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A gift in your will transforms lives. Your gift will help to establish and retain our best emerging talent, repatriate key researchers, build critical capability in the New Zealand research community and fund invaluable research across the spectrum of medicine and health sciences.

A gift in your will, no matter how big or small, changes lives. Bev is given the precious gift of time...

A LITTLE GIRL, A DOCTOR, A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Kiriana Elliot was only 8 years old when she was diagnosed with leukaemia and her mum, Ursula, described this as *'the worst day of our lives'*.

The next two years were a roller-coaster for the Elliot family, facing all of the physical, emotional and financial challenges that a cancer diagnosis brings. Their guiding light throughout was Dr Andrew Wood, Kiriana's specialist at Starship Hospital and a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Auckland undertaking vital research into childhood leukaemia treatments.

A family gift was responsible for bringing Dr Wood back to New Zealand after having worked offshore in America for many years.



In Andrew's words "The AMRF Douglas Goodfellow Repatriation Fellowship Award has provided the critical start-up funds for establishing my position at the University of Auckland and the reputation of the AMRF review process is instrumental in helping to attract other research funding needed to carry on this project."

This gift brought home a talented, respected and experienced researcher and provided Kiriana with the specialist care needed to have her return home to her family in full remission.

"As a stage 4 Lung Cancer patient myself, the extra time (alongside superb care and attention), that the Research Team has, and is, giving me with my family, is such a priceless gift. To leave the AMRF a bequest in my will seems such a small thing to do alongside their work for me and all other patients, past and future."

Bev Olsen, Cancer Patient.

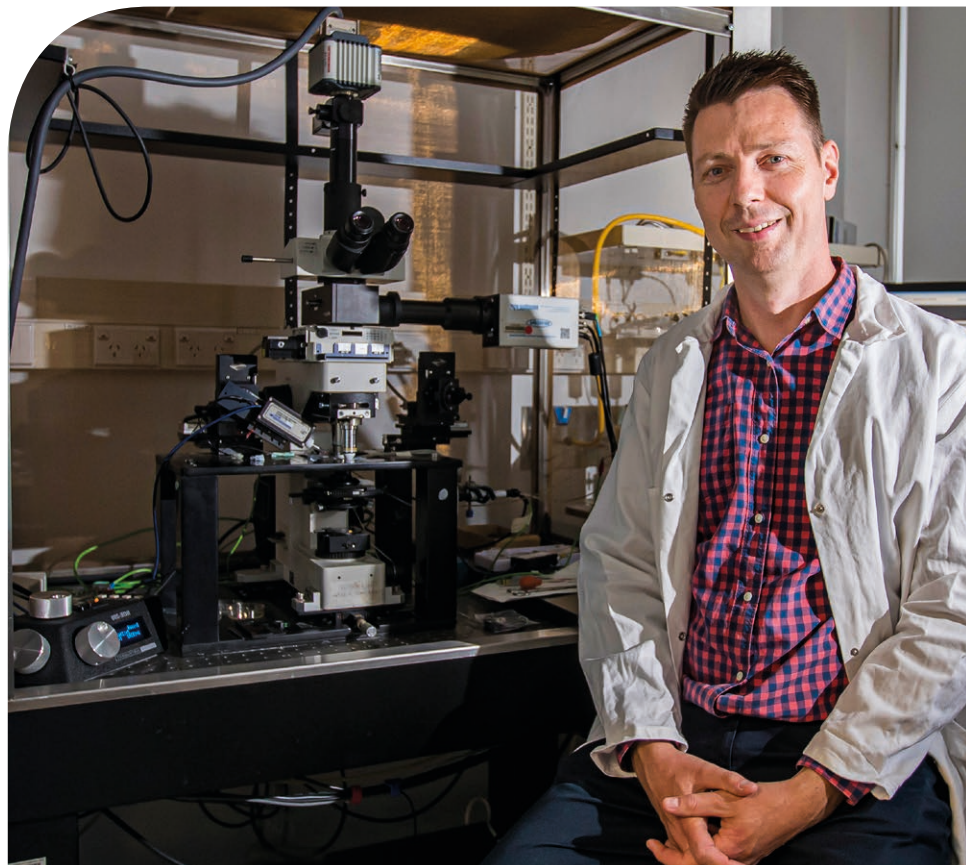
SHINING A LIGHT ON PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Dr Peter Freestone is pioneering the use of a new technology.

Peter is using a ground-breaking, light-based technology to develop more effective therapies for those living with this degenerative disease.

A gift of \$3,000 helped kick-start Peter's use of 'Optogenetics', allowing him to travel to Singapore and bring back expertise in a technology that can target individual brain cells.

"We can actually use light to activate specific cells that we choose and that means we can study these networks in much greater detail", says Peter.



"In the vast majority of cases we don't even know what causes Parkinson's. I want to improve treatment strategies as this disease represents such a huge loss for families, communities and the country."



Giving during your lifetime is another way to create a lasting legacy - you will get to see the impact you are making in the lives of so many and receive the tax benefits.



The Gavin & Ann Kellaway Medical Research Fellowship made it possible for Dr Chang Ho Yoon to attend Harvard University.

The Kellaway Fellowship has allowed Dr Yoon to undertake a Masters in Biomedical Informatics at Harvard. Back in New Zealand, Chang will use artificial intelligence algorithms to improve cancer treatment outcomes, assisting in everything from improving prognosis through to predicting responses to different therapies.

"Gavin and I chose to do this in our lifetimes to be able to feel the excitement of giving. I encourage those of you thinking of giving to do so in your lifetime to be able to see the research you are hoping for."
ANN KELLAWAY

All of the Auckland Medical Research Foundation operating and administration expenses are paid for by a separate charitable fund so 100% of all donations, gifts in wills and income from investments directly support medical research.

HOW CAN I HELP CHANGE LIVES?

Your gift funds the highest quality of medical research projects, researcher travel grants, doctoral scholarships and postdoctoral fellowships.

Why Auckland Medical Research Foundation?

Our mission is timeless - to improve the quality of life for all New Zealanders through funding world-class medical research.

The Auckland Medical Research Foundation seed was first planted in 1955 and thanks to supporters like you, we have grown into the largest independent funder of medical research in New Zealand.

Your donation will help researchers at all stages of their career. Our funding has supported many well-known scientists including world renown recipients Prof Sir Peter Gluckman, Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes and Prof Sir Graham Liggins.

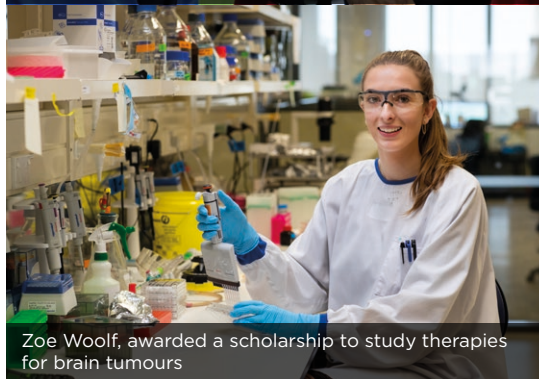
You can choose to leave your gift of cash or assets for a specific area of research or for general purposes.

A sample clause to add to your will:

"I give to the Auckland Medical Research Foundation (Charity Registration Number CC22674) [item/ specific gift or value/ fraction of estate residue] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."



Prof Sir Peter Gluckman (right) received an AMRF summer scholarship in 1975



Zoe Woolf, awarded a scholarship to study therapies for brain tumours



Dr Brigid Ryan, a fellowship recipient working on understanding and preventing early onset dementia



Professor Nicola Dalbeth, Deputy Chair of the AMRF Medical Committee

At the heart of our funding excellence is our Medical Committee, a panel of internationally recognized independent clinicians and scientists who rigorously evaluate all research applications.

All of our funding is contestable - from clinical trials and improving patient outcomes right through to blue sky research.

You can talk to us at any time about your wishes by ringing the Executive Director on +64 (09) 923 1704.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do this by posting a cheque, securely online by visiting www.medicalresearch.org.nz or by transfer into our bank account: 02-0160-0012991-00

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working on right
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