

Your Mission in Your Will



*Help transform lives, and create a better
future for the generations to come.*

You Can Have a Lasting Legacy in Our Community

We all face challenges in our lives. Most of us can overcome those challenges and move on. However, some people in our community find themselves in overwhelming hardship and cannot see a way forward.

Since 1904, The Wellington City Mission has been here to support those in need – from struggling families and sole-parents to older people and people who are isolated or are experiencing homelessness.

Together we identify and address underlying issues to create positive outcomes for

people, their whānau, and our whole community.

Thank you for your interest and support. With help from our supporters, The Mission is a truly positive force in the lives of the Wellington region's most vulnerable people and families.

We can always do more when we work together. Please consider including a gift to The Mission in your Will to help transform lives and make a lasting difference in our community.

Blessings,
Murray



Murray Edridge
Wellington City Missioner

You Can Make a Difference for the Next Generation



Rhonda and her son Timothy

Before coming to The Mission, Rhonda and her son Timothy had been through some tough years.

After splitting from Timothy's dad, Rhonda really struggled, and she went into a downward spiral. She was diagnosed with multiple mental health issues and was losing control of their home life. Timothy was unhappy at school as well. She was scared for their future, and wanted the best for her son, so she reached out for help to transform their lives.

A Mission social worker, Trudy, provided the support Rhonda needed, when she needed it most. Rhonda said *"Trudy instantly made me feel cared for and that we weren't alone. With her by our side, bit by bit I began piecing our life back together."*

Trudy worked with Housing NZ to upgrade Rhonda and Timothy's unhealthy and damp rental – including thermal curtains that helped in winter and lowered their power bill.

The Mission's holistic support made a significant difference. Rhonda explained *"I've always had barely enough to survive, so The Mission's support with food parcels, clothing, and toys relieved a tonne of worry. Trudy even helped me receive my correct entitlements with WINZ, and I've been working with a budgeter to learn the skills I need to better manage my finances. Trudy also supported us to build a good relationship with Timothy's school and has helped get him the learning supports he needs. This year has been much better – he's actually enjoying it!"*

Rhonda still has challenges to overcome, but she has the confidence to face them, and has regained control of her family's day-to-day life. Rhonda says, *"Trudy, The Mission, and everyone who supports them are just amazing. It really is true that showing you care for someone who is struggling can make all the difference."*

You can walk alongside parents like Rhonda, to give our next generation the best start in life.

(Names have been changed for confidentiality)

You Can Help Change Someone's Life Forever



Paul outside his own home

When Paul started coming to Tā Te Manawa (our Community Lounge), one of our social workers began building a trusting relationship with him. We supported him to sort out his sickness benefit and find appropriate housing. Paul found living in a house challenging at first, but The Mission was there to provide support through essential resources, advocacy, and financial mentoring. Now Paul loves his home, and his health has improved dramatically after receiving the surgery he had needed for so long.

Now Paul still comes to Tā Te Manawa most days. He has found friends, community connection, and a sense of belonging. He even mentors and encourages other manuhiri (guests) to make the changes they want for themselves.

Paul said, “I’ve had a lot of difficulties with illness throughout my life – both mental and physical. I thought I was going to die in my car. But The Mission came at a time when I had given up. Now I feel a lot safer in my home, and I’m part of a community. I reckon I might even live a few years longer too!”.

When Paul first came to The Mission, his life had been a real struggle.

He explained, “I didn’t have a good upbringing, it was horrible actually. I ended up living in my car for 30 years. I developed ongoing bronchitis and had

stomach problems that required surgery. I had very little money, and mostly kept to myself. I’d had some bad experiences with government agencies, so I didn’t trust them. I honestly thought that there was nothing I could do to change my situation. Then I found The Mission.”

Together, We Will Continue to Make a Real Difference

Social Worker Support

Social workers engage with families and individuals face-to-face. They provide advocacy with housing, healthcare, and income entitlements, life-skills opportunities, and make referrals to other specialist or community services.



Every day, 31 families and individuals receive a visit from our social work team.

Supported Transitional Housing

Supported transitional housing facilities provide a place of belonging for people experiencing homelessness. Skilled staff support, guide and care for manuhiri, to help them get back on their feet and live successfully within our community.



Every day, 133 people are supported in our Transitional Housing homes.

Kemp Home & Hospital

Kemp Home and Hospital provides excellent resthome and hospital-level care for our elders.



Every day, our 62 residents of Kemp Home and Hospital are cared for and supported in a variety of ways.

Food Support

A Social Supermarket is available for families and individuals requiring food support. People can choose their own food, free of charge and with dignity.



Every day, 20 people are supported by our Social Supermarket.

Community Lounge

Tā Te Manawa is a place where everyone is welcome. Our manuhiri, volunteers and staff enjoy connecting over barista coffee and delicious cafe style food.



Every day, 95 people are welcomed into our community lounge.

Help with Money

We offer financial mentoring and budgeting advice that empowers people to make choices and changes to overcome financial burdens and live with more financial freedom.



Every day, 17 people are empowered with a personal visit with our financial mentoring team.

Ben's Legacy Lives On

Ben had some major struggles to overcome during his life. He managed to land on his feet, but he knew that his position could have been very different without the support of friends and neighbours at crucial times.

Although he wasn't a religious man, Ben often said 'There but for the grace of God, go I'. He wanted to leave a legacy that would become that helping hand for people in Wellington who were struggling to cope and had no family or friends to support them. He referred to The Mission as "The mother and safety net of the city" and knew his legacy would work hard for those people and make a real difference in their lives.

How Ben's Legacy Has Empowered Wellington Families

After Ben took care of two of his friends in his Will, he left The Mission the residue of \$77,000.

This legacy was able to transform the lives of eight families, through the personalised wraparound support of The Mission's services.

Over six months, these families received intensive support including:

- Face-to-face social worker support, advocacy and guidance.
- Food support including from our new Social Supermarket.
- Financial empowerment through budgeting advice and financial mentoring.
- A place of safety, belonging, community and connection in Tā Te Manawa.

You Can Change Lives Too!



"All I can say is thank you so much to The Mission for being there for us."

Help Your Mission Build a Stronger Community in the Future

You can leave a lasting legacy

Whether you're updating your Will or creating your first one, we're here to help. Your Will is a reflection of who you are, what you most care about and how you want to be remembered. Including a gift in your Will is simple and doesn't impact on your day-to-day living but gives you the satisfaction of knowing that your generosity and kindness lives on.

There are various ways you can leave a lasting legacy:

If you want to leave The Mission a gift in your Will, it's worth taking time to think about the form and value of your gift.

- A residue gift such as the remainder of your estate after considering your loved ones
- A share or percentage gift of your estate
- A specific gift, whether that be money, property, art, shares or belongings

Remember to include our Legal Name and Charity number:

The Wellington City Mission
(Anglican) Trust Board (Charities
Commission number CC21786)



Volunteer Janet with Tess, one of our manuhiri

It is strongly advised that a legal professional is involved in drafting a Will or any changes to an existing Will, to ensure that your wishes are clearly understood and the document is legally binding.

Whatever kind of gift you leave, know that it has the power to transform lives.

Let us know you've left a gift

We would love to keep you updated with the many wonderful stories that emerge as

people's lives and communities are transformed, so please let us know if you have decided to remember us in your Will.

Free Will Service

If you don't have a Will, Succeed Legal have partnered with The Mission, and they would like to offer their Will services for free. Please contact them direct by emailing nicky.smith@succeedlegal.co.nz or by phoning (04) 909 3743 and let them know you are supporters of The Wellington City Mission.



Contact Us

For a confidential discussion about leaving a
Bequest to The Mission please contact our
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Thank you!