

NEWS FROM THE Foundation

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ICU nursing staff (L-R): Princy Francis, Dennis Flores, Allyn Ignacio, Yeshi Dolma, Shindy Fu, Danny Yoo

Intensive Care Specialist Andrew McKee:

Thank you for sharing the love

As an Intensive Care Specialist, I am proud of everyone in our Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and the work we've done to prepare for every possible COVID-19 scenario.

The pandemic is like nothing we've seen before, so our nurses had to train to deliver intensive care in a completely different way.

By March, the team's preparation meant we felt confident to care for patients requiring intensive care, and we continue

to be ready for whatever may develop. We know this unpredictable pandemic is going to be a long haul.

Our nurses have been exceptional, putting aside concerns about their own safety and, in some cases, leaving their families behind to ensure our patients receive the best care.

They are so grateful for your ongoing support. During Alert Level 4, it always made the team's day to read some of the 2,600

messages received through Auckland Health Foundation's #LoveYourHealthWorker campaign.

People and organisations also gave money and goods totaling \$130,000 to help our COVID-19 response.

Thank you so much. Together, we will continue to save lives.

#LOVEYOUR HEALTHWORKER

“Many are not just supporting themselves and their families, but also members of their extended whānau. Most are shy to put up their hand for help. They are very grateful that you are thinking of them.”

Rae Piniata, Supervisor,
Orderly Services,
Manaaki Fund Champion



Coming together to get through COVID

The Manaaki Fund was set up to help Auckland DHB health workers who have been financially impacted by COVID-19, so we've been appealing to our supporters to lend a helping hand to hospital staff doing the hard yards through this pandemic.

Thanks to generous donations from the public and our hospital whānau, we've already contributed \$40,000 to the Manaaki Fund, which has provided immediate relief – including supermarket and petrol vouchers – for health workers who need it most.

Contributions have also funded the opening of a support centre at the hospital, connecting staff to information and external services, to provide longer term help for these families.

Auckland DHB Chief Executive Ailsa Claire says: “Together, we can help to ensure no family in our DHB goes without the necessities. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed so far.”

Thank you for helping to ease the pressure on our incredible health workers and their whānau in this time of need.

**Manaaki (v.)
to respect,
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each other**

Your donations are helping our hospitals achieve incredible things

As we approach our 2nd birthday, we're so grateful for everyone's gifts over the past year, helping our health workers do even more to keep NZ healthy and happy. THANK YOU!

\$560,300

to fund **world-leading simulation** in our hospitals



\$410,200

to support our hospitals' **greatest needs**, including COVID-19



\$377,500

towards **training and education**, including nursing **scholarships**



\$99,500

to help to refurbish our **whānau rooms**



\$457,300

to fund life-saving and life-changing **research**



\$550,000

to help patients in specific **hospital departments/wards**



Lasting legacy to give dialysis patients more freedom

Pat Massey was well known to the Dialysis Team at Auckland City Hospital. In 2012, six years after suffering kidney failure, Pat started ongoing dialysis treatment, which she described as “like having a part time job”.

Dialysis patients spend hours and hours every week hooked up to machines to do the job their kidneys can no longer do for them. Patients are dependent on the treatment to survive, which means they can never be far from a dialysis machine.

Pat used her time on dialysis constructively; she was a prolific knitter and many in the Dialysis Team have dressed their children and grandchildren in clothes Pat knitted for them. Pat became part of the family and would make sure a good morning tea of donuts was regularly available for the team.

Pat’s son, Simon Massey, says the care his mum received from the Dialysis Team meant she enjoyed many years of joy. “From watching her grandchildren grow and graduate from universities, to watching them marry, and seeing great-grandchildren be born; she was able to watch her fourth generation family expand.”

Sadly Pat passed away last year, but not without remembering the Dialysis Team who took care of her. Pat left a generous legacy to help seed fund a project to give more freedom to dialysis patients.

Simon and his brother Phil recently met at the dialysis unit to discuss how Pat’s legacy could be used to ensure an enduring memory of their mum, and leave a lasting impression



for others. “Mum wanted to help dialysis patients become freer to see family and travel, so she kindly left a gift to the Dialysis Team. She wished to help kick-start a project, which we hope to see benefit all future patients.”

Simon adds, “We’ll never forget the Dialysis Team; they are a second family to us all.”

The team is humbled by Pat’s generosity and grateful to her family for making this happen.

Stroke patients set to receive even better care, thanks to you

When the Stroke Centre of Excellence opens at Auckland City Hospital in November, patients will have access to additional state-of-the-art rehabilitation equipment, which wouldn’t be possible without our supporters.

Thanks to our donors’ generosity, the environment will be more engaging and empowering; offering 24/7 access to high quality rehabilitation activity.

The effects of a stroke can be devastating, so we’re

heartened that our supporters are helping thousands of people have the best chance of recovery. Through everyone’s efforts, more than \$188,000 has been raised or pledged so far, which is close to our target!

These funds are purchasing equipment proven to accelerate patient healing, and creating spaces to improve people’s physical and mental health. We can assure that every dollar donated is spent directly on enhancing the Stroke Centre; helping patients recover to their full potential.



Artist impressions of the new Stroke Centre of Excellence



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Long lunch reaps huge reward

Before Auckland's second lockdown, we were delighted when Paul Harvey raised over \$7,500 at his latest fundraising lunch at Chapel Bar & Bistro.

All money raised will fund additional rehab equipment at Auckland City Hospital's Centre of Excellence for Stroke.

More than 9,000 people suffer a stroke each year in New Zealand. Since Paul's stroke he has committed himself to helping other stroke sufferers, and saying thank you for the care he received in our rehab ward.



We extend huge thanks to Paul's generous sponsors and guests for this wonderful result. Special thanks to organisers Kara Barnston-Yelavich (left) and Megan Paddy (right) for all their hard work.

Sponsors: Kara Barnston Real Estate, Archibald and Shorter, Danske Mobler, Bailey Nelson, Homebase Stage Style & Interiors, Little French Pastry, Babich Wines, SABATINI, Living Nature, Vivo Hair & Beauty, Auckland Fish Market & Seafood School, Guylian, EuroVintage, The HUE clinic, Gibbston Valley, IT Trends Ltd, The Cosmetic Clinic, Ripe Deli, Sal's Authentic NY Pizza, mal corboy design, NZ Advice Group, Escape Masters & Holey Moley Golf Club

Unique art project makes hospital brighter

We're honoured to receive an incredible donation of \$49,113 towards art for our hospitals, but it's no ordinary donation.

It follows an auction at Webb's of 'Project Fear' – a creative partnership between artist John Reynolds and 14-year-old Felicia Qin. Felicia is a St Cuthbert's College student who, on top of her lockdown studies, developed this COVID-19 inspired art project.

It was Felicia's idea to auction the art works and donate all the proceeds to the hospital's art fund.

Felicia wanted the project to benefit those in our community facing COVID-19. We know staff, patients and visitors will be grateful for new artwork to brighten our hospitals. The pieces will include landscapes, seascapes and colourful abstracts by New Zealand artists.

There are many ways to help our hospital staff and patients, so please get in touch if you have any ideas. We are grateful to Felicia, John and everyone who contributed to this extraordinary project.



This year continues to challenge us all, so it's extra important to look after ourselves. Action for Happiness has some useful tips to help us cope in these tough times.



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