

Cause hits home for helper

THE LAKE HOUSE

Waipuna Hospice Project



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Rain could not stop contractors working on the Waipuna Hospice fundraising property this week.

Thunderstorms threatened to delay progress, but as the grey clouds melted into blue skies on Thursday, Dean Anderson and his colleagues poured the concrete foundation for the new house.

Mr Anderson and five workers from DAC Contractors estimated their morning's work to be worth about \$5000, but the company supplied the labour and product free.

As well as helping out with the floorpad, the company will return to the property to complete the driveway.

The contracting company got involved with the project after Belvedere Construction approached it.

Mr Anderson lost one of his best mates to cancer last year, so jumped at the opportunity.

"They [Waipuna Hospice] are a wonderful organisation that needs all the help they can get," he said.

Mr Anderson spent nearly every night for a month at his friend's bedside and said the service Waipuna Hospice provided for his friend, PK, was amazing.

As well as supporting his friend's family, the hospice has



GROUNDWORK: Concrete contractor, Dean Anderson, lends a hand at the Waipuna Hospice fundraising house at the Lakes subdivision.
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also supported Mr Anderson.

"I didn't realise how good the services were, or how much time and effort they put in, not just for PK but for me as well," he said.

He said being involved in a project like this is not about personal gratification. "It makes us feel good that a company like Belvedere and the Hospice can

raise funds together. Together they can make a real difference." Mr Anderson was also involved in the Tauranga Toy Run fundraising event for Waipuna Hospice and Kids Cancer Tauranga, which saw hot rods and classic cars pass through Mount Maunganui and Tauranga on Wednesday.

Annually, Waipuna Hospice has

to raise \$1.3 million to cover operational costs.

The Lake House is a property being built over the next three months from donated resources and volunteer work from labourers like Mr Anderson.

Funds raised from the sale of the house will go to Waipuna Hospice.