



As the CEO of Care NZ, the Chair of the New Zealand Drug Foundation and the Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Practitioners Association, I have had ample opportunity to become familiar with the Springhill Addiction Treatment Centre and the important work that goes on there.

It is my experience that many lives are saved at Springhill. In addition, when someone's life is in crisis as a result of addiction, seldom is he or she alone. There is terrible carnage around those suffering from these problems, to family, friends, workmates and the whole community. The saddest of all of course is the terrible suffering of children so often caught up in the mess.

The success of the Springhill Addiction Treatment Centre is due to two key factors; the dedication and professionalism of the staff that deliver the programme and the tranquil and inspiring environment in which it is delivered. As the programme evolves and the people delivering it improve their practice, so there is a need to upgrade and enhance the environment. I give my full support for the campaign to restore the Springhill facility and call on all that can to be generous in raising the funds to make it possible.

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