

Leaving a gift in your Will to Coastguard ...



There is no better way to support our volunteer heroes to continue to save lives at sea.

“My family still has a dad thanks to Coastguard”

Francis was badly injured when he slipped and fell overboard from his small fishing boat. When he looked up Francis saw his boat, with the engine still on, coming straight for him. It hit him flush on the head and shoulder and left him bleeding, concussed and confused.

He thought he wasn't going to make it: “I thought, well, OK, my number is up here. But then I thought of my two young sons.” Francis tried to keep treading water, but was getting weaker and weaker. He knew he was in grave danger.

“But then I saw the bright light of the flare, up in the sky above me.” He made it back to shore thanks to the Coastguard volunteer crew, who arrived and lifted him carefully out of the sea. “They were amazing. They put me on a stretcher, stabilised my neck and took the pain away.”

After the rescue, Francis was reunited with the crew that saved him: **“I can't thank Coastguard enough. I will never ever be able to repay my debt of gratitude but please just keep doing what you are doing.** My family still has a dad thanks to you.”

Without volunteer crews that are trained, equipped and ready to respond in an instant, the outcome for Francis could have been very different.

\$1,700 will help a Coastguard unit buy a lightweight stretcher to support an injured victim like Francis.



Francis with Coastguard volunteer Izaak Bates.

85% of the money it takes to bring people home safely to their families comes from people like you.

There are 64 Coastguard units throughout the country manned by over 2,200 volunteers.

Our crews are ordinary people volunteering to do an extraordinary thing: putting their lives on the line to rescue people in danger. They come from all walks of life and dedicate many hours of their personal time to be ready to answer the cry for help.

Coastguard volunteers do this because they know that life is precious and what they do makes a difference. The 6,800 people they save each year know that too.

And they are supported by hard-working Kiwis, who give 85% of the money needed for their training and equipment.

You can also support our volunteers to continue to save lives at sea by leaving a gift in your Will.



“Something happens to a person when they are involved in an operation that saves lives - it changes them forever.”

Dave Johnson: Coastguard volunteer



“ Thank God the Coastguard volunteers were there. I would be gone if it wasn't for them. ”

Peter Deefholts: Rescued by Coastguard

How can a gift in your Will help?

It's 6am and the call goes out to Coastguard volunteers to launch their boat into the churning sea and biting wind to save someone they have never met. They do this without question 24/7 and ask for nothing in return.

It takes considerable funds to train and equip our volunteer crews. Lives depend on their skills and it costs \$5,000 to fund their training for one week. A gift in your Will, big or small, could help pay for wet weather gear, life jackets, safety equipment, rescue vessels and training that ensure our crews are able to respond swiftly in a crisis and with equipment that is fit for purpose. Gifts in Wills enable our kiwi heroes to continue saving lives at sea.

\$8,400 will help us provide wet weather gear, overalls and boots for six volunteers.

Remembering Coastguard in your Will

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift (called a bequest or legacy) in your Will to Coastguard. Every gift will make a practical difference to our brave volunteers who are committed to saving lives at sea.

After looking after your family and friends, you may decide to leave a gift to a specific Coastguard region or unit, in which case you will need the region's/unit's registered charity number and address. Please visit our website, www.coastguard.co.nz for a full list of our units or give us a call on **09 489 1510**.

or

You may wish to leave a gift in your Will to Coastguard New Zealand, who distribute funds across the organisation for vessel replacement, repairs, training and equipment.

It is recommended to use a solicitor or Trustee company, whether you are writing a new Will or adding a codicil (an amendment) to an existing Will.

You can arrange your gift in different ways.

A pecuniary or specific gift is a specified sum of money or other assets like property, jewellery, stocks and shares.

A percentage of your estate.

A residuary gift is the remainder of your estate once gifts of money and items have been distributed.

Whole estate this comprises your entire estate.

Suggested wording for your Will.

I give and bequeath to **Royal New Zealand Coastguard Incorporated**, (Charity Registration Number: CC36138) *or the name and registered charity number of a specific Coastguard region or unit:* _____ [a sum of money / % of my estate/residue of my estate/specific asset(s)] for the general purposes of the said charity and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors/Trustees.



“ Knowing the Coastguard is always there, it's a very comforting thought. ”

Charles: Sailor, supporter and Coastguardian

Charles tells us why he made the decision to leave a gift to Coastguard in his Will.

“Volunteers are dedicated people, putting themselves out for people who are in peril or distress on the sea; **they put these people ahead of themselves in a very unselfish manner.** I admire them and always have admired them. I have been a Coastguard member for many, many years and it's a pleasure to make a bequest.”

“At becoming a *Coastguardian* I was at first a little overwhelmed, but when presented with the unique *Coastguardian* pin I was really quite chuffed about it and will wear it with pride.”

Can we help?

Coastguardians are supporters who decide to leave a gift in their Wills to Coastguard. If you would like to talk to us about this possibility, or require more information please contact us on **09 489 1510**, or email info@coastguard.co.nz

Confidential reply

You don't have to tell us your decision, and if you do it will remain confidential, but we would appreciate knowing so we can thank you during your lifetime.

Please tick as appropriate:

- I have already included Coastguard in my Will.
- I intend to include Coastguard in my Will.
- I am considering leaving a gift in my Will to Coastguard and would like the opportunity to discuss this further.
- I would like more information about leaving a gift in my Will to Coastguard.

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other: _____

First Name _____

Surname _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ Postcode _____

Thank you for supporting the New Zealand charity saving lives at sea.

Please return this form to:
Coastguard New Zealand
PO Box 33559, Takapuna
Auckland 0740

Or scan it and email it to:
info@coastguard.co.nz

All information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence.

A lifesaving legacy



Celia Knowles Rescue, Hawkes Bay.

The Celia Knowles Rescue vessel launched in 2009 is named after the late Celia Knowles, a Napier resident and keen seafarer. She left a gift in her Will to her local Coastguard unit specifying it should be used to fund a vessel and it was!

Today the Celia Knowles Rescue has brought over 200 people home safely. She will continue serve the people of Hawkes Bay for years to come.

When you leave a gift in your Will to Coastguard you are standing side-by-side with our volunteers committed to saving lives at sea for future generations to come.

A special thank you

If you choose to include Coastguard in your Will we will invite you to become one of our very special *Coastguardians*, providing us with the opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your generosity in your lifetime.



The full legal title of the national body of Coastguard is:

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They saved my daughter's life, I can't thank them enough

Jo, mother of Cassandra rescued by Coastguard volunteers

