

Hearing Hearo Bequest Programme

*Leave a lasting legacy today,
to make a difference tomorrow.*



NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR
Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Why leave a gift in your Will to the Foundation?

The National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NFDHH) advocates for the rights of Deaf and Hard of Hearing New Zealanders.

Established in 1978, the Foundation have served the Deaf and hard of hearing community for over 40 years. However, as the world faces a hearing health crisis, the need for the Foundation has never been greater.

Today, there are close to one million New Zealanders who are Deaf or hard of hearing, and this number is rapidly increasing. The World Health Organization predicts the number of people living with a disabling hearing loss will double by 2050.

Deafness impacts every part of a person's life from their mental health and social wellbeing to education and employment. While this impact can be significant for the individual, it is an invisible disability, and therefore the isolation or challenges faced by those living with hearing loss are often overlooked by mainstream society.

The National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing's vision is to create a more inclusive society where Deaf and hard of hearing Kiwis can receive the support they need to live their lives to their fullest potential. By leaving a gift in your Will, you will be helping us to continue to work towards this vision for generations to come.



Leave a lasting legacy.

A gift in your Will lives beyond your lifetime. It is an amazing way to ensure the Deaf and hard of hearing community will have access to support in the future by contributing to the Foundation's long-term sustainability.

Those who chose to leave a gift in their Will to NFDHH are everyday people, who are moved to make a positive difference for future generations of New Zealanders. The good news is that remembering NFDHH in your Will is just as easy as providing for your loved ones. Small or large, every gift received is precious and used carefully.



It's your decision to make.

If you are thinking about leaving a gift in your Will, we understand that your top priority is to provide for your loved ones. After they are looked after, you may wish to continue to support the causes that matter to you by leaving a gift to your chosen charity.

Your decision to support the Deaf and hard of hearing community over the years may lead you to consider making a bequest to the Foundation.

If you are thinking of leaving a gift in your Will, we respectfully suggest that you consult your solicitor who will ensure that your wishes are clearly and legally stated.



“We are so grateful to the people who kindly remember the Foundation in their Will. We wouldn't be able to continue our vital work without them. Bequests help to ensure our long-term sustainability.”

Natasha Gallardo,
Chief Executive.

Isobel's decision to pay it forward.

For long-time NFDHH supporter, Isobel Hollick, making a bequest was, in her words, "such an easy thing to do."



Isobel admits she took good hearing for granted for much of her life. As a child, Isobel enjoyed many wonderful holidays in the Perthshire countryside, listening to the "birds singing and sheep bleating."

It wasn't until her 50s that Isobel began to develop hearing loss. Once diagnosed, Isobel received hearing aids and quickly became aware of the work done by NFDHH.

"I discovered the Foundation doesn't receive any government funding. I found the support of NFDHH invaluable while transitioning to wearing hearing aids, so I started sending them small donations.

When it came time to review my Will, I decided to leave the Foundation a bequest."

Isobel Hollick

How one woman's bequest was the start of something big:

Today, the Hearing Aid Fund offers grants to hard of hearing Kiwis who need hearing aids. While funding for the Hearing Aid Fund now comes from a range of sources, the original funds were seeded by a bequest. This gift established an ongoing legacy that continues to this day.

Glenn's Story

Glenn is a recipient of the Hearing Aid Fund. Despite suffering from hearing loss for his whole life, Glenn "just put up with it" due to the high cost of hearing aids.

When he lost his job due to Covid-19, Glenn ran out of excuses. His hearing was getting worse with age, which made finding a new job that much more difficult.

That's when he came across the Hearing Aid Fund, which paired with Jobseeker funding, enabled him to finally get the hearing aids he had needed his whole life.

"Once I had been fitted, I was like a 55-year-old newborn. There were so many sounds to learn!"

Glenn's family no longer had to raise their voices to communicate with him, and social gatherings became enjoyable rather than exhausting.

"I am no longer excluded from conversations, no longer uncomfortable and hiding at gatherings or unable to participate because I couldn't hear..."

"It really is life-changing. People around me have noticed the changes. They say I am happier and more social."

The Hearing Aid Fund has made a world of difference to many hard of hearing Kiwis who desperately needed financial support to access hearing aids. Without this incredible bequest, this programme would not exist.



Supporting work that makes a difference.

As the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing receives no government funding, the valuable bequests received over the years have been pivotal in providing financial surety for the Foundation's most crucial programmes. Such as our Hearing Screening Programme in secondary schools, without which hard of hearing kids would fall through the gaps.



Jayden's Story

"I for one am so grateful for your programme. My son is in Year 9 this year and recently took part. We found out he has loss of hearing in one ear (which we knew nothing about!). He has been to Triton and we are now waiting on a specialist for a possible hearing aid. Had your programme not have been happening, we would have had no idea, he thought it was normal."

Jayden's mum, Sarah, Auckland.

Our recent results show that 24% of secondary students are being picked up with an abnormal hearing result. Furthermore, of those students referred, 47% were diagnosed with moderate or severe hearing loss.

The Hearing Screening Programme has meant that children like Jayden have been able to receive the timely diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation they need. A gift in your Will can help to ensure the Foundation can continue to care for young Kiwis' hearing health in the future.

20%

Globally, 1 in 5 teenagers have a hearing loss.

Since the 1990s, the rate of youth hearing loss has increased globally by

30%

24%

of NZ secondary students recently screened received an abnormal result.

47%

of NZ secondary students referred were diagnosed with moderate or severe hearing loss.

100%

WHO predicts the rate of hearing loss will double over the next three decades.

*Source: World Health Organization, NFDHH Hearing Screening Programme 2021.

Leaving a bequest to NFDHH.

We are honoured that you would consider contributing to the Deaf and hard of hearing community. Leaving a bequest is one of the best ways you can support NFDHH as your gift will continue to make an invaluable impact beyond your lifetime.

Your bequest ensures we can continue to plan for the future and increase the capacity of our programmes. This includes preventing hearing loss and improving the lives of people who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

If you would like to receive more information about our current programmes and the work we are doing in the community, please fill in the form below and post it back to us.



Would you like to know more about how your bequest will help?

I am considering leaving a gift in my Will to the Foundation and would like to be kept up-to-date with the Foundation's work.

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Your Full Name

Your Phone Number

Your Postal Address

Your Email Address

How would you like to be kept up-to-date about the Foundation's programmes?

By post By email

Is there anything you'd like to share with us?

Please return your completed form using the free post envelope enclosed. Thank you!

Become a Hearing Hearo.



Want to know more about leaving a gift in your Will to the Foundation?

If you wish to discuss your gift to the National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in confidence, please contact our Donor Relations Manager, Lisa Talbot.

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