

# Life Flight

**Thanks to your support, little Lennox got to Starship Hospital in Auckland for life-saving surgery.**

Shortly after he was born, the whole family was flown in our Air Ambulance Plane to get Lennox safely to the specialty care he needed.



*You got baby Lennox to the specialty care he needed.*

Lennox was born with a heart condition and has had several major surgeries. Fortunately, his 5th surgery last March has made a major difference.

Mum Nicky explains, "Essentially now Lennox has half a heart doing the work of a full heart. He no longer gets short of breath walking to and from the letterbox. It's awesome to stand back and just watch him run 'cause he could never run before. It's just those simple little things that you kind of do a little fist pump when he's not looking."

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**You've given Lennox a chance at childhood**

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Because you made it possible for him to get to the care he needed, Lennox is now a happy five-year-old who is "full of beans." He is at school and loving life.

*"He's been given a second, third, fourth and fifth chance at life. We want him to be able to live it."*

Nicky sends her sincere thanks to you for supporting Life Flight.

*"Life Flight is one of those organisations that you don't appreciate until you need it. It could be someone's parent, child, anybody who needs that service, and if they're not there then it just means many more lives are going to be lost. If you can, please donate before you need them."*

We were thrilled to see Lennox at our Open Day earlier this year. He met Pilot Ian who had flown him.

Thank you for your life-saving gifts that allow us to keep helping people like little Lennox.

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*Lennox's family sincerely thanks you for supporting Life Flight.*



*Lennox was born with a heart condition and has had several major surgeries.*



*Your support made it possible for Lennox to get to the specialty care he needed to save his life.*

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## TEAM SPOTLIGHT

# Meet Shirley

Shirley has volunteered for Life Flight for five years. Each May she has generously donated her time to help with the Westpac Chopper Street Appeal - coordinating hundreds of volunteers in the Kapiti region.

Shirley's family has needed Life Flight twice and she has since sought to help us in any way she can.

### What's been your favourite part about being Regional Coordinator for the Street Appeal?

It's lovely to meet other patients. I like to give them the time because they've got a story to tell. I also like to give them a hug and say we're glad to have you with us still. And it's through this organisation that we can do for others as we did for you.

### What would you say to our crew?

Where would we be without people like them? I just want to say thank you time and time again.

### Have you always helped others?

I've always donated to worthwhile causes. I love giving, I love helping. I can't give monetary wise but I can give my time. I can give my love.

### Do you have a special memory from when your family used Life Flight?

After my husband Alan was flown in the chopper, the Life Flight team who helped him stopped for a visit next time they were at the hospital.

They actually took the time to come and say giddyay to him. For Alan that meant the world.



**Shirley has decided it's time to step down as the Kapiti Coordinator, but she confirms you'll still see her shaking a bucket.**

***Thank you, Shirley, for being an important part of the Life Flight team!***

# Lives you have touched



**Because of you, hundreds of people have been helped in the first half of 2019.**

**Thank You!**

**Statistics: Jan' - Jun' 2019**

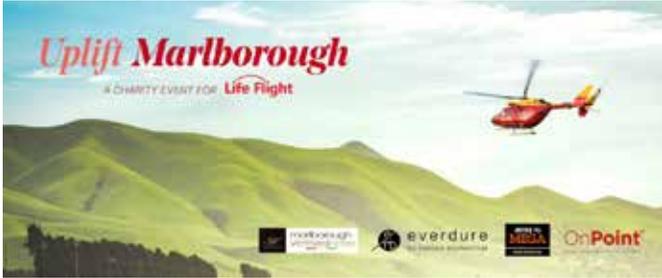
**People helped**  
**765**

**Whānau and support people flown**  
**302**

For each person helped there is a ripple effect that goes on to touch their family, friends and neighbours. Thank you for saving lives and keeping whānau together. You're amazing!



# Upcoming Events



## **UpLift Marlborough** 20 September

An exciting new event hosted by Mitre 10 MEGA Marlborough in support of Life Flight.

Emceed by Life Flight's great friend Mark Sainsbury and food cooked on Heston Blumenthal's stunning, new Everdure Barbeques.

*Purchase tickets now: <http://bit.ly/LFuplift>*



## **Wellington Racing Club Fundraiser** 26 October

A great fundraising day for the family at Trentham Racecourse supporting Life Flight!

*Purchase tickets at <http://wellingtonracing.co.nz>*

## **Elevate+ Gym Fundraising Sessions** 24 November

Elevate+ Gym will be running two additional workout sessions to raise funds for Life Flight. Life Flight staff/crew will be in attendance, sweating alongside everyone to raise funds. Let's find out how many lives can be saved during a workout!

Sessions: 8am & 9am

*Contact [reception@elevateplus.com](mailto:reception@elevateplus.com) for more information.*

## **Wairarapa Horse Trek Fundraiser** 29 November - 1 December

This will be a fun three days of horse trekking in support of Life Flight. The trek will go through Clifton Grove, Summer Hills, Rocky Hills and Admiral Station.

*For more information contact Joe Brown at [Chejoe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Chejoe@xtra.co.nz) or phone 06 377 7429 or 027 758 1711*

## **Carterton Emergency Services Day** 30 November

A fun family day-out involving the local Wairarapa emergency services at Carterton park alongside the Carterton Christmas parade.



## **Life Flight's Westpac Chopper Street Appeal** May 2020

The appeal will be held in May across greater Wellington and Marlborough in partnership with our major sponsor Westpac.

*Interested in volunteering or hosting a site? Please email [events@lifeflight.org.nz](mailto:events@lifeflight.org.nz) or phone 04 920 2242.*

**We send a sincere thank you to the wonderful supporters who organise events and raise life-saving funds! Are you interested in organising or have you organised a fundraising event in support of Life Flight?**

**Please contact 04 920 2242 or [events@lifeflight.org.nz](mailto:events@lifeflight.org.nz)**

# You've given David more time with his family



Photo donated by Lindsay Keats

**Time was critical when paramedics arrived at David's home. Your support meant he got to hospital when minutes mattered.**

Former doctor David experienced a role switch when his wife called '111' as he was having persistent chest pain.

*"I was clearly aware that I needed to get to a hospital*



*Dr. David back to his performing best.*

*quickly. So I was really pleased the paramedic said they would send for a helicopter."*

David was flown in our Westpac Chopper from Paraparaumu to Wellington Hospital in time for life-saving surgery.

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***"I'm a healthy guy. I live a healthy lifestyle. I considered myself a poster boy for how not to have a heart attack."***

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A stent was inserted to the 100% blocked artery. It was an eye-opening experience for David. He had witnessed this kind of procedure being performed several times before.

And he had felt sure this wouldn't happen to him. *"I'm a*



*Dr. David's life was saved thanks to you.*

*healthy guy. I live a healthy lifestyle. I considered myself a poster boy for how not to have a heart attack."*

It's thanks to your wonderful donations that David is here today.

*"These are amazing world-class services that Wellington's surrounding residents need to be aware are top of the line. When you need them, you need them, and they are there for you. They should be supported rigorously."*

## **A big shout out to all who helped with this newsletter!**

Like everything we do here at the rescue base, this newsletter was made possible with a generous team effort. We send sincere appreciation to Fuji Xerox for donating printer paper, NZ Post for discounted postage, photographers who donated images, and the wonderful patients who volunteered time and shared their remarkable stories.

***Thank you!***

