More than $600,000 has been donated to hospice services throughout the country as a result of the newly established relationship with Farmers Trading Company called Caring Connections in Our Community.

In the four weeks leading up to Christmas each of the 58 Farmers stores hosted a Tree of Remembrance, asked customers to make a donation to support their local hospice service and sold a specially commissioned Christmas CD – “Christmas Is” by Tim Beveridge.

“We are absolutely overwhelmed by the way Farmers staff and customers have embraced this campaign to support hospice. Who could have predicted such phenomenal success for the first year of this relationship” commented Mary Schumacher, CEO Hospice NZ.

As well as raising funds the campaign was also about raising awareness for hospice services. Farmers Managing Director and CEO Rod McDermott says “As a business we were able to provide a channel for hospices to talk to communities, enabling them to share information about their services, raise awareness and funds. Financial support from the community is essential for hospices throughout the country, we are very thankful to our local communities across New Zealand who have given so generously to this worthy cause”.

A unique feature of the relationship is that all donations will stay within the community in which they were raised, supporting local hospice services to remain free of charge.

Hospice Tairawhiti received $5,757 from this first year of the Farmers relationship.

GM Barbara Grout says “We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of both Farmers and the local community. Not only has the campaign raised much needed funds for our hospice it has provided us with an opportunity to connect with new people, letting them know who we are and what we do. We couldn’t have wished for a better result”

Despite being the busiest time of year Farmers staff took time to ask customers to support hospice, finding the experience rewarding and often humbling seeing the generosity to support the work of hospice.

Hospice Tairawhiti now has a Givealittle page where you can make a donation to support our work, or set up a fundraising event which benefits us.

It’s easy to do, just go to www.givealittle.co.nz to find out more. Type Hospice Tairawhiti into the search area to find our page. Givealittle is a zero fees online fundraising platform for all New Zealanders, thanks to the Spark Foundation. You can rest assured that every cent you donate goes directly to your chosen cause.
Staff Profile:
Nicola Carroll, counsellor

Sometimes patients and families just need someone to talk to, someone to listen to their concerns and challenges of living with a life limiting illness, or adjusting to life without a loved one. Someone who can offer suggestions or even solutions to their concerns.

At Hospice all our staff are able to do this, but for our counsellor Nicola Carroll, this is her specialist area. It’s what her job is all about.

“Most people don’t need counselling as such” says Nicola. “Conversations with families are more likely to be about future planning options, working out who is involved with the care of a patient and how we can support the people involved. For those who have experienced a death, it is often about reassuring them that what they are feeling is normal”

Nicola says she gets a huge amount of satisfaction from being part of the Hospice Team. “As we get to know families we get to see people caring for each other during difficult times and often for a long time. Although it can be difficult, families and friends are there for each other. For me, seeing this love and care is a big part of what I enjoy about my work.

Hospice Tairawhiti offers a range of services and programmes to patients and families including: individual, family and group counselling, bereavement counselling, biography and legacy ideas remembrance services, and regular morning tea and lunch groups. For more information contact Nicola on 869 0552 or email nicola@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz

Volunteer Profile:
Tony Barnby

Meet Tony ‘The Shoe Man’ Barnby...
Tony has been volunteering one morning a week at the Hospice Shop since it opened in November 2013 and has taken ownership of the shoe department.

Hospice helped Tony care for his late wife Ann and he wanted to give something back - the shop was the ideal place for him. Tony says he enjoys the companionship of the other volunteers and finds the work very fulfilling. “It’s a great way to meet new people, and it’s better than doing housework! There is always something to do and we have lots of laughs along the way”

If you are interested in volunteering for Hospice contact Heidi on 8690552 or heidi@hospicetairawhiti.org.nz

We currently have vacancies at the Hospice Shop for volunteers who are able to commit to one regular three hour shift per week, preferably afternoons.

Fundraising & Volunteering

Hospices change lives and, whether you’re an individual or a company, there are many interesting and exciting ways you can get involved and support hospice care.

All hospice care and support is provided free of charge. While we are extremely grateful for the funding we receive from government, we still need the support of people like you to make donations or to become a volunteer. There are many ways you can get involved with hospice - for example donate your time or money, donate goods to our hospice shop, shop at our hospice shop, leave a gift in your Will to hospice, run your own event for hospice or attend one of our events. The possibilities are endless!
Welcome to Laura Moore, our new Palliative Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Laura has come all the way from Canada and will be working primarily in the hospital in a consultancy and education role. This position has been created in partnership with Tairawhiti District Health, Turanga Health, and Ngati Porou Hauora.

ANZ gives us Wheels

Visiting patients is about to get easier for Hospice Tairawhiti after ANZ staff members donated $5,000 towards a second vehicle for the service.

General Manager, Barbara Grout said “We currently own one vehicle which is used exclusively by the on call nurse. Other staff members visiting in the community have to use their own cars. The addition of a pool vehicle will make a huge difference to us”.

ANZ’s Staff Foundation, where regular contributions from ANZ staff members are matched dollar-for-dollar by the bank, has made more than $3 million in grants to over 520 community organisations throughout the country. Hospice Tairawhiti is extremely grateful to the local ANZ branch who supported the application.

Thank you to the following groups and individuals who have assisted Hospice Tairawhiti recently with grants, donations and bequests of over $500

- J N Williams Memorial Trust
- Mangatawa Beale Williams Memorial Trust
- Estate of Anne Girling-Butcher
- Lions Club of Gisborne
- Gisborne Host Lions Club
- Farmers Trading Company
- Mike Tennant
- ANZ Staff Foundation

And thanks to the following businesses and individuals who have helped by providing goods or services at no charge:

- Jim’s Aqua Filters

Please support these businesses if you can.

Wish List

- Baking for families
- Sponsor for biography service

52 in 52

We recently had a visit from the amazing Mike Tennent who presented us with a cheque for $786.

Mike ran 52 half or more marathons in 52 weeks raising money for Hospices all over NZ. Thanks so much Mike - we really appreciate your support for Hospice - what a remarkable effort!
Girls’ Day Out

SUNDAY MAY 24 • 9:30AM–4PM
ILMINSTER INTERMEDIATE GYM

Tickets available from May 1 at Hospice Tairawhiti
Phone: 869 0552

Hospice Week 18 to 24 May

Take a break and support Hospice

Take a break for a good cause by holding your own Hospice Cuppa with colleagues, friends or family.

The concept is simple – host an event and invite your friends to make a donation to Hospice in return. You are not limited to a morning tea – it could be drinks after work, a cocktail party, lunch, or dinner – it is entirely up to you! We will provide you with a Cuppa Pack with Caffe L’affare coffee, Dilmah tea, recipes, invites, a donation box and decorations to get started. Learn more about this event and register to receive your Cuppa Pack at www.hospicecuppa.co.nz or phone our office.

Don’t forget to choose Hospice Tairawhiti as the Hospice you want to support.

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