

**With your support, we can give a family who is caring for a child with a life-limiting or terminal illness a much-needed break.**

# A special place, creating forever memories

**Rainbow Place is an extraordinary service, dedicated to providing the very best care and support to children who are living with a life-limiting condition.**

Rainbow Place is more than just a service. It provides full wrap-around care, giving families peace of mind knowing that their child is well cared for, both emotionally and physically, by a team of caring and dedicated health professionals. Rainbow Place care reaches out to families where they need it most, in their homes, at school, in the marae and the hospital.

Respite care for families is a crucial part of the service and is offered to families to help ensure they are getting the support (and sleep) they need. Our Rainbow Place families are

often in desperate need of a little rest, to recharge, to have some normal family time with other siblings and to catch up on simple tasks; tasks that seem nearly impossible when providing around the clock care for a sick child.

We have a dedicated room in our inpatient unit for children's respite stays. It is not your typical 'hospital' room. Our team carefully personalise the space for each child; changing colour schemes and choosing specialised toys to help them feel happy and relaxed. Respite at Rainbow Place not only gives carers and families a break, but also provides children with a home away from home. It is a place where they can feel safe and looked after by their team of nurses, healthcare assistants and volunteers.

From Tuesday to Friday, our respite care is in full swing, with no two

days ever alike. Children enjoy music therapy, and a variety of sensory play sessions that let their imaginations come alive. Outdoor activities include bird watching, playing in the sandpit, visits to the lake and playgrounds all under the watchful eye of our health care assistants 24/7.

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## Facts at a glance

- We have 46 children under our care at the moment. 38% of them are less than five years old.
- When broken down by the type of disorder from which they suffer, neurological diseases are the most common, followed by respiratory and cardiac.
- We had 37 admissions to the Inpatient Unit for terminal care, symptom control and respite care in 2020.
- The Rainbow Place nurses made 209 home visits, either in person or virtually, to our children's families in 2020.

## Can you help us?

Can you imagine how much it means to a family to have just one night off?

A night without the constant worry of managing a complex health and pain management regime?

Can you help us to provide these families with a 'night off' by contributing to the cost of our respite care service? Donate today.



# Thank you

Thank you to the following individuals, trusts and businesses who have generously supported Hospice Waikato.

- Waipa District Council
- Souter Trust
- BlueSky Community Trust
- Harcourts Foundation
- Waipa District Council
- The Southern Trust
- Akarana Community Trust
- Milestone Foundation
- Trillian Trust
- Grassroots Trust
- One Foundation Limited
- The Lion Foundation
- Dragon Community Trust
- X-Site

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



## Trees of Remembrance continues to break records

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the 2020 Farmers Trees of Remembrance campaign, once again, has broken a record - raising a grand total of \$74,074 for Hospice Waikato with a shortened campaign.

We were delighted to see the hundreds of heart-felt messages written on the special decorations and hung up on the trees throughout the Farmers stores in the Waikato.

Thank you to everyone who donated and took a moment to remember a

loved one. The written messages have been collected from each of the Farmers stores, as well as those from the tree at New World Rototuna, and will be cremated during a special ceremony to be held early this year.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the wonderful staff at Farmers Chartwell, Hamilton CBD, Matamata, Te Rapa, and Thames, for their incredible enthusiasm and support throughout this campaign.



### New World Rototuna

In conjunction with the Farmers Trees of Remembrance campaign, New World Rototuna hosted a tree of their own which raised a total of \$5,678 for Hospice Waikato! We are grateful for the generous support of our community and our volunteers who made this drive possible!



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Jess Godfrey (pictured) is a Rainbow Place healthcare assistant. Jess has been working in children's hospice care for many years.

"Every day, we see children smiling and laughing as they get to explore and meet their new friends around Rainbow Place and Hospice Waikato. I love seeing how the relationships with these kids grow over each visit. I have an opportunity to learn about each child in for respite, and they have these amazing personalities and quirks. Each day is different; some are full of paint, laughter, water play, and

others are more about rest, support, and symptom control. Every day, the brave, joyful, sweet personalities of our respite children shine through," says Jess.

Our Rainbow Place service enables our families to get to know their healthcare professionals on a more personal basis. Jess describes this as an integral part of the service allowing the families to feel supported, especially during stressful times. Our families know that they can always count on assistance from the Rainbow Place team, whenever and wherever it's needed.



# Rainbow Place Christmas Party

Our Rainbow Place children, parents and caregivers enjoyed some fun Christmas cheer at Hamilton Zoo recently.

The rain held off and the sun came out for our annual Rainbow Place Christmas Party.

Our children had a special surprise visit from Santa and Rainbow Bear giving out some very special goodie bags which had been filled with kindly donated goodies from some amazing local Waikato businesses.

A big thank you to Raylene Cowie and her family for organising and helping to fill our goodie bags!

Our Christmas Party was made special by the following organisations:

- The Base Shopping Centre
- The Body Shop Te Awa
- Paper Plus Rototuna
- New World Rototuna
- Bath Bombs NZ
- Toyworld Hamilton
- Duck Island Ice Cream
- Mitre 10 MEGA Hamilton
- The Cake Detective
- Anna Kinnaird & Co for assorted goodies



## Merchandise

If you're looking for the perfect birthday present or occasional gift, think about giving a gift that gives twice - visit our website to see our range: [www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/products/catalogue/hospice-merchandise](http://www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/products/catalogue/hospice-merchandise)



## Thank you for the gifts of care

We would like to recognise the following individuals and organisations who have kindly donated towards the cost of a day's care for our patients

- Caiger Charitable Trust has donated one day of care
- Sherry & Selwyn Cook (pictured) have donated one day of care
- Laurence Family has donated one week of care

If you would like to find out more about giving a Gift of Care, please visit our website:

[www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/giftofcare](http://www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/giftofcare)



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



## Register now for the Run/Walk for Life

*Sunday 7th March, 8.30am 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](http://www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/event/runforlife)



## Fashion Over a Teacup – selling fast!

*Sunday 28th March, 12pm, Te Awa Lifecare Village*

Hospice Waikato's 'Fashion over a Teacup' fundraiser is back by popular demand. This year the event is being held at Te Awa Lifecare Village and has an exciting new look and feel. Tickets are available for purchase from the Hospice Waikato website: [www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/products](http://www.hospicewaikato.org.nz/products)

## 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.

## Can you help us to give a family a much-needed break? A day without the constant worry of managing a complex health condition of a child would mean the world to our families.

### 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](http://hospicewaikato.org.nz/donate)**

**Donate via internet banking** to Westpac 03-1555-0091553-00. Please ensure you use your unique ID, name and DON04 as a reference so we can identify your donation.

- ☐ I wish to make a donation towards the cost of giving a Rainbow Place family a day of respite care
- ☐ I wish to become a Friend of Hospice and make regular donations. Please send me more information
- ☐ I wish to find out more information about leaving a gift in my will. Please send me a brochure
- ☐ 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)

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☐ **Credit Card.** Debit this amount to my credit card as a 'one-off' payment.

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