

# Leadership Award

## Anneke Van Heyningen

Anneke founded the organisation “Special Friends” in 2012 when she was 12 years old. Driven by her own experiences in hospital, she wanted to provide a service that brought happiness to other children and young people in long-term care.

Anneke is also involved with volunteering services through her school, encouraging other young people to support those who are most in need. Last year she was awarded a philanthropy award for her contributions.

“Anneke shares her resources and time to help numerous children through her visits to hospital and has also shared the concept of service to others at her school.”

