



# LEAVE A SPECIAL GIFT THAT **HELPS** OTHERS

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## DOREEN'S WISH

Doreen experienced the care and assistance Blue Care provides. Like many donors, both her parents and brother received our services in their own home.



A committed supporter, Doreen has been donating to Blue Care for almost 60 years. From doorknocking on Blue Care's behalf during fundraising appeals, to joining our regular pledge scheme, the Arthur Preston Society, her support has been invaluable.

"I know that gifts for equipment such as pressure relieving machines, blood sugar monitors and medication pumps make a huge difference to a nurse out in the community," Doreen says.

Doreen has left a gift in her Will. She says: "It has always been a joy and a privilege for me to do all I can so that the great service given to the community through Blue Care can expand and continue."

# GIFTS THAT COUNT

**When Jess's mother was no longer able to look after herself she moved to residential care at Blue Care Salvin Park Aged Care Facility.**

"We were impressed by the dedication and compassion the staff showed towards mum," Jess says.

Jess and her husband David continued their support at the facility even though Jess's mum had passed on. They have been volunteers at Blue Care Salvin Park for more than 20 years.

They have pledged a gift in their Wills so the Salvin Park facility can provide "the extra things that make life more homely and comfortable for residents".

Jess and David hope to move to the Independent Living Units at Blue Care's new Azure Blue facility at Carina upon its completion.



# A GIFT THAT KEEPS CLIENTS MOVING

Service Manager Sue Hoopmann of Blue Care Warwick's Cooida disability respite service had been searching for a way to fund the Learning and Life Skills program and replace their old van.

A generous bequest from a previous client allowed them to replace the old van with a new Mercedes-Benz Sprinter to transport clients, saving money that can now be directed back into care.

"It made a massive difference for staff and clients," Sue says.



## Improving Aged Care

**The University of Queensland / Blue Care Research and Practice Development Centre opened in 2006. It is a partnership between the University of Queensland School of Nursing and Midwifery and Blue Care.**

The centre focuses on a range of clinical research areas, in particular palliative care, dementia, healthy ageing and continence, and examines ways to reduce pain for people with severe dementia as well as looking at ways to improve how Blue Care provides services.

Results of research have helped improved palliative care services for residents and their relatives.

Research Fellow Dr Tim Henwood's research into exercise training showed improvements in functional well being for Blue Care respite clients.

A current project by Research Fellow, Andrea Petriwskyj is looking at how Blue Care includes their clients in service planning and delivery.

Director Associate Professor Deborah Parker says: "Working with the leading care provider has meant our research is both academically rigorous and applicable in practical situations.

"Partnering with Blue Care gives us access to subject experts and real-life situations that we wouldn't otherwise have."

Help us to continue research into improving care practices and research for the benefit of ageing Queenslanders.



# RESEARCH AND EDUCATION TEAM



**Back row from left:** Ms Karen Clifton, Dr Tim Henwood, Dr Andrea Petrwsiky, Vicki Percival.  
**Front row from left:** Haakan Strand (PhD Student), Assoc. Prof. Deborah Parker, Dr Anothony Tuckett.



**From Right:** Dr Tim Henwood with client.

# DYING WITH DIGNITY

**For families who have a loved one suffering from a life-limiting illness the opportunity to remain in their own home with caring support becomes paramount.**

Lyn has been a palliative care nurse with Blue Care's North Brisbane community service for nine years.

"This is a most rewarding and satisfying job. For those who require 'end of life' care and wish to remain in their own home, Blue Care offers social support and respite to complement the pain management services we offer," Lyn says.





# WHAT WE DO

Every day more than 12,500 Queenslanders receive care and assistance services from Blue Care.

Every night more than 4,300 people call a Blue Care residential aged care facility “home”.

Each year our 1,400 cars travel more than 31 million kilometres to make almost four million visits to clients in their own homes.

As the population ages, there is greater demand for our services.

Every gift from a bequest helps us to reach out to people who need our support.

Established in

1953

Over

8,000

staff employed

More than

2,400

volunteers



260 centres in over  
80 communities

60  
years of care  
and compassion

# SIMPLE STEPS TO LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

**By leaving a gift in your Will you can help Blue Care continue to serve your local community.**

After providing for your family, friends and loved ones, you may choose to leave:

- the remainder (residue) of your Estate
- a specific sum of money
- a gift of property, shares etc.
- the whole of your Estate

Many of our supporters wish their gift to be invested in an area of personal interest.



# SUGGESTED WORDING

Suggested wording for leaving a gift in your Will is:

"I bequeath ...(description)... to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) for the general purposes of BLUE CARE, ...(Centre/Facility)..., PO Box 1539, Milton BC, Qld 4064, and declare the signature of the Secretary for the time being, of the said Trust to be sufficient discharge for my trustees."

If you would like to discuss bequests with us in more detail, please phone toll free on **1800 001 953** to speak with our **Planned Giving Officer**.



*Your gift makes a difference to the lives of people Blue Care assists.*

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