

KEEPING KIWIS IN SAFE HANDS - GIFT IN WILLS GUIDE

Life Flight
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**Keep Kiwis in
safe hands by
remembering
Life Flight
in your Will**

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Kia ora

I am honored to be writing to you, and deeply grateful for your consideration in leaving a gift in your Will to Life Flight.

As a Life Flight pilot, I have the privilege of carrying out life-saving missions, which is only possible because of the generosity of supporters like you.

At Life Flight, being a pilot is about much more than just flying a plane. It requires adaptability to last-minute changes, navigating challenging weather conditions, and a deep commitment to the well-being of our patients. Sometimes this means choosing alternative routes to ensure that those injured in accidents or undergoing medical emergencies are transported as safely, comfortably, and urgently as possible.

In 2024, almost a quarter of our flights involved children or babies, and I have seen some very tiny babies. One of my most memorable missions was returning a premature baby home after treatment.

Her parents and older sister joined for the flight, smiling and thrilled to have their family together again.

Your support truly makes a difference, and on behalf of everyone at Life Flight, I would like to thank you for helping us continue this essential work. It is all thanks to you that we can do what we do best – saving the lives of New Zealanders nationwide who need urgent care.

Sincerely,

Tiana

Life Flight Air Ambulance Pilot

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Hear from some of — our bequestors

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Gifts in Wills help fund, on average, a fifth of our operational costs - meaning almost one in five patients flown are directly helped by someone who has left a gift to Life Flight.

We are so grateful for the generous supporters who have already made this commitment, here are the words of a few.

“As a regular trumper there have been two incidences which motivated my commitment to leave a gift in my Will. One with our Forest and Bird tramping group in the eastern hills, where a member broke/dislocated an ankle, and then with the Tararua Tramping Club trip above Dobson's Hut where a member was hoisted out with leg lacerations. Both these incidents made me realise just what an asset Life Flight is to the safety of such groups.”

Ray Markham, Wellington



“I have always admired the Life Flight Trust for their dedication in helping to rescue people in all sorts of dangerous situations over so many years, and it's for this reason I have decided to leave a gift in my Will.”

Norah Healy, Upper Hutt

“In the early 90's I was able to experience a flight in your helicopter checking Wellington area beaches for a radio station which started me thinking about Life Flight and its need and purpose. A few years later my son- in-law was flown from Blenheim to Wellington with a dangerous heart problem. I decided then to start contributing and later added you in my Will.”

Arthur Vaggers, Waikanae

“I am leaving money in my Will so that future generations can also enjoy tramping in our beautiful country knowing that the big red helicopter and its fantastic crew will make things right if things go wrong.”

Kelvin Allen, Blenheim

I live under the flight path in the Wairarapa. It is so reassuring to see and hear the rescue missions that take place and know the support and commitment that they give to our community.”

Glenis Dinan, Upper Hutt

Life Flight — past and future



We are proud to serve our diverse communities who live in this beautiful country. Kiwis' love of the unique, rugged landscape, winding roads, farms, bush and coastline means aeromedical transport needs to be an integral part of New Zealand's health system.

Being able to access hard-to-reach places by helicopter or transfer patients via plane to specialist medical services available in just one or two hospitals in the country has helped over 40,000 people to date.

For many, the time saved by flying and the hospital-level care provided en-route saved their lives and they have been reunited with their whānau and friends because of the generosity and support of people like you.

As the population of Aotearoa continues to grow and change, Life Flight will grow and adapt with it. By 2043, it is predicted there will be an additional 89,000 people in the region we serve (lower North Island and upper South Island) and almost 850,000 more nationwide.

Technology advances mean we already need to be preparing so that we are well equipped to meet the needs of the future. With thorough and considered planning, we will ensure our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren always have access to the best quality healthcare in the air, both today and in the future.

Thank you for considering joining us on this journey. Your generosity will allow us to plan with confidence. Together, we will give thousands of Kiwis the best chance of being in safe hands and returning to their loved ones.

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more people nationwide. Over the next few years, our already busy crew will attend an ever-increasing number of missions.

SOURCE: Stats NZ

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Lincoln's — flight for life



Like so many of our children and grandchildren, eleven-year-old Lincoln O'Hagan loves the beach. But in an instant, a fun day out with friends turned into a terrifying ordeal. Lincoln was knee-deep in water, jumping over waves when he stumbled into a dip in the sand. When trying to get his footing, Lincoln was swept out to sea by a rogue wave and pulled into a strong rip.

For thirty minutes, he fought to keep his head above water as the waves crashed around him – his body temperature dropped to a dangerous 26 degrees. Lincoln was floating alone, hypothermic and losing consciousness.

Suddenly, he heard a noise above him. He glimpsed red.

He knew it was the Westpac Rescue Helicopter.

That is the last thing Lincoln remembers about being in the sea.

Being ready to respond 24/7 is key when time is critical - this was no exception.

Thankfully, Lincoln, and a heroic bystander who was trapped on a rock trying to save Lincoln, made a full recovery. Lincoln's mum, Andrea, says - "We can't thank the amazing crew enough. If Life Flight hadn't been there, then Lincoln wouldn't be here today."



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— Andrea, Lincoln's mother

17%

OF OUR MISSIONS INVOLVE CHILDREN AND BABIES (IN 2023)

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Our founder
— **Peter Button's
legacy**



Lady Elizabeth II Rescue 2 July 1986

Our story began in 1968 with one of the worst maritime disasters in New Zealand history – the sinking of the Wahine Ferry. On the shore in Seatoun stood our co-founder, Peter Button, helplessly watching those drowning. At that moment, he thought - *there has to be a better way*. With that, Peter's dream for a dedicated aeromedical transport service began.

Seven years on in a remarkable display of passion, tenacity and dedication, Peter Button had purchased our first helicopter. He learned to fly, and had officially begun the first 24/7 rescue helicopter service in New Zealand with neurosurgeon Dr Russell Worth.

Peter's pioneering and heroic work was recognised with an OBE in 1982 and Queen's Gallantry Medal for bravery in 1987. Sadly, two days later, Peter was tragically killed while on a police support mission, at just 58 years old. Thousands of people lined the streets of Wellington for the memorial service and helicopters flew overhead in honour

of a local legend. With incredible commitment from the community, Peter's dream to save lives did not stop there. Peter's son, Clive, who worked closely with his dad on the helicopters when it first began, says: "People often approach me and tell me how Dad or Life Flight rescued them.

It has helped something like 40,000 people. The Life Flight Trust was established prior to Dad's death and they have brought it to what it is now. It's been an amazing feat and every person involved with it has the passion and drive that Dad had – to keep the service going and growing."



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Since our pioneering beginnings, Life Flight has continued to be at the forefront of technological and healthcare innovation. In 1988, we developed patient transfer bridges to transport patients while connected to intensive care equipment. In 2006, we were the first in Australasia to transfer a heart and lung bypass patient, and in 2020 we received the national Search and Rescue Gold Award for excellence in the field.

We are deeply committed to providing excellent care for New Zealanders. In the past 40 years, we have evolved from a small, part-time operation battling bureaucracy to an efficient organisation with three full-time aircraft, a hardworking support team, and a clear vision for the future. None of which would be possible without the continuing generous support of the community.

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40,000

PEOPLE HELPED BY LIFE FLIGHT AND COUNTING...

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Clive Button

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Neil's story of — survival



When Neil sent in a donation, he did not expect to need us the next day.

Fifty-four-year-old Neil Wadham was at the gym in Carterton with his wife, Bev, when he suffered a cardiac arrest; Neil stopped breathing and lost consciousness. He urgently required expertise and equipment that was not available in Wairarapa – the long and windy Remutaka Hill Road to Wellington was not an option. With the survival rate of a cardiac arrest outside of the hospital at just 14%, the Air Ambulance Plane was dispatched with an intensive care team from Wellington Hospital on board. Thankfully, Neil got the urgent care he needed to survive.

14%

THE SURVIVAL RATE OF A CARDIAC ARREST OUTSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL

SOURCE: Wellington Free Ambulance

Over the next week, Neil was on life support. His wife Bev recalls - 'He was tended to by the wonderful and caring medical staff. When he regained consciousness, he was initially only able to blink and gently squeeze our hands.'

After recovering from his cardiac arrest, Neil has had a full life. He has seen his children get married and met his six grandchildren.

"It's enabled me to live a normal life, see my family grow up. Life Flight has given our family so much."

The Wadhams often see the Air Ambulance fly in and out of Carterton. Each time it does, it reminds them how close they were to losing a husband, father and grandfather – and why they continue to donate.



PHOTO CREDIT: Stuff Limited

"My heart forgot to keep beating and I collapsed."

—Neil Wadham

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How your gift could make such a
— **positive difference**



We rely on community support to keep flying. Around 50% of the cost of each mission is met by generous supporters to help make up the shortfall in government funding.

Over time we have seen an increase in the number of patients, face growing needs for maintenance and future fleet renewal, and keep up with technological improvements to keep our crew and patients as safe as we can.

Here are just some of the ways your generosity through a gift in your Will could support Life Flight in the future:

Crew steel capped boots:	\$500
Survival vest:	\$2,580
Child rescue basket:	\$2,700
Helicopter winch hook:	\$5,300
Life raft:	\$8,400
Patient transfer vehicle:	\$26,300
Defibrillator:	\$39,900
Patient stretcher:	\$51,900
Helicopter snowshoes:	\$67,000
Satellite navigation system:	\$89,000

Figures based on recent upgrades and estimates 2024

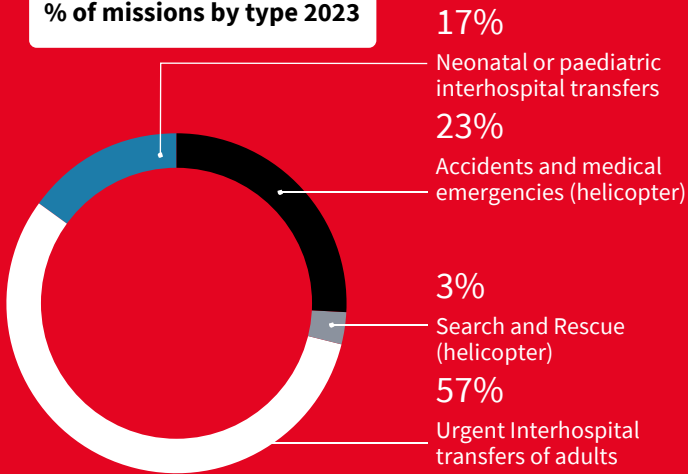
Here for all New Zealanders

— 24/7

No two days are the same at Life Flight. We're here for all New Zealanders, 24/7.

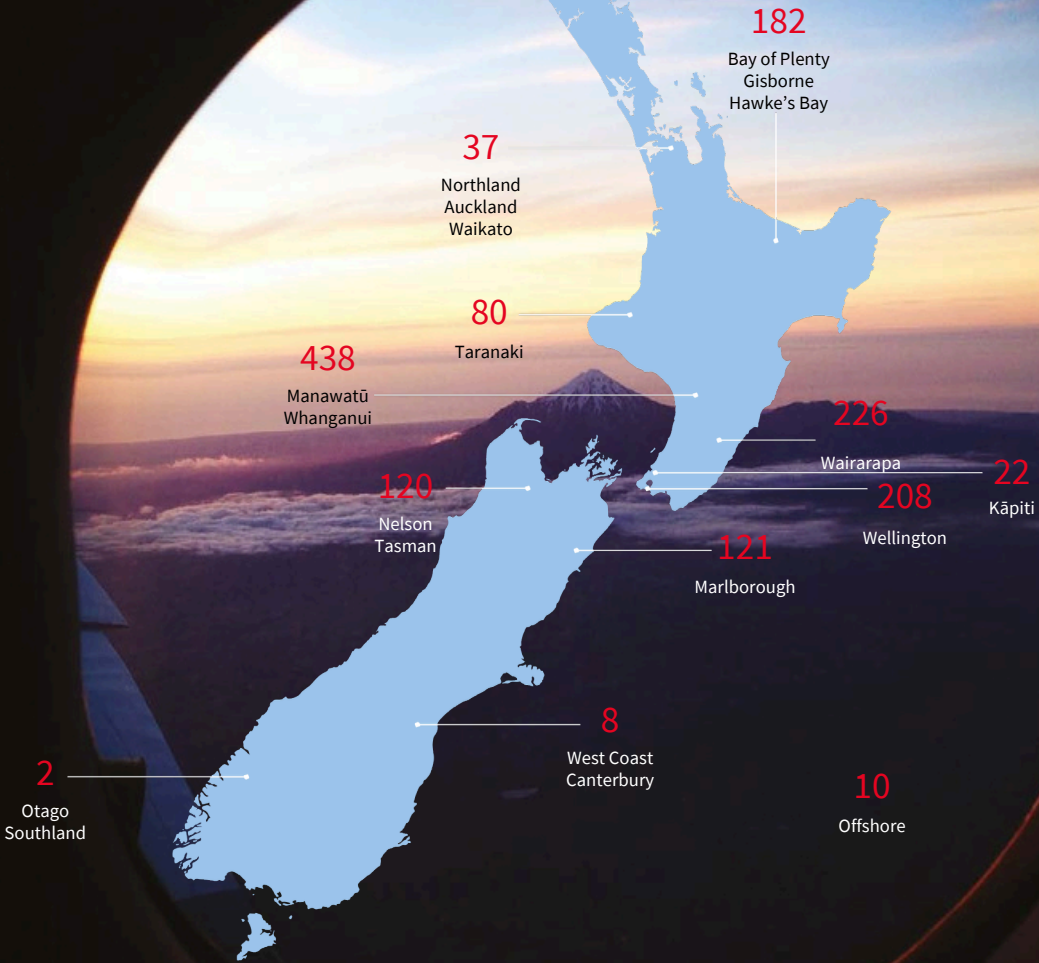
Whether it's cardiac arrest, a motor vehicle accident, birth complications, or someone lost in the bush, our crews are ready for anything – all-day, every day.

% of missions by type 2023



People flown

1 April 2023–31 March 2024



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How to leave a — gift in your Will

Leaving a gift in Will for Life Flight

Your gift will keep Life Flight saving lives, ensure Kiwis are in safe hands, and help meet the growing needs of the service. When you make your Will, of course make provision for those that are closest to you first. Then, it would be an honour for Life Flight to be named within your wishes.

Setting aside gifts in your Will are at your discretion and your solicitor, or trustee company, can guide you through the entire process. Here are some terms to think about for when you are ready to formalise your wishes.

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Types of gifts

There are two main ways to leave a gift:

A residual gift

You gift what is left from your estate after all other gifts and costs are met. A residual gift can be either a percentage of your whole estate, or a percentage of the remainder of your estate. This way your gift will keep up with inflation and achieve as much towards Life Flight as you would intend now.

A pecuniary gift

A specific amount of money is gifted to Life Flight. A pecuniary gift is straightforward, but over time the value of the gift will reduce due to inflation.

Details to ensure your gift is received

Here are the details your solicitor will require:

Charity name: The Life Flight Trust

Charity number: CC24283

Address: 17 George Bolt Street, Rongotai, Wellington 6241

Suggested wording

To help you when you are drafting or amending your Will with your solicitor and so that you can ensure Life Flight will be a beneficiary, recommended wording is set out below:

Example wording for a residual gift

"I give and bequeath to The Life Flight Trust, of 17 George Bolt Street, Rongotai, Wellington.

The residue, or

percent of my whole estate, or

percent of the residue of my estate,

to be used for its general purposes"

Example wording for a pecuniary or specific gift

"I give and bequeath to The Life Flight Trust, of 17 George Bolt Street, Rongotai, Wellington, the specific sum of

or gift of shares/other to be used for its general purposes."

Let us know

When you are ready, please let us know that you have made the gift in your Will. Not only will this help us plan for the future, but it also means we have the opportunity to thank you and keep you informed about the impact your generosity will have. You can let us know by sending us this form or getting in touch with Amy Alexander, our Bequests Manager.

Complete the form

Or email amy@lifeflight.org.nz

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Your life, — your wishes

Whatever your circumstances allow you to give, all gifts in Will, large and small will make a real difference to saving lives.

We have heard from past patients the sense of utter relief that comes over them when they see or hear the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Making your Will brings peace of mind too.

Your wishes for everyone important in your life will be met and all will be in safe hands.

Should you intend to include Life Flight in your wishes we will honour this with our promise to you.

Contact us

If you have questions and would like more information about making a gift in your Will, please contact Development Manager, Amy Alexander.

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Our Promise

- » We will use your gift wisely and where the need is greatest to keep Life Flight saving time and saving lives.
- » We understand circumstances change. Family and friends always come first – you can change your mind at any time.
- » We will respect your privacy. Everything you share with us regarding your gift in your Will is strictly confidential.
- » We will always be available. A gift like this is significant. We will be readily available to share information about how Life Flight works and the impact your gift could have.

We want to thank you

As a valued bequestor, we would love to invite you and your whānau to visit the Air Base and meet the team. We will keep you regularly informed of updates; just let us know how you would like us to keep in touch.

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