



Dear Supporter

We hope you had a safe and happy, albeit quiet, Easter break. We are pleased to share the following updates with you.

### COVID19 Frontline Staff Welfare Fund



In a very short space of time the world around us looks quite different, but what remains is the tireless dedication of our Hospital Health Care Workers who are currently going above and beyond to care for our community. In response to the COVID19 crisis we have huge numbers of **dedicated doctors, nurses, lab technicians, cooks, cleaners, laundry staff, social workers, chemists, orderlies and security staff all providing essential services, care and treatment in our hospitals across the Greater Wellington Region.**

We have received a number of approaches from people wanting to make donations to the Hospital for those frontline staff who may be facing additional and excessive strain at this time as they juggle work and family commitments. Wellington Hospitals Foundation is accepting donations to be used for the welfare of DHB staff. **I invite you to make a donation to our Hospital Staff Welfare Fund.**

### New Children's Hospital Update – Nearly Closed In



Like most things in New Zealand at the moment our New Children's Hospital building site has been shut down due to COVID19, as it is not an essential service. We look forward to work continuing as soon as possible. In the meantime, the New Children's Hospital project management and design teams continue to progress detailed designs and procurement activities remotely.

Weta Workshop also continues their work for the new hospital as they develop the creative environment and interactive spaces in the hospital. The creative environment of the new children's hospital is focused on children and their families and it will greatly enhance their well-being and experience of visiting and staying in hospital. Weta's ideas and concepts are exciting and impressive!



We are so lucky to have the most incredible, loyal and caring supporters and many organisations and individuals who have spent many hours preparing for fundraising events that have now been cancelled or postponed. **The difficult reality is that our charity is going to feel the impact of this lack of fundraising income and our New Children's Hospital will suffer as a result.**

The New Children's Hospital is a significant and long term investment in the health of children and young people across the Greater Wellington Region (Whanganui/Napier to Nelson/Marlborough). If you haven't already, **please consider making a single gift or a regular contribution** to help us keep this project on track

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please stay well.

Bill Day, MNZM, JP

Chair

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