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New Zealand



**GIVING FAMILIES THE  
GIFT OF A LIFETIME**

## Letter from CEO Wayne

Thanks you so much for considering leaving a gift in your Will to Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) New Zealand!

For over 25 years, RMHC New Zealand has been supporting families with a child in a hospital. Each year we offer over 3,700 families accommodation and support free of charge to help relieve some of the everyday stresses they face. Every day we are reminded of our mission and how important it is that we give families with a hospitalised child what they need most — each other.

Thank you once again for your interest in leaving a bequest gift in your Will to RMHC New Zealand. Your support means a great deal to us and to every family who stays at a Ronald McDonald House®. You can take comfort in the fact your gift will have a positive impact on families who need to stay with us while their child receives medical treatment.

Warm wishes



Wayne Howett  
Chief Executive Officer



Wayne Howett at Domain House

## The McLaughlin's 'Home-Away-From-Home'

The McLaughlin family from Hamilton had three hours to pack all of their things into a bag, say goodbye to their 5-year-old son Elliott and get to the National Children's Hospital in Auckland. Their youngest son Hamish was diagnosed with a one-of-a-kind type of leukaemia - the only person in the world to suffer from it.

Although they had to rush to Auckland at the drop of a hat, the McLaughlin family had somewhere to stay just minutes from the hospital as they had been referred to Ronald McDonald House. A few days later they were joined by Elliott (their older son), and the whole family was together again.

**“The House was our home-away-from-home for most of 13 months. They looked after us in a way that not even my family and friends could. They were my family while I was there.”**

– Haley McLaughlin, House mum.

Throughout all the uncertainty and fear of having a child needing specialist medical treatment, the one thing that the McLaughlins needed most was each other. RMHC New Zealand ensured they could be together.



The McLaughlin family from Hamilton

# What your bequest gift will achieve

Every bequest gift - no matter how big or small - can help RMHC New Zealand support families while their child receives treatment at a hospital away from home.

When you make a bequest to RMHC New Zealand you will be part of a legacy that supports families so they can face their children's medical journeys together.

## **\$700**

can accommodate a family for a five-day stay (the average stay in one of our Houses).

## **\$15,000 - \$20,000**

can help establish a special programme, such as an art or music room, or a dedicated play area.

## **\$5,000**

can refurbish a family bedroom, replacing tired and well used furniture to give the room a new lease of life.

## **\$80,000**

can cover the cost of a brand new family bedroom, as we strive to accommodate all families who need our assistance.



Born and bred Aucklander Eunice Jackson was an enthusiastic member of the local community, who liked to give back whenever she could. Later in life Eunice was diagnosed with breast cancer which brought her into contact with the anguish parents go through when their child is undergoing medical treatment. Upon seeing this, Eunice made the decision to offer what she could to help these families.

RMHC New Zealand immediately impressed her so a trust was then formed to administer her estate to benefit RMHC New Zealand. With the support received, a library was opened in her name offering all families who stay with us a quiet, peaceful place to escape and relax.



The Kupa family from Reporoa

# What is a Will?

A Will outlines your wishes and how your estate should be managed after you have passed. A Will is also vital to making sure your family and loved ones will be looked after and cared for.

A Will is an important legal document so we recommend that you consult with a legal professional before you begin.

## What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift that a person includes in their Will, which is gifted to a charity after that person passes. Sometimes it's called a legacy gift. There are four types of bequests you can leave.

### 1. Specific or pecuniary

A gift of property of specific possession, such as money or goods.

### 3. Percentage or fractional

A gift of a certain percentage of your estate.

### 2. Residual

Everything that is left after specific or pecuniary legacies, taxes and debts.

### 4. Entire Estate

The gift of an entire estate is usually made by those without any other beneficiaries.

# Leaving a bequest

Leaving a bequest to RMHC New Zealand is a great way to support future generations of families. Legacy gifts provide us with the security of knowing that our work can continue to support families into the future.

If you already have a Will and wish to leave a bequest to RMHC New Zealand, it is possible to add a simple addition to your existing Will called a codicil. A codicil can be thought of as amendment or alteration that is intended to change a component of your Will. You can get further information on how to do this from your legal professional.

# Wording your bequest

Whether you are making a Will for the first time or adding an addition (codicil) to your existing Will, the process of making a bequest is easy.

If you wish to make a legacy gift to RMHC New Zealand, please include the following phrase in your Will or give this information to the legal advisor of your trust office to be included in your Will:

**"I bequest to Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand Trust the sum of \$ \_\_\_ (or) \_\_\_ % of my estate, (or) residue of my estate (or) property or assets as follows:**

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**for the general purposes of the Trust and declare that official receipt of the Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand Trust will be sufficient discharge for my Trustee/Executors."**



The Downs family from Turangi

# FAQ on legacy giving

## Q. Why should I leave a bequest to RMHC New Zealand?

**A.** By leaving a bequest to RMHC New Zealand you will be helping ensure its continuing operation, enabling the charity to provide a 'home-away-from-home' for future generations of families while their children receive medical care at a hospital away from home.

## Q. Can my bequest be used for a particular purpose?

**A.** It is possible to make a bequest and tie it to a particular purpose and we will do our utmost to honour your request. However it is more beneficial for RMHC New Zealand to receive general 'no strings attached' bequests as we can put your gift towards wherever the need is greatest for the families we support.

## Q. Should I inform RMHC New Zealand that I am leaving a bequest in my Will?

**A.** This is completely up to you. However if you do inform us of your gift we will be able to acknowledge and thank you in your life time and show you how your gift will benefit the charity.

## Q. Will my bequest be confidential?

**A.** RMHC New Zealand will respect your privacy at all times and will not pass on any personal information and details to any external parties. All bequests are received and handled in the strictest confidence.

## Q. What if I change my mind about leaving a bequest?

**A.** RMHC New Zealand respects your right to change your mind at any time. If you have already made a bequest, simply consult your lawyer who can review and change your Will to reflect your new circumstances and wishes.

“The House is a happy house. I always feel I have gained something and there is so much warmth when I have visited there... so who better when I am 'not around' any more to benefit from my estate.”

June Read, bequestor, who passed away in February 2018



The Shury family from Taranaki

# Contact us

RMHC New Zealand provides accommodation and support for families with a child in hospital away from home.

Your support will ensure future generations of families will have a 'home-away-from-home'.

If you have any questions regarding leaving a bequest to RMHC New Zealand or would like to let us know your intention to leave a bequest please contact:

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The Tamihere family from Kawerau

Diprose family from Matamata



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