

Messages for lost loved ones

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Television presenter Judy Bailey wants North Shore families to remember those who can't be with us on Christmas Day.

The Hospice North Shore patron is supporting the Trees of Remembrance programme.

People are encouraged to write a dedication message on a star decoration for a loved one who has died and place it on one of the trees in return for a donation to the charity.

The North Shore resident and former TV presenter has been the patron of hospice for 13 years. She got involved when she saw the loving care they offered one of her good friends.

Trees of Remembrance coordinator Maureen Kearney started volunteering for the charity 13 years ago. She organises all of the volunteers to mind the trees along with Hospice North Shore's allied health leader Maxine Pye. Ms Kearney helps mind the Highbury tree during the holiday season.

Her son-in-law Jock Styles received care from hospice nurses at home in his last days. He died four years ago.

The campaign will run until December 23.

Trees are located at Milford



Time to remember: Hospice North Shore volunteer Maureen Kearney with the charity's patron Judy Bailey.

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mall, Highbury, Birkenhead, Glenfield mall, Countdown in Northcote and Barry's Pt Rd, Pak'nSave in Albany, Westfield Shore City in Takapuna, Westfield Albany,

National Bank in Browns Bay and New World in Devonport.

Volunteers are needed to sit beside the trees from 9am and 7pm in blocks of two

hours at a time on weekends. Sitters are welcome to sit for more than one block of time and can bring a buddy.

Call Ginette Lee at Hospice North Shore on 485-3537.

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Go to www.northshoretimes.co.nz to view Judy Bailey's direct appeal to help hospice.