



The volunteer examiners included (left to right) Angela, Chris, Phil, Michael, Shelley and Julia.

Demand for the Charity Hospital's Skin Check Day earlier this month took the hospital team by surprise.

"We had around 250 spaces available and would have received around 600 expressions of interest. Everyone was very grateful to be seen," says organiser Rosie Graham from the Charity Hospital.

New Zealand has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world. Some skin cancers can be fatal and early detection and treatment is very important to offer the best cure rate.

"We are very grateful to the 12 health professionals and another 30 volunteers who offered their expertise free of charge on the day. We rely on their help to make this day happen."

LOCALS LUCKY TO HAVE CHARITY HOSPITAL

Canterbury and the West Coast communities are very lucky to have a charity hospital where they can access free services that are not provided through the public health system.

The Charity Hospital has grown substantially in less than 20 years to become an integral and essential provider of free health services to the region's community.

The Charity Hospital does not receive any Government support and is staffed mostly by volunteers, with doctors, nurses and administration staff providing their skills for free. Their generosity in donating their time means that the hospital's services continue to be free.

Around \$1 million in operating costs is still needed and they rely on donations, bequests and grants to raise this amount. Of every dollar donated to the hospital, 82 cents go directly to patient care.

“FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE PROCEDURE
WHEN I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR IT
ELSEWHERE FOR SO LONG.”

Endoscopy patient



MY NAME IS BOND, JAMES BOND

Our black-tie Charity Hospital 007 Ball has the ultimate license to thrill your guests! You will be greeted with a martini as you glide along the red carpet to enjoy a fun night out, leaving you all feeling shaken and stirred!

Featuring the NZ Army Band will be raising the roof at Wigram Airforce Museum as we join with some special guests to make this a night to remember.

A dress-up photo booth, cut-outs of some famous Bond characters, live auctions, with MC Te Radar providing additional entertainment.

Limited tickets are still available at www.charityhospital.org.nz.