



Mary Potter Fund

Application Form



Mary Potter, founder of
the Sisters of the Little
Company of Mary
1847-1913

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In 1994 under the auspices of The Little Company of Mary, Calvary Health Care Tasmania established a service to provide a healthcare service for those in need of hospital care who may not be able to access the facilities of Calvary Health Care Tasmania for reason of economic hardship.

Why Mary Potter?

The tradition of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary dates back to 1877 in Nottingham, England. It was then, in a remodelled factory, that an English woman of vision, Mary Potter, and a few followers began to pray and care for the sick, poor, unwanted and dying. Mary Potter and her early companions ministered to the needy in the spirit of Mary. That small company of faithful followers was the beginning of today's order of Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.

Administration

Referral to the Fund will be made by Calvary Health Care Tasmania's accredited medical practitioners, who in assessing relevant people, will ensure those patients utilising the resource meet the necessary guidelines. The Trustees will be guided by their recommendations.

Criteria for Assistance

Whilst Trustees of the Fund will always reserve unto themselves the right to assist a person they believe to be "disadvantaged", nevertheless, in ordinary circumstances, an applicant seeking financial assistance from the Fund must be a person:

- (a) Whose medical and hospital access is impaired due to their socio-economic circumstances
- (b) Who is a holder of a pension concession card
- (c) Who has demonstrated a willingness to contribute some financial resources, however limited, to the expenses incurred
- (d) Who is not eligible for assistance through any other organisation
- (e) Who is a resident of Tasmania

Establishment

The Mary Potter Fund was established by an initial grant of \$50,000 being made available by Calvary Health Care Tasmania.

Why the Need?

Tasmanians, similar to Australians in other States, are experiencing increased financial hardship. With an ageing population, the demands on medical resources and healthcare are ever increasing. With fewer people in the community able to access the best in healthcare, Calvary Health Care Tasmania has recognised a need to be the key provider of healthcare in Tasmania, and has therefore initiated this facility for those in need, in the spirit of Mary Potter.



Calvary Health Care Tasmania is a Catholic not-for-profit private hospital with over 400 beds, providing acute, sub-acute and outpatient services to the people of Tasmania. Spread across four campuses covering both Northern and Southern Tasmania and with nearly 1300 employees, Calvary Tasmania is a part of Little Company of Mary Health Care, a national Catholic health and aged care services provider.

Commitment

Calvary Health Care Tasmania was established in 1938 and takes pride in its seventy year reputation of serving the Tasmanian Community. This reputation is founded on providing high quality clinical services in a caring and compassionate environment.

People

Seventy years of experience has provided staff with a deep understanding and empathy for the special needs of patients and their families. The staff are highly skilled and carefully selected to ensure that we provide you with the highest standard of medical care.

Accommodation

Patient rooms are tastefully decorated and patients have the choice of single or shared accommodation, subject to requirements and availability. Each bed has its own television and direct dial telephone. All meals are prepared onsite, using fresh produce. A dietician is available to discuss meal requirements and to cater for special needs of patients.

Technology

Calvary Health Care Tasmania has an ongoing commitment to providing leading edge medical technology that offers you the very best of health care available.

Onsite Specialist and Diagnostic Services

Calvary Health Care Tasmania provides a diverse range of specialist services and consultants including:

- Accident and Emergency (24 Hours)
- Critical Care
- Cardiology, including
 - Coronary Care Unit
 - Angiography and Angioplasty
 - Cardiac Test Unit
- Cardiac Rehabilitation and Education
- Maternity and Women's Health
- Medical
- Neurosurgery
- 24 hour onsite medical practitioner support
- Ophthalmology
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Surgical, incorporating
 - General & Colorectal Surgery
 - Neurosurgery
 - Orthopaedic Surgery
 - Plastic Surgery
 - Thoracic & Vascular Surgery
 - Urology Surgery including Lithotripsy

Diagnostics

- Cystometrics
- Dietetics
- Endoscopy
- Mammography Clinic
- MRI, CT and Doppler Ultrasound
- Nuclear Imaging
- On-site frozen section pathology
- Pathology
- X-Ray

Consultants

- Anaesthetists
- Cardiologists
- Gastroenterologists
- Gynaecologists
- Intensivists
- Neurosurgeon
- Nuclear Medicine Physicians
- Obstetricians
- Rehabilitation Physicians
- Paediatric Surgeon
- Ophthalmologists
- Orthopaedic Surgeons
- Urologist
- Vascular Surgeon
- Physicians
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Radiologists
- Respiratory Physician
- ENT
- Gerontologist

Expect the Best

Calvary Health Care Tasmania offers you the very best and we are committed to ensuring that the community experiences first hand the spirit of Mary Potter. For additional information, our contact details are:

Phone (03) 6278 5333
Email: exec@calvarytas.com.au

Fax (03) 6278 5143
Website: www.chctasmania.com

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Application for Medical Assistance

Please complete in block letters and forward application to The Secretary, Mary Potter Fund, Calvary Health Care Tasmania, 49 Augusta Road, Lenah Valley Tas 7008. Phone (03) 6278 5233 Fax (03) 6278 5536

Applicant Details

Surname _____ Given Names _____

Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____ Title (Master/Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms) _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Pension No _____ Pension Type _____

Do you have Private Health Insurance _____ Name of Fund _____

Contact person for communication

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Phone Number (Home) _____ Phone Number (Work) _____

Proposed Procedure and Treatment Details *(to be completed by Medical Practitioner)*

Expected Length of Stay _____ ICU/HDU monitoring required: Yes No

Should a readmission occur due to complications from the initial admission within seven (7) days of discharge, the Mary Potter Fund will fund a maximum of one (1) extra admission, inclusive of theatre fees and/or accommodation to a maximum of three (3) days.

Reasons for requesting financial assistance from the Fund

Agreement *(to be completed by Medical Practitioner)*

I request consideration of this patient for treatment as a Mary Potter Foundation patient. I confirm that this patient meets the criteria for assistance. **I will treat the patient for the amount of Medicare reimbursement and the Anaesthetist has agreed to do likewise.**

Name _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Office Use Only

Approval: Yes No Date _____

Comments _____
