



As 2025 comes to a close, we at Franklin Hospice want to thank you for being part of our journey.

This year has been filled with moments of care, connection, and compassion – all made possible thanks to our supporters, volunteers, and the wider Franklin community.

## Franklin Hospice Holiday Hours

Our office will be open 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holiday period.

While our team continues to support patients during this time, we will be operating with reduced nursing staff.

- Statutory holiday and weekend visits will focus on patients with urgent or critical needs.
- 24/7 phone support remains available.
- After-hours, weekends, and public holidays are for urgent concerns only.

Thank you for your understanding as we prioritise care for those who need it most.

## A Look Back at 2025

With just 6 full-time clinical and social services staff, our team:

Cared for over **370** patients and their whānau.

Completed **2,140** home visits, bringing compassionate care to our patients' doorsteps.

Answered **6,195** phone calls, providing support and guidance.

Responded to **1,484** after-hours calls to ensure care is available 24/7.

Supported **209** families with bereavement care following the passing of a loved one.

Provided **3,455** pieces of advice to other health professionals, helping increase palliative care capability in the Franklin region.

Together, our team and supporters have brought care, comfort, and guidance to hundreds of patients and whānau across our community this year.

If you would like to help us continue providing compassionate care, please consider making a donation. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference in someone's life.

<https://www.franklinhospice.org.nz/donations-to-franklin-hospice/>

## Supporters & Grant Providers

A special thank you to this year's major sponsors and grant providers – your generosity makes our work possible and ensures that specialist palliative care continues in the Franklin community.

### Major Sponsors:

Barfoot & Thompson – Pukekohe, Pōkeno & Tuakau | BNI – Franklin & Papakura | Blossom | Bonded Insurance | Dilmah Tea | Farmers Pukekohe | Grahams Funeral Services | Kitchen Studio | Lions – Pukekohe & Tuakau | Rapid Facilities | Riverhaven Artland | SBA Pukekohe | The Allied Petroleum/Transfleet Trailers Bombay Truck Show | The Bespoke Living Room | United Against Cancer | Z Energy

### Grant Providers:

Blue Sky Community Trust | Chenery Memorial Trust | Four Winds Foundation | Freemasons Foundation | Grassroots Trust | Louisa & Patrick Emmett Murphy Foundation | NZ Lotteries Commission | One Foundation | The Lion Foundation

## Volunteer Spotlight

Last week, in the lead-up to International Volunteers Day on 5 December, we celebrated some of our incredible volunteer superstars — and we have one more to share with you.

We're delighted to shine a light on **Trish Hurrell**, who has been volunteering with us since **2016**.

Trish is a valued member of our Hospice Shop team — serving customers, helping Vicki (our Shop Manager) behind the scenes, and dressing our front windows with creativity and care.

Her inspiration to volunteer came from a deeply personal place. After losing her mum to cancer and experiencing the support Totara Hospice provided, Trish felt compelled to give back.

**"I wanted to give back," she shares.**

### **What keeps her coming back each week?**

"The people I work with. It's a good feeling to give your time freely and support the community."

### **Her advice to anyone thinking about volunteering?**

"Come and join us!"

Outside of volunteering, Trish loves to travel — though her favourite place in the Franklin area will always be home.

Our shop is more than a place to find treasures — it helps cover the shortfall in funding needed to provide care to patients and their whānau. Volunteers like Trish make this possible.



## A Heartfelt Thank You

To Trish — and to every volunteer who gives their time, skills, and compassion — thank you.

From our shop team, event helpers, biographers, Daybreak supporters, companions, and everyone who lends a hand in big and small ways: your contribution matters deeply.

Every job is important and makes a real difference in the lives of our patients and their whānau. Your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve are woven into every part of our work.

Volunteers truly are the backbone of Franklin Hospice, and we are incredibly grateful for each and every one of you.

## Looking Ahead to 2026

In 2026, Franklin Hospice celebrates 40 years of providing care and support to the Franklin community. We'll be marking this milestone in meaningful ways throughout the year — watch this space.

We also have some exciting new projects in development, and we look forward to sharing more with you in the new year.

## Artist Call-Out

As part of our 40-year anniversary celebrations, Franklin Hospice is hosting a special **Art Auction**.

We are now inviting artists of all mediums to submit expressions of interest to contribute artwork for this event.

Artwork will be auctioned to help support Franklin Hospice services, with proceeds directly contributing to care for patients and their whānau.

If you'd like to be part of this meaningful event, please get in touch with us for more information or to register your interest.

We'd love to hear from you!

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## Upcoming Events

- Valentines at Riverhaven Artland | 14 February 2026
- Franklin Hospice Art Auction | April 2026
- Franklin Hospice Garden Ramble | 14-15 November 2026 - Tickets available in 2026

## Wishing you a Joyful Holiday Season

As the year draws to a close, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our supporters, volunteers, staff, trustees, and the entire Franklin community. Your generosity, kindness, and care make everything we do possible.

From all of us at Franklin Hospice, we wish you a joyful and safe holiday season filled with special moments. We look forward to sharing another year of compassion and community with you in 2026.

From Lynette, Alison, Maria, Sharon and all the team!