

how can I make a difference?

Since its inception, Spectrum Care has benefited from legacies and bequests and this tradition has continued to the present day.

By making a donation through a will, supporters of Spectrum Care's activities can be part of this tradition and play a key role in developing Spectrum Care's capacity as a world-class service provider to the disability sector.

You'll also be making a significant contribution toward the lives of people with disabilities now and in the future. Bequest donations directly assist the people we serve by providing resources and supporting initiatives to ensure that Spectrum Care continues to help people with disabilities live great lives. A bequest or endowed gift keeps giving forever and even modest gifts can provide lasting benefits.

Bequests can take a variety of forms:

- Specific bequest – This is a gift of a fixed sum of money, property, shares and/or valuables of various descriptions
- Percentage of estate – As the title would suggest, this is a gift of a specific percentage of your estate
- Residual bequest – This type of gift involves leaving all or a portion of the remaining assets of your estate after all debts, taxes, fees and other bequests have been paid
- Deferred bequest – This is a gift that provides for any relatives or friends during their lifetimes, but also benefits Spectrum Care after their deaths

Making a bequest is a powerful way of supporting Spectrum Care, often at a level not possible during your lifetime.

Leave a legacy that lasts – make a difference; make a bequest.

If you'd like additional information about bequests or would prefer to meet with a representative, please contact our Communications and Relationships Manager – Justin Walsh – on 09 634 9788 or email justin.walsh@spectrumcare.org.nz

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services provided by spectrum care

- Adult Services
- Advocacy Services
- Aspirations Services (including Activity and Vocational Centres)
- Child, Youth and Respite Services
- Community Services
- Transition Services

bequest information



People with disabilities living great lives



individual journeys – thomas toley

Thomas Tolley has lived in a Spectrum Care residential home for several years and, in 2007, enrolled with Aspiration Services' Kumeu Activity Centre. Though Thomas came to the centre with limited social skills, he had an abiding fascination with metal and identified photography as a tool with which to explore this fascination. Thomas immediately enrolled in a photography course and set out on a journey that would open new paths and opportunities for him.

After five months of photography classes, Thomas had become adept at taking photos of all types of metal in his immediate environment and had begun to widen the focus. Eventually, Thomas decided to submit one of his pieces to an art auction that was held at a local winery, alongside other artists in the community.

There was little doubt that Thomas was showing significant potential as a photographer, though he was still anxious in busy social situations. This anxiousness posed a barrier, especially as Thomas had become more eager to practice his photography at every opportunity. Fortunately, Thomas's tutor recognised the importance of photography in his life and worked to create situations that both fostered Thomas's creativity and developed his social confidence.

This led to Thomas being commissioned by the local newspaper – the *Nor West News* – to take photos at a Scouts event, an opportunity that allowed Thomas to interact with people in a social setting while also showcasing his talent.

Photo-finding trips were also suggested by his tutor and, on one such trip with his support worker, Thomas found an old tractor in a paddock by the side of the road. He set to taking the photos of the tractor and was soon met by the farmer, Dennis, who stopped to have a conversation with the budding artist. Having discovered Thomas's fascination with metal, Dennis offered to show Thomas around – including a tour of the farm shed, which was full of metal objects.

Thomas was welcomed to come back again to assist Dennis with various projects and the two soon became firm friends. This friendship continues and has brought someone into Thomas life that is able to share his passion for metal and give him an outlet for his creativity.

The encouragement of his support workers, both at home and in the Aspirations Centre, has allowed Thomas to achieve a variety of goals – from developing friendships and visiting new places, to gaining social skills and refining his artistic talents – that have helped to make his life great.

who is spectrum care?

Spectrum Care supports nearly 400 people in 80 residential houses in the greater Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. Our emphasis is on inclusion, on promoting opportunities for every person to lead good and fulfilling lives, and ensuring that every person enjoys the same fundamental rights. The generosity of our benefactors – family and friends alike – increases our ability to make a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities, like Thomas. Your bequest or donation will contribute directly to helping people with disabilities live great lives.

how can I help?

I intend to make a bequest to Spectrum Care in my will and I would like more information on leaving a bequest to Spectrum Care.*

*If you choose to make a pledge for the future, it will be held in the strictest confidence and will only be used to help us in our planning for the future. It is in no way legally binding – you can change your mind at any time.

I would like to meet or speak with a Spectrum Care representative to discuss bequest options.*

*Please include phone number below.

A cheque is enclosed in the amount of: \$

Name

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Telephone

Email

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