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### In Lieu of Wedding Gifts. Hawke's Bay couple collect donations to save lives.

Newlyweds, Lorraine and Dean Crafar, have raised over \$2,000 in aid of the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust, from donations from their wedding day.

The kind-hearted couple asked wedding guests to make donations to the Rescue Helicopter in lieu of giving presents, as they said they did not need anything for themselves.

Lorraine, who has been a long term supporter of the service said, "This is a cause that we both feel passionately about, and by making a donation on our special day, our guests have helped to make a gift to our community"

Lorraine and Dean presented the funds raised to Fulltime Crewman, Geoff Taylor, when they visited the Graeme Lowe Rescue Helicopter Hangar in Orchard Road.

Paying tribute to the couple's kindness, Geoff said "We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Crafar for their fabulous donation towards our vital lifesaving service, and we wish them a very happy life together."

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**Photo 1:** The Happy Couple

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#### **About the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Trust**

The Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter is a charitable trust, which provides a dedicated Rescue Helicopter service to the Hawke's Bay region. Each year the Rescue Helicopter Crew completes over 300 lifesaving missions, helping those who need urgent medical care and transportation. The service is free of charge and available 24/7 to everyone in our community, but costs \$2.2million each year to operate. [www.hbhrt.org.nz](http://www.hbhrt.org.nz)