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PROJECT HOSPICE NEPAL



A Fairfield Rotary Club Centennial Project

Hospice Nepal has been providing palliative care in its current eight-bedded facility for more than 20 years. However, it is now no longer adequate to house the growing service of approximately 150 – 200 patients each year.

Our vision is to build a new 24-bed hospice, which will have beds for children, as none currently exist for children in Nepal. And within the new building will be a training centre for a wide range of healthcare providers, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals, from around the country.

Call today to discuss our project

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HOSPICE MILESTONES

- ✓ *Founded in 1999 by 4 friends*
- ✓ *Home care began in 2005*
- ✓ *200 Home Care patients annually*
- ✓ *Already raised \$550,000USD*
- ✓ *Started Phase II – August 2020*
- ✓ *We've purchased the land*
- ✓ *Joanna Lumley is Ambassador*
- ✓ *Project Teams in UK, Nepal & NZ*

OVERVIEW

For the past 20 years Hospice Nepal has been operating out of a small building - a building that is no longer large enough to house the increasing number of patients. It has no facilities for children or space for their families, and more importantly, is restricting potential to grow the services Hospice Nepal could offer to the community.

We have had a 50% increase in referrals over the last five years and know from Ministry of Health predictions that the number of people requiring hospice services will greatly increase in the coming years. To cope with the increased demand we will need to make some changes to the way we currently work and continue to upskill our healthcare workforce.

We believe the way forward is to build a community hospice large enough to accommodate 24 adults and children. Our staff will continue to visit patients at home in the rural community, but the less time they spend on the road, the more time they will have to help more families. A bonus is that patients visiting Hospice will be able to meet and support each other, and we will be able to offer a greater range of therapies. Patients will be able to see a nurse or doctor in a clinic, take part in complementary therapy, join support groups, and actively participate in day programmes – most of which we have not been able to provide in our current hospice facility.

As well as an in-patient unit, we believe the majority of people want to be cared for in their own homes and we therefore need a small training centre attached to the Hospice where we can train doctors, nurses, health workers and associated health professionals in end-of-life and Palliative care. There may also be a need for a larger in-patient unit in the future, and we would ensure there was room to extend our new building should the need arise.

We want the hospice to be a building at the heart of our community, we want it to be visible and vibrant. Hospice Nepal is an organisation that celebrates life and we want our building to reflect that.

We have already raised \$550,000 USD, which has enabled us to purchase a suitable piece of land on which we will build our new hospice. We now need to raise a further \$800,000 USD to build the Hospice, so any size of contribution or donation will help to make a huge difference.

If you are an individual, group or Rotary club, you can support our building fund by holding a fundraising event and donating the proceeds to the project.

For more information, please visit our website or email us at: nepal@xtra.co.nz

Thank you for your support!