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It seems no time at all since we returned from the Christmas and New Year break and yet, here we are, nearly a quarter of the way through 2024. There is, however, much to show for the time.

Fundraising for the new hospice for the people of Canterbury continues to move ahead thanks to you.

There are few people our hospice palliative care hasn't touched in one way or another, whether as a patient, family member or friend.

We hear many stories of those in our care in their last days. While there is always sadness, there are almost always moments of happiness too, as people come together to share memories of happier days.

One thing that remains constant is the appreciation of the care and support our nursing team and volunteers were able to give over that time.

That we are able to provide that, free of charge to our patients and their families, is largely down to you.

Your continued support of our hospice shops and fundraising events can never be over-estimated. It represents hundreds of hours of care in our hospice every year.

Humanity is defined as a virtue linked with altruistic ethics, defined from the human condition. It would be unthinkable, and in fact impossible, to live without it.

While we live in a rapidly changing world, currently grappling with the challenges of an ageing population, technological advances such as AI, political volatility and economic stagnation, humanity remains unchanged.

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Jim Magee, Chief Executive

## **New Hospice**



Plans are progressing well on the new Hospice building and we are about to sign off the developed design phase. Here is the most recent impression of the front entrance. The on-site start date is January 2025 with a completion date of April 2026 when we hope to welcome our first patients and whānau.

# Farmers does it again

For the last 10 years the wonderful teams of local Farmers stores have raised funds for the Nurse Maude Hospice, the 2023 campaign raised \$108,540.90. We had lovely celebrations in January at Nurse Maude and at Farmers in Ashburton to celebrate their achievement and thank them for their support.



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Nure Maude Hospice were delighted to receive a grant from the Hospice NZ Grants Programme in 2023, which is funded by an annual donation from the Harcourts Foundation. The \$3000 grant has been used to buy a new specialist bed for the Hospice inpatient unit where care and support is provided for patients and their families

#### **BNI Rangiora**

Jan Rollings, Hospice Manager and Louisa Sullivan, Clinical Manager – Community and Palliative Care had the pleasure of attending a BNI Chapter breakfast meeting in Rangiora. Some of the members were dressed especially in clothes they had bought from Hospice shops – one lady was in full evening wear for breakfast. Chapter members were very complimentary about the hospice service and the partnership that we have with BNI nationally. We left with a boot-full of donated clothing for the shops and a large cash donation.

#### Hole in One

Greenlight Recruitment held another golf tournament raising funds to support the Nurse Maude Hospice. Isabella Carmichael, NM Procurement Manager and Jane Rollings, Hospice Manager, were delighted to attend the after golf celebrations and auction at the beginning of March which raised \$8,500 to help provide free care and support to families from the hospice service.

### **Annie's story**

Annie's end of life experience woke her up to the power of, and importance for palliative care as an empowering choice not just for her but for others. Her longest career was as a nurse, being very committed to competent and compassionate



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service for patients. When she received her diagnosis, she was more aware than most of the journey ahead and was determined to navigate it on her own terms in partnership with health professionals, family and friends.

Annie's journey followed a pretty typical trajectory...surgery, chemotherapy and managing emerging symptoms along the way with all its gifts and challenges; learning to live with cancer. She lived fully most of the time, not wanting her illness to get in the way or define her. She was hospitalised a couple of times and eventually reached the point where further medical interventions needed to be replaced with an approach which aligned to her end of life priorities. She had lived well and now wanted to die well but was fearful of whether her goal of dying at home with comfort and dignity could be achieved.

Annie held great respect and appreciation for the health professionals who engaged with her in a clear, personable and empowering way; listening fully, presenting options and answering questions.

Annie's Legacy has given funds to Nurse Maude.. With it comes her love and appreciation.



L to R - James Pere, Craig Stephenson, Jane Rollings, Tim Webb

## I wish to support the work of Nurse Maude.

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- Use the DONATE button on our website
- Internet Banking Account # 02-0865-0057217-003
- Set up a regular Automatic Payment

Phone our Accounts Team on 03 375 4200 or email them at <a href="mailto:accountspayable@nursemaude.org.nz">accountspayable@nursemaude.org.nz</a> and they will help you find the best way for you to support us.

### **Op Shop Clearance**

On Sunday 17 March 2024 we held our very first Op Shop Clearance sale. Our warehouse where we store our Trade Me and Hospice shop donations was overflowing with fantastic goods that needed new homes. The public turned up in droves and we managed to raise over \$6,000 for the Nurse Maude Hospice.



A special thanks to our amazing staffing team, volunteers, friends and family for giving up their Sunday to support us – what a team





#### **Maudes on Trade Me**

Going, going and gone...every week your donations of good quality, saleable household and sports goods, art and home décor raise money for the Nurse Maude Hospice. Smaller items may be dropped off at any of our seven hospice shops. For larger items please email <a href="mailto:trademevolunteers@nursemaude.org.nz">trademevolunteers@nursemaude.org.nz</a> so we can arrange for them to be picked up.

## Legacy of care

Our grateful thanks to the late Sian Kerry-John Sweeney who had been cared for by Nurse Maude. Mr Sweeney left an incredible \$250,000 to be used for the new Nurse Maude Hospice. In doing so he has left an enduring legacy of care in his name.

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# Winter is approaching with speed . . .



Any donations of good quality, clean winter clothing, shoes and boots are desperately needed at our hospice shops.

Dive into your wardrobe, edit your winterwear and bring it into any of our hospice shops across Christchurch, in Kaiapoi or Rangiora and you'll be welcomed with open arms.

### Thank you!

#### Find your local store



#### Merivale/Papanui

03 355 6295 186 Papanui Road

#### Shirley

03 386 2674 Shop 9/57 Warrington St

#### Avonhead

03 357 4359 47 Merrin Stree

#### Beckenham

9 147 Colombo Stree

## North Christchurch Rangiora



## Rangiora 03 375 4509 73 High Street Kaiapoi

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#### Sumner

03 326 4025 25C Marriner Street





## Making \$10 count

Our latest Hospice Shop at 57 Warrington Street can get you and your family dressed for a fraction of the retail cost with all items at just \$10.

Bring your sturdiest shopping back and stock up.





