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**life-saving**  
legacy

Give the gift of life in your Will



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Helen Higgins, Air Rescue Patient



## WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE THE RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE?

Because you can really make a difference and save lives.

- ▶ The Rescue Helicopter Service is partially government funded. We need to raise \$4.7 million each year to sustain the service.
- ▶ The Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust's duty of care to the community is to keep the Rescue Helicopter Service operational 24/7, so we can respond to medical emergencies and accidents across both regions. We need your help to do this.
- ▶ With more people in our community needing to use this service, and with operational costs increasing, the need for support has never been greater. Lives in your community depend on it.
- ▶ When you choose to leave a gift in your Will to the Rescue Helicopter Service, we guarantee that your generosity will continue to save lives beyond your own life time.



# Leave a life-saving legacy

A life saved:  
Helen Higgins tells her  
story



"I was sitting in the car waiting at an intersection when suddenly I was smashed into from behind by an 11-tonne truck and thrust into on-coming traffic. After the car flipped several times, it took emergency services over two hours to cut me free. It could have happened to anyone - I am so fortunate to be alive."



Helen suffered fractured vertebrae, fractured femur and fingers, massive bruising and had 20 staples put in the back of her head. It's been a long and challenging recovery but the responsiveness of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and its crew saved Helen's life.

As Helen reflects, "I don't take anything for granted anymore - every day with my kids, Jack and Sarah, is a bonus. Because of the Rescue Helicopter I am fortunate I am able to see them live their lives to the fullest."

"You only need to look into the eyes of someone who has been saved to really know **the value of supporting the life-saving Rescue Helicopter Service.**"

Christine Prince, CEO

## Thank you for considering a life-saving legacy

"Josh, our baby boy, wouldn't be here today without the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and crew. They saved my husband, Dean's, life after a diving incident. I couldn't imagine my life without Dean and Josh."

**Sarah, Dean's wife**



"I don't remember falling from my horse but I did and suffered a traumatic brain injury. The speed in which the Rescue Helicopter crew treated me prevented my head injury from being worse than it could have been."

**Louise, patient**



"I was in hospital within 15 minutes after falling from my bike. The accident caused concussion and a serious leg injury (I had to have the bike cut to free my leg!). The care of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter crew means I can continue to enjoy cycling."

**John, patient.**



If a patient can receive the medical care they need within one hour of the onset of illness or injury, their chances of making a full recovery increase by 80% - this is referred to as the Golden Hour.

Over a 24 hour period, an average of 3 people in the Canterbury and West Coast regions will place their lives in the hands of our Rescue Helicopter crews.

The Rescue Helicopter crews are on standby 24/7, with a second crew available 12/7, 365 days a year.

In an emergency, the crew respond to a callout within 10 minutes during the day, and 20 minutes at night.

Since 1989, the region's Rescue Helicopter service has responded to over 14,000 missions.

Over the next 12 months the Rescue Helicopter crew will respond to over 900 emergency callouts.



Bequests are not about death, they are about the culmination of a life lived and the legacy you can leave behind.

## A lasting gift

leaving a gift in your Will is a last special act of kindness.

## The gift giving process

When you choose to leave a gift to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust, no matter how big or small, we guarantee your generosity will continue to save lives beyond your life time.

It's a common misconception that only wealthy people leave money to charity in their Will. The reality is that most bequests are made by ordinary, hard working New Zealanders who want to make a difference in their community.

Whoever you are, whatever your situation, you can help save lives by including the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust in your Will.

Naturally when preparing a Will, most people plan to provide for their family first. When your family is taken care of, you can start to think of your wider legacy.

Once you decide to leave a gift to the Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust, we suggest that you discuss your decision with your family before making it official.

The next step is to contact your solicitor who will help turn your wishes into words.

If you already have a Will, your solicitor will create a codicil, which is an addition or amendment to your Will.

The codicil should reference the full name of our charity "Canterbury West Coast Air Rescue Trust" and/or charity number "CC23893".

If you would like your gift to go towards something specific, please let us know.

If you have any questions during this process we can arrange a time to talk you through the steps and explain the impact your gift will have on future generations.

We promise to use your gift wisely to provide the best possible emergency care for our community. We realise your circumstances and priorities may change. Leaving a gift in your Will is not binding, you can change your mind and your Will at any time.

We will be here, and are available to answer any questions you have about our service, how the organisation is run, and how your gift will be used. Rest assured that any details you share with us will be treated in the strictest confidence.

You can choose to have your gift acknowledged or you can request that your decision remain confidential. We appreciate the opportunity to honour those who have advised us, and feel privileged to call these very generous people our friends.

Telling us simply means we can recognise your kindness, thank you personally and invite you to special events to share with you our vision and keep you updated with our work.

Knowing your intentions can also help us plan effectively for the future.

**We realise that leaving a gift in your Will is a deeply personal decision.**

**We promise to respect your legacy wishes and use your gift wisely to ensure the continuation of this life-saving service.**

## CONTACT US :



If you have any further questions regarding leaving a gift in your Will, please contact us.

If appropriate, we can arrange a time to meet personally to chat about your bequest intentions and how your gift will create a lasting legacy in your community for future generations.

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