

The weather turned and they were too late

Enjoying the last taste of the school holidays, Damien, Jackie, eight-year-old Rueben and six-year-old Summer headed out for a day of fishing.

When the fish weren't biting and the weather began to turn, they headed into shore, but it was too late.

Out of nowhere, two large waves crashed over the stern, swamping the motor and flooding the boat. Before they knew it, they were in the water clinging to their overturned boat. They were terrified. With two young children, Damien and Jackie were fearing for their lives.

Drifting further away from land and not knowing if help was on the way, they decided to make a swim for it to nearby rocks. **"Fighting the waves and fighting the current, it felt like we weren't getting anywhere, we were making very slow progress,"** recalled Jackie.

During the swim, the couple lost sight of each other and were terrified. But to save the children they knew they had to reach the rocks as quickly as they could.

Relief washed over them as their rescuers approached the rocks.

Jackie, relieved to see Coastguard Nelson volunteers.



"I am alive today thanks to Coastguard"

Dallas was sitting on the deck with two crew mates. He didn't see the wave but he heard it coming.

"It was like a wind rushing, like a train, it was dark but I heard it coming." Water started to fill the boat, and within seconds the boat was upside down in the sea. Dallas thought this was going to be the end for him.

Amazingly, sixteen hours after the sinking, Dallas was still fighting the rough and freezing waters but his body had begun to shut down. "I didn't have anything left in me, I was ready to go." Soon, there would be no more pain. I wondered what it would be like to die. **But then he heard the sweetest shout he'd heard in his entire life: "survivor in the water!"**

Coastguard volunteer crew found Dallas clinging to a petrol canister. He was fighting to stay alive. It took three men to haul Dallas aboard the rescue vessel that day.

"Thanks to the hardy Coastguard volunteers who braved rough conditions to find me, I am alive today.

Dallas, rescued by Coastguard Bluff volunteers



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.

Jeff Royle, a proud Coastguardian

Jeff's grandad taught him to sail in the North Sea. He knows what it means to brave rough weather to help others - he's been a volunteer Coastguard crew member for ten years. **"Helping someone is amazing. When you get home after a rescue, cold, wet and exhausted, it helps to think: someone survived today because of me."**

Jeff has two young grandchildren and wants to be sure that Coastguard is there for them when they grow up. That's why he decided to become a 'Coastguardian' - a member of a special group who have chosen to leave a gift to Coastguard in their Will.

"I want my legacy to go towards maintaining and improving the already amazing service that the public get."

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

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Leave us a lifeline with a gift in your Will

"I would be gone if it wasn't for them.

Peter, rescued by Coastguard volunteers



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

Over 60% of the money it takes to bring people home safely comes from people like you.

There are over 60 Coastguard units throughout the country manned by over 2,000 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 8,000 people they save each year know that too.

They are supported by hard-working Kiwis, who give 60% of the money needed for their training and equipment.

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

“ We were preparing for the end and saying our goodbyes. You saved our lives, and for that I'm eternally grateful. You are truly heroes.

Father and daughter rescued by Coastguard Lake Rotorua volunteers

How can a gift in your Will help?

A gift in your Will can help keep our volunteers safe when they head out to rescue people in an emergency.

They do this without question 24/7 and ask for nothing in return. It takes considerable funds to train and equip our volunteer crews.

A gift in your Will 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 give our volunteer crews the courage to do what they do to continue saving lives at sea.

“ They saved my daughter's life, I can't thank Coastguard volunteers enough.

Jo, mother of Cassandra rescued by Coastguard volunteers

Remembering Coastguard in your Will

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will to Coastguard. Every gift, no matter how big or small, will make a practical difference to our brave volunteers who are committed to saving lives at sea. After you've looked after your family and friends, we would be so thankful if you would consider leaving a gift in your Will to Coastguard.

If you are interested in leaving Coastguard a gift, the first thing you should do is contact your solicitor. They can talk you through your options, and help you to realise your intentions.

People like you are saving lives everyday by leaving a gift in their Will.

You can arrange your gift in different ways.

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

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.

Whole estate this comprises your entire estate.

Suggested wording for your Will.

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

If you're happy to share your intentions with us, please complete and return the confidential reply form in the freepost envelope provided, or if convenient, call us on 09 303 4303 (option 4). Thank you for your support and trust.

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.

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