

To our amazing Hospice Volunteers

Past and present

This National Volunteer Week we want to stop and say plainly: the Otago Community Hospice works because of you.

Not in an abstract sense but in a very practical one. You are the person at the front door who makes a visitor feel welcome. You are the one keeping our shops running and generating income that goes straight back into patient care. You are in the kitchen, in the garden, behind-the-scenes taking histories and keeping this place clean, organised and functioning. The paid staff could not do their jobs without the foundation you provide.

This year, **413 volunteers** across the Otago region gave **41,396 hours** to this organisation. That is an extraordinary contribution, to our capacity, to our finances, and to the culture of this place. In dollar terms, at a living wage, this time has a conservative value of \$1.2 million. But it is worth so much more than dollars to the team here and the patients and families we support. Every one of those hours has a direct impact on what we can offer and how we can operate.

What you do may not always be visible from the outside, but everyone on the inside knows the difference you make. We see it every day.

You are what makes this organisation more than a building and a set of services. Thank you for giving your time and your skills to Otago Community Hospice. It is genuinely appreciated, by every one of us.

**Warm regards,
Ginny Green, CEO
And the whole Hospice team.**



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