



## The Future of Hospice Care is under threat.

You've helped make hospice care possible for so many in Taranaki – thank you. During Hospice Awareness Week, we wanted to be honest with you.

Across Aotearoa, hospices provide care and comfort to thousands of people each year – walking alongside one in every three people who die. Here in Taranaki, 330 patients died in our care last year. But the funding model is broken.

Last year it cost more than \$9 million to deliver hospice services throughout Taranaki. The Government funded only half. That left \$4.5 million to be raised by our local community – just to keep services running.

Here in Taranaki, we're doing everything we can. But without fairer funding, hospices across the country – including ours – will face increasingly difficult choices. We risk:

- Being unable to meet the consistent growth in demand for hospice services, now and into the future
- Struggling to continue providing medical support to community patients through our doctors, especially when GPs are unavailable
- Losing the ability to respond to changing needs with new service innovations.

We believe that every person deserves to die with dignity, in comfort, surrounded by compassion. And we need your voice to help make sure that never changes.

Join the call for fairer hospice funding. [www.hospice.org.nz](http://www.hospice.org.nz)

Together, we can help ensure hospice care remains free and accessible – for your loved ones, for your neighbours, and for future generations.

*With heartfelt thanks,*

**Paul Lamb, CEO**

***Hospice  
community  
nurses are kindly  
supported by...***



Your generous grant will support our community nurses' salaries for the month of June.



*"I always come to work knowing I'm here to support patients and whānau to be where they want to be – at home"*

*Sharon*

# Thank you