

Worth His Weight in Gold

Mercy Hospice thanks John Rennell



When Amanda Davies, Manager of Ellerslie's Mercy Hospice Auckland Shop, popped into Rennells Jewellers and Engravers, five years ago for assistance with a donated watch, she had no idea the generosity of spirit about to come her way from John Rennell of Rennells.

"I needed some help to remove the back of the watch as the battery had stopped. I asked John if he could help me. I'd never met him before so I introduced myself and explained my role at the shop, he immediately offered his assistance for not only this watch but anything concerning jewellery at no cost to hospice. I was blown away."

John says Rennells is a family business and they couldn't hesitate to get involved.

"Sadly few of us make it through life without our friends or family needing the support and services that Hospice provides. It is a wonderful charity and the Rennells team are proud to support this worthy organisation with our expertise."

While it's a team effort, the Rennell family is quick to pay tribute to their loyal staff that does most of the Hospice work.

"Minesh has been with us for ten years and has repaired many of the Hospice jewellery items. We honestly couldn't speculate on how many watch batteries we have fitted over the years. Amanda recently brought over a box that had over 45 watches needing new batteries, a good check and thorough cleaning."

Amanda says the relationship is invaluable.

"Much of what is donated comes from people who want to support Mercy Hospice Auckland because of a personal experience. We have an obligation to ensure we can get

the best price from the items donated and Rennells help us constantly: they are incredibly generous."

Part of the relationship involves John and his team providing advice, appraising and where appropriate supplying them with an independent valuation, which Rennells pay for. Amanda and her team acknowledge that Mercy Hospice Auckland has benefitted significantly.

"It's amazing the gems Rennells has uncovered for us. At the moment they are selling three valuable items on behalf of Mercy Hospice and we are thrilled at the prospect of how much the sale of these pieces will help Hospice."

John says that the partnership gives all those concerned a wonderful feeling.

"Working with Mercy Hospice Auckland is one way we can help an organisation that is critical to our community: it engenders great community-spirit. We love being part of the Ellerslie community which is why we are changing our name back to Ellerslie Jewellers and Engravers in the coming month."

If you would like to learn more about how you could support Mercy Hospice Auckland, please visit: www.mercyhospice.org.nz



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