

**GUARDIAN TRUST DISTRIBUTES NEARLY \$300,000  
TO SPCA AND NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION**

A long-standing trust managed by Guardian Trust has made a timely donation to two important causes, giving \$147,000 to both the SPCA's Auckland branch and the National Heart Foundation, in a total distribution of \$294,000.

The Suzanne F Stannard Trust was established in 1989 by Mrs Stannard, who specified that these two charities were to benefit from the trust after her death. She was a long-time personal supporter of both charities during her lifetime.

The Trust is co-managed with Jacques Vannoort of Sanctuary Trust Law.

SPCA Auckland Executive Director Bob Kerridge has fond memories of Mrs Stannard. "Suzanne was a highly creative individual who was very adept at creating the most appealing soft teddy toys, which she donated to the SPCA for selling at public events when we held them at the SPCA Animal Village," he said.

"Each creation seemed to have a character of its own and, particularly after her husband's death, she relished the opportunity to raise funds for the animals through their sale. It is fitting that her generosity continues for the organization as a beneficiary of her Trust, and although the funds will be used directly to help the animals in our care, we are saving a small sum for a suitable garden teddy to sit in our education centre garden in her memory."

Professor Norman Sharpe of the National Heart Foundation said, "The Heart Foundation is dedicated to improving the heart health prospects of all New Zealanders and reducing premature deaths from heart disease. As a charitably-funded organization we are dependent on public support to achieve these aims through education and research.

“The extraordinary generosity of Mrs Stannard in recognizing the Foundation as a beneficiary of her trust gives us confidence to continue the Foundation’s work to ensure the health and well being of present and future generations of New Zealanders.”

Guardian Trust Client Adviser Sarah Dunn, who manages the Suzanne F Stannard Trust, said her team was delighted to be able to distribute the funds. “We’ve been able to grow the trust’s funds year to year, so it’s great to be able to support such worthy causes on an ongoing basis, as Mrs Stannard wanted.”

Since Mrs Stannard’s death, her family has continued her legacy by adopting a dog from the SPCA.

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