

# STRENGTH TODAY. HOPE FOR TOMORROW

How your church can bring **HOPE** to people in hospital this Christmas



## Why this matters

Christmas is a season of joy and togetherness, but for families in hospital, it can be the loneliest and hardest time of all.



Hospital chaplains walk alongside patients and whānau every day, offering support, encouragement, and care when it's needed most. Families like Molly's — a young mum overcoming addiction while caring for her baby — rely on chaplains to feel seen, heard, and encouraged.

**This Christmas, your church can make a real difference.**



Your church's generosity ensures chaplains can continue to walk alongside families like Molly's — families carrying unseen burdens of fear, grief, or loneliness.

**Together, we can help make sure no one in hospital feels alone this Christmas.**

*“I was sick and you looked after me.”*  
Matthew 25:36

## 3 ways your church can give support



### 1 Prayer & Awareness



- ✓ Include hospital chaplains and the people they support in your **Advent prayers and services**.
- ✓ **Share Molly's story** or chaplaincy updates in your church newsletter
- ✓ Use your church's social media to **raise awareness** of chaplaincy.

### 2 Practical Support

In some locations, churches can offer hands-on help this Christmas. You might:

- ✓ Share **Christmas carols** in hospital spaces (where permitted)
- ✓ **Provide refreshments** for staff or chaplaincy events
- ✓ Donate items for **patient care packages**
- ✓ Help **decorate the hospital chapel** or assist at services

To enquire about possible opportunities in your area, email [funding@hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz](mailto:funding@hospitalchaplaincy.org.nz)

### 3 Financial Support

Some ideas for ways you could give financial support this Christmas season:

DONATE

- ✓ **Give a donation** on behalf of your church.
- ✓ Take up an **Advent or Christmas offering**.
- ✓ **Host** a morning tea, carol service, or other event to raise funds and awareness.
- ✓ **Encourage** church members to give individually.

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