

**Our Rainbow Place service is not fully funded.
To keep our service available free of charge we
need to ask for your help.**



Spring 2020

Walt's Story

Walter was born in March 2017 and for the first few weeks we were in new-born bliss and all seemed well. As the weeks went on though, things didn't seem quite right...

We were living in Auckland at the time and in a routine GP visit for yet another chest infection we mentioned that Walt's left eye shook.

This seemingly insignificant comment took us to the Neurology Dept at Starship via Ophthalmology. After an MRI and a five-week hospital stay with aspiration pneumonia, it became clear that it was a neurological condition causing the series of challenges Walt was facing.

We honestly thought at that point that Walt would need a patch to strengthen the shaky eye, never did we ever imagine, nor prepare to be told that things were not OK and would likely never be.

When it was clear that Walt was not going to get better and after many hospital stays, tests, and to be honest a real lack of community care in Auckland, we decided to move home. Waikato was home for both Greg and I and we needed to be nearer family support, as Walt deteriorated.

At the absolute hardest time any parent can face, Rainbow Place was there for us.

Rainbow Place was literally there when we arrived. Right from that first initial meeting, we instantly felt so much more supported.

The next five months were harrowing as we tried to keep Walt comfortable as his symptoms increased. The Rainbow Place team helped us advocate for Walt and keep his comfort and happiness at the forefront. They provided us wrap-around care and a place to go when things got too tough.

Despite the pain, Walt was a cheeky little boy who loved to laugh and be cuddled while watching his favourite movies.

Walt passed away at Rainbow Place in November 2018.

We so appreciate the care Walt and our family received and we really want to give back if we can. This is why I am now volunteering my time at Rainbow Place, it's just a small something that I hope might make a difference to Rainbow Place and the amazing children and families it serves.

Emma

Can you help families like Emma's to receive this support?

Can you become a regular supporter of this wonderful service and help other families receive this amazing support? Your regular donation, no matter what the size, will make a difference. If you can help, please complete the Regular Giving form enclosed and join our Rainbow Place family of supporters. If you would prefer to make a one-off donation, please visit our website www.hospicewaikato.org.nz.



Walt pictured with parents Greg and Emma.



Thank you

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Our heartfelt thanks to all our donors, supporters and volunteers. We just couldn't do it without you!



Meet our wonderful volunteer, Lynn Davey

Lynn generously donates her time to help in our Thames HospiceShop.

Every year Hospice Waikato must raise around \$5 million in order to keep its service available, free of charge. HospiceShops are essential in raising these much needed funds.

"Lynn has been a volunteer with our Thames HospiceShop team for the last three years," says Thames shop manager, Michelle Sailes.

"She has helped me to run the shop, almost full time for several months, when we were very short of volunteers.

She works tirelessly and always with a smile to help create a positive and vibrant environment in our store."

"We really appreciate Lynn's generous donation of her time, she has so many innovative ideas and nothing is ever a problem," adds Michelle.

Lynn also volunteers for the Thames SPCA and can often be spotted purchasing old blankets and towels from Hospiceshop to then donate on to the SPCA.



Hospiceshop volunteer Lynn Davey.

She also volunteers at the Turua Library and on top of all of all of this Lynn still finds time to have the most beautiful garden.

We are truly grateful to have Lynn on our team.

Our wishlist

Here is a list of practical items that we use on a daily basis. Each item on our wishlist plays a crucial part in the care that Hospice Waikato provides to patients and their families. If you are able to help us by gifting any of the below items please send us an email at marketing@hospicewaikato.org.nz

Goods we need

- **USB sticks** to provide patients and families with their written life stories
- **Petrol vouchers** to give to volunteers who travel to patients homes
- **Supermarket vouchers** to provide to families who are under financial strain
- **Sugar and vinegar** for making jams and pickles
- **Calico fabric** for making dolls for our Rainbow Place children.

Services we need

- **A builder/carpenter/handyman** to install lockboxes in our patients' wardrobes
- **A concrete layer** to install a bike rack



How you can help Hospice

Get a work group together, and do some team building or just have some fun with friends while you help fundraise for Hospice.

By fundraising for Hospice Waikato you will be helping us to continue to provide our services to over 1600 Waikato people

who are living with a terminal illness. Our services and care enable patients to stay at home for as long as possible, surrounded by the people and things they hold dear. Patients are fully supported by a team of specialist palliative medicine doctors, palliative care nurses, as well as social workers, counsellors, and a spiritual care coordinator.

By helping us to fundraise you are helping

to ensure our services stay free of charge to patients and their families within the Waikato, King Country and Thames/Coromandel region.

We rely on and deeply appreciate the generosity of our local community. You really can make a difference, no matter how much you raise.

Here's where the money you raise could go:



\$50

Pain Medication

"You can help me receive effective symptom control for the pain associated with my cancer."



\$100

Massage Therapy

"You can give me relief of muscular discomfort and physical pain."



\$200

Specialist Palliative Care Doctor

"You can provide someone who will listen to my needs."



\$500

Family Counselling Session

"You can provide someone to talk to our family about losing our precious mum."



\$1,000

Inpatient Unit Stay

"You can give me a place to go where I will be looked after."



\$2,000

Nurse for a Day

"You can help make sure I don't feel alone."



\$6,000

Rural Community Nursing Team Fuel

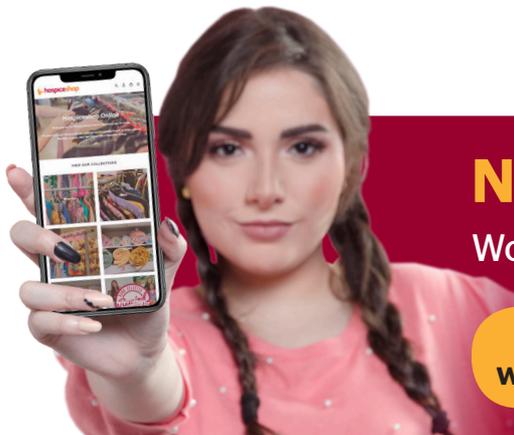
"You can help make sure I have someone to visit me in my home in rural Waikato."



\$18,000

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Don't miss out on these exciting events coming soon!



Register now for the Run/Walk for Life

Sunday 27th September, 9.30am Start, Hamilton Gardens

Get your trainers on and join us for our Run/Walk for Life in March. You choose the distance, either the 5km or 10km, run or walk. You'll be helping Hospice Waikato with every step. Register online today by visiting www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/event/runforlife



Hospice Waikato Appeal Auction

Starts 9am, Thurs 10th September, Closes 8pm, Sat 12th September

Join us for our first online auction on Facebook. Browse our amazing collection of lots, place your bids and help us to continue to provide our specialist palliative care to our community. Get behind a great cause and start bidding this October. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Hospice, your support will make a difference!

E-receipts

Would you like to receive your receipt via email? Please include your email address below and leave this section attached to your donation.

Now more than ever we need your help to keep our service available to our patients. We understand this is a difficult and stressful time but we still need your help and our community's support ... can you help us?

Please return this form in the provided prepaid envelope to:

Hospice Waikato, PO Box 325, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240

Or freecall 0800 HOSPICE or visit hospicewaikato.org.nz/donate

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- I wish to become a Friend of Hospice. Please send me more information.
- I wish to gift a full day of care to a patient (\$1,000)
- I wish to gift a half day of care to a patient (\$500)

^ VALUE OF MY DONATION

- Cheque.** Made payable to Hospice Waikato.
- Bank transfer.** See Hospice Waikato bank details, left.
- Regular donation.** Please complete the enclosed form.
- Credit Card.** Please debit this amount to my credit card monthly.
- OR
- Credit Card.** Debit this amount to my credit card as a 'one-off' payment.

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^ CARD NUMBER

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