"The Farming for Hospice programme is an amazing testimony to the generosity of the region's farmers and to the volunteers who co-ordinate it."

Roger Clausen Arohanui Hospice Trustee

#### **About us**

Since 1991 Arohanui Hospice in Palmerston North has been providing specialist palliative care for patients who have a life-limiting illness. Care provided by Arohanui Hospice enables patients to achieve the best possible quality of life, and provides support to their families.

Care is free of charge and provided wherever people need it – at the hospice inpatient unit, at home or at an alternative comfortable environment.

The majority of patients cared for each year by Arohanui Hospice have cancer. However, we also care for people with non-malignant conditions such as motor neurone disease, respiratory disease and heart disease.

# Why do we need to fundraise?

Arohanui Hospice is only partly funded by MidCentral District Health Board, and to continue to provide a range of specialist palliative care services free of charge to patients and their families, we need to raise extra funds.

We therefore look to our community – the people of Manawatu, Horowhenua, Rangitikei and Tararua – who each year make up a shortfall in funds to enable hospice patients to live every moment.

With your help Arohanui Hospice can continue to provide care, compassion and support to hundreds of patients and their families, free of charge.

# **Farming for Hospice**

Since its inception in 1994, local farmers and supporters have raised and fattened thousands of beef cattle to raise money for Arohanui Hospice.

The Farming for Hospice programme aims to raise at least 10% of the hospice's annual fundraising budget.

# How does the programme work?

# **Grazing beef cattle**

An Arohanui Hospice representative buys beef cattle, which are delivered to a farmer who has agreed to graze the cattle. When the cattle have reached slaughter weight, arrangements are made to have the cattle killed, and Arohanui Hospice receives the proceeds.

### **Cull cows**

While the emphasis has been on beef, support from dairy farmers is increasing. As dairy farmers cull cows and send them to the works, they can also donate the proceeds to Arohanui Hospice.

# Sheep, lamb, deer, pigs, slinks, crops

Arohanui Hospice invites farmers and lifestyle block holders to contribute to Farming for Hospice by donating a share of proceeds when they send animals to the works, or sell produce.

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### Where your money goes

Proceeds from Farming for Hospice are used to provide quality care to patients and support to their families. The services provided include support of the patient in the community, inpatient care, carer support, 24-hour advice, a pharmacist, outpatient clinics, day procedures, an activities-based day programme, social work services, family support, pastoral support and bereavement support.

Arohanui Hospice serves an area bounded by Waiouru in the north, from Ratana in the west to Akitio in the east and to the south of Otaki.



"There is great potential for growing our Farming for Hospice programme, but we need help from farmers."

> Robyn Naylor Arohanui Hospice Fundraiser

# **Getting involved**

It's easy to get involved with Farming for Hospice. Simply contact one of those listed below to discuss your options. Maybe you have enough grazing for one or more steers, are culling dairy cows soon and would like to donate the proceeds of one to Arohanui Hospice, or you'd simply like to make a donation to Farming for Hospice. However you choose to support, we are grateful.

For further information on how you can support Farming for Hospice please contact Derek Tuck on 06 323 3970,

John McLean 06 324 0050

or Robyn Naylor on 06 350 2240.

Alternatively, email farming@arohanuihospice.org.nz



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Providing free veterinary services to Farming for Hospice animals

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