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***Gaynor McEnaney and
Rachel Hunter appearing
together in a NEW video for
Hospice 'This Cause is Dying'***

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***Please embrace
families this
Christmas with
your care***

Your donation is needed today more than ever

Today Gaynor McEnaney wonders how she is still here.

Diagnosed at 45, with nine children, she was told to go home and sort out her finances. She has now been living with terminal cancer for eight years.

Not being able to work Gaynor has chosen to invest her time and savings on creating beautiful memories with family.

"It gave me a fright... I've got to make the most of what I've got. I want to see my kids grow up...first of all I focussed on my daughter's 11th birthday, I had to see that. And every year I found something. The boys wanted to be firemen, so I wanted to see them in their firemen uniforms... I've used money on family trips. So that is what I have done for the last eight years. Looking forward all the time".

Gaynor, preparing for her starring role with Rachel Hunter



Gaynor's illness has affected the nerves in her hands, feet and left leg. Her weekly chemotherapy treatments leave her weak and fatigued. She can't drive, and falls easily. She is unable to work, do housework or even dress herself.

"I wouldn't be where I am now, without them... Hospice helped me live"

Thanks to people like you Gaynor and her family continue to receive Hospice's wrap-around services, helping to provide a way to navigate through each day. The support from Hospice has been invaluable and Gaynor says,

"I wouldn't be where I am now, without them. I look forward to every visit... It's amazing. Hospice helped me live. They give you that confidence that everything is going to be alright. They look after you."

Gaynor's story is not unique. It may surprise you to know that there are many families like Gaynor's on the North Shore, living with their illness for a long period of time and needing the support of Hospice. Growth in demand last year saw the number of visits and phone calls from Hospice North Shore Doctors, Nurses and Family Support staff increase. We need your help today more now than ever.

This Christmas you can help Hospice to embrace more patients like Gaynor with a gift to Hospice. Please donate today which will allow families to enjoy many special moments that might otherwise be impossible.

Gaynor, appreciative of all that Hospice is providing to her and her family, recently joined forces with Rachel Hunter for a day to feature in a NEW video 'This Cause is Dying'. This campaign will raise awareness that Hospice is a cause focussed on living. As Rachel states, *"Hospice is not just a place. And it's not just the doctors and nurses in it. Hospice is a whole service that wraps you and your family with much needed care and support"*.

You can view Gaynor, Rachel, members of the Hospice family including Odette (our favourite dog), starring in the campaign along with Gaynor's interview at www.hospicenorthshore.org.nz.



Last Christmas you helped to raise more than \$82,000 to buy comfortable new beds to give patients in our inpatient unit extra snuggle room. Thank you for your incredible generosity that is transforming lives.

What we're asking you for this Christmas is no less crucial. It's the kind of comfort that embraces a family through the hardest of times; wrapping them in support and care, and helping them navigate a way through each day.

We ask that you please consider a gift this Christmas of whatever you can afford that will, in Gaynor's words *"Look after people, help people to live, and to give confidence that everything is going to be alright"*.

Can you help us embrace families, wrap them in support and care to help them navigate a way through every day?

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