

Bequest story

Graeme, a long-time supporter for over 25 years, first came across the Neurological Foundation in a doctor's waiting room, and then again at a public seminar. Graeme said he left that seminar feeling "a lift [in spirit] with their enthusiasm and empathy". It was the first time Graeme felt optimistic about his own neurological problems.

Since then Graeme has given a regular donation to the Neurological Foundation and recently decided to leave a bequest. When asked why he decided to leave a bequest his answer was simple.

"The research is so important as neurological disease can have a huge impact on not just patients, but their families as well. Even small improvements in outcomes can make a big difference to our quality of life. For me, the Foundation's research means optimism and who among us doesn't need a shot of that now and again."

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Leaving a special gift

Making a gift in your Will

We believe it's important you discuss any changes to your Will with your legal advisor. If you don't already have a Will we respectfully recommend you contact your solicitor or other legal advisor to ensure your wishes are correctly and legally stated.

In memoriam giving

A memoriam gift is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember a loved one or friend who has passed on. A donation to the Neurological Foundation in their memory will go towards funding ground-breaking research into one of the 700+ neurological conditions that exist today.

Many families choose to honour their loved ones by requesting donations to the Neurological Foundation in lieu of flowers at a funeral. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to all donors and an acknowledgment of contributions will be sent to the family or next of kin.

A living gift

A living gift is a unique way to leave a memory that you and your loved ones can see the results of within your lifetime. In doing so, you'll be able to fund research that needs funding now and experience the outcomes of those specific projects. You and your loved ones will be able to share in your lasting gift together. If you are able to make this type of generous gift, we suggest discussing this option with a member of our donor relations team.

Here's what you need to know

The best way to help continue supporting the Neurological Foundation for generations to come is to leave a monetary gift, and one that is a residuary bequest. This is what remains after all your other provisions have been made, enabling you to put your loved ones first. There are other options too such as a pecuniary bequest – this means a specified sum of money is left in your will to the Neurological Foundation, or a specified bequest, where a particular item of value (for example stocks, property, or works of art) is left to the Neurological Foundation.

If you wish to leave a bequest to the Foundation, you should contact your solicitor or trust company and ask for the following clause to be inserted in your Will:

I give to the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand the sum of \$..... (or a share in the residue of my estate) for the general purpose of the Neurological Foundation (or for a specific purpose) and I declare that the official receipt of an authorised officer of the Neurological Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

Let the work you've done in your lifetime be the change that lives on for the next generation. The Neurological Foundation would not be what it is today without the generous support from people like you. Including us in your Will is a big decision, and we couldn't continue funding the world-class research we do without your generosity. We would like to share our warmest gratitude and recognition with you for considering leaving us a bequest.

If you have decided to leave the Neurological Foundation a gift in your Will, could you please let us know so that we are able to thank you personally.

For any further questions or to discuss these options please contact our head office.

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Leaving a legacy of hope



1 in 5 Kiwis will suffer the debilitating effects of a serious neurological condition.

You may not realise it, however almost every New Zealander will know someone who has been affected by a neurological condition, either personally or through a loved one. You may even have first-hand experience of this yourself.

With over 700 neurological conditions, these disorders affect one in five New Zealanders. These conditions do not discriminate – they affect people of all ages.

Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Autism, Motor Neuron Disease, Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, Epilepsy, Traumatic Brain Injury, Migraine, Dementia, Huntington's, Cerebral Palsy.

These names may sound familiar to you. These are just a few of the many neurological conditions, which might affect you or those you love.

About us

The Neurological Foundation is able to support neurological research and education in New Zealand through the generosity of people like you. Each year, the Foundation receives hundreds of requests to support neurological research. And each year, requests for funding far outweigh what is actually able to be funded. However, through the generosity of people like you, our supporters, we have been able to fund over \$13 million of research and education over the last five years.

You can make a difference



Hope

A gift in your Will is a very special way to continue to support the work we're able to fund. Your legacy will help us provide funding for more research projects, more training for future neurologists and neuroscientists, and provide hope for someone who is living with a neurological disorder. By including the Neurological Foundation in your Will, your thoughtful decision will leave a lasting effect on generations to come.

Change the lives of future generations

Your legacy will provide hope

Support from people like you not only goes towards funding ground-breaking research but it also funds the next generation of neurologists and neuroscientists through further education and training. The donation you leave in your Will will live on in what those future generations of researchers, clinicians, neurologists, and neuroscientists can discover in their research tomorrow.

Your legacy will provide sustainability

When you decide to leave a bequest to the Foundation, you will be providing much-needed sustainability for us to continue funding important neurological research for years to come. Your gift will not only provide stability for future research but will also help us continue to fund initiatives like the Neurological Foundation Human Brain Bank and Chair of Clinical Neurology. By deciding to leave a gift in your Will, you will be providing key opportunities for future treatments and therapies.

Your legacy will provide a future

A gift to the Neurological Foundation will become a future for someone. When you decide to leave a gift in your Will, you're not just donating for yourself, you're donating for someone's grandmother, their father, their daughter, their son, their friend. One in five people will suffer because of a neurological condition, and the gift you leave will go towards the research that could help one of those five.