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retirement village

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Welcome to our final edition of *Belong* for 2025. As the festive season draws near, I want to take a moment to reflect on the year that's been - and to thank you for being part of the Carinity community.

Two thousand and twenty-five has been a year of continued growth, care, and connection. Regardless of the service you have received from us during the year, providing you with quality care is at the heart of what we do - our purpose for being. We are grateful that you have invited us into your lives and appreciate the chance you provide us to make a real difference.

At Carinity, we believe in walking alongside people - especially those facing vulnerability, isolation, or hardship. This belief is deeply rooted in our Christian values and the example of Jesus, who came into the world not with fanfare, but with humility and love. His life was a gift of hope, and we strive to reflect that same hope in the care we offer every day.

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felt the presence of compassion in your journey with us.

At Christmas, may you be reminded of the joy and peace that this season brings. Thank you for allowing us to provide you with care. We are honored to serve you, and we look forward to continuing that journey together in the year ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Warm regards,

KEVIN GRIFFITHS
CARINITY CEO

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Ian Andersen has moved into the Carinity Brownesholme retirement village where his father Paul has lived for 20 years.



A privilege to care

In a quiet suburb south of Brisbane, Pam Kirkland reflects on the final chapter of her husband Ken's life: not with sorrow, but with deep gratitude. Ken, who lived with Parkinson's disease, spent his last months surrounded by love and dignity in the comfort of his own home thanks to the unwavering support of Carinity Home Care.

Pam and Ken grew up in the Tweed area of northern New South Wales, meeting through the local field hockey community. They married in 1972 and settled in Murwillumbah, where they raised their three boys and shared their 13 acres of green pastures with a herd of cattle.

While both came from farming families, Ken worked as a joiner and Pam shared her time between home duties, raising their boys, and running a small sports trophy business. With their sons living across the world, and Ken taking early retirement, the couple made the decision to leave the Tweed and downsize to a beautiful home in Munruben in 2007.

"Being on the one acre here in Munruben gave us the perfect balance between the space of the farm but not quite suburbia. We had greater access to facilities and services, less home maintenance, and were close to my sister, Jan," shared Pam.

"The drive back to the Tweed wasn't too far so we remained connected with that community. And we had the space for Ken to have his shed - his refuge - full of wood and tools, where he would tinker and work on neighbourhood projects."

It was during a holiday in 2011 that Pam first noticed a tremor in Ken's hand. After a long journey of exploration, Ken was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease later that year.



"Ken had this wonderful outlook on his diagnosis - he never looked too far ahead. We knew what a likely outcome was, but he didn't let his illness and its challenges define who he was. We didn't spend time and energy on the 'what ifs' and 'maybe this might happen'. Instead, we focussed on each day, and what we could achieve. Ken's strength was his ability to get on with it," said Pam.

There became a time, though, when Ken's ability to do the things he'd always done became a challenge.



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“There came a point when he didn’t want to go to the shops because he was finding it harder to walk around. It was at this time I knew we would need some additional support,” Pam recalls.

“After registering with My Aged Care, Ken had his aged care assessment. We were initially approved for eight weeks of short-term restorative care where Ken accessed physiotherapy and was provided a falls monitor.

“While we were waiting for the funding that would allow access to ongoing care and support for Ken through a government-subsidised home care package, my neighbour, Sue, told me about an information session being run at the Park Ridge Baptist Church by Nihara Dove, Carinity’s Home Care Coordinator for the region.

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Initially, Carinity Home Care supported Ken with in-home respite and personal care.

“While Ken wore a falls monitor, I always needed to have an eye on him. Having the Carinity carers with Ken gave me peace

of mind knowing I could be out the front of the house in the garden while Ken was tinkering in his shed, with his carer by his side,” Pam said.

As Ken’s condition worsened, his ability to eat and walk deteriorated, and he spent many months in Canossa Private Hospital. The prospect of moving him into an aged care home loomed heavily, however Pam was determined to honour Ken’s wish to return home.

Nihara attended a family meeting with the clinical staff at Canossa, discussing Ken’s care needs. When questioned whether Ken could be cared for at home, Nihara stood beside Pam advocating fiercely, demonstrating how Carinity’s team of nurses and carers could meet Ken’s complex needs at home – where he desperately wanted to be.

Pam speaks of Nihara and the Carinity team not as service providers, but as companions in her journey. Their presence turned a daunting experience into one filled with grace and humanity.

“The staff at Canossa had never seen a coordinator like Nihara. She went into bat for us. She showed them that there was another option to care for Ken. And to see Ken look so well once back at home confirmed that,” Pam said.

According to Nihara, Ken’s positive outlook and determination empowered the Carinity team to do all they could to support the Kirklands and enable Ken to return home.

“The support Carinity were able to provide was key, but we wouldn’t have been able to support Ken the way we needed to if it wasn’t for Pam, her determination and commitment, and her support network,” Nihara said.

“Ken required around-the-clock care. We had confidence knowing that, should something happen to Pam when Carinity wasn’t with them, there was always someone in Pam’s network who was there as back-up. It was incredible to see everyone rising up.”

With Ken and Pam’s closest son living 400km away, it was never expected their children could be home to help regularly, however their presence and support was felt every day. Just like their dad’s outlook, their daily calls and messages did not focus on his health challenges – instead they were normal chats about the day that included sharing stories, photos and videos. Their connection was never ending, bringing joy to Ken and Pam every day.

On the ground, Pam’s sister Jan was the heart of her support network.

“I knew I could call Jan at any hour of the day, and I knew she would be anywhere we needed her to be – without question. When I was sick, Jan was there; when I needed another pair of hands in the night, Jan was there,” Pam said.

While the Carinity Home Care team provided expert care for Ken, they always had an eye on Pam.

“Every staff member at Carinity Home Care – office staff, carers and nurses – was brilliant. They cared. And they didn’t just care for Ken, they cared about me too. Carinity took care of everything, allowing my time to be solely for Ken,” Pam added.

This holistic approach gave Pam the confidence to care for her husband, and the strength to face his passing with peace.

“Having Ken at home meant I could manage his passing better. It was such a privilege to care for him as we both wished. He left on his own terms, in his own home,” Pam shared.

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“They were an amazing support during this time, they have truly been my lifeline. I am thankful for finding such caring people. I couldn’t have done it without them.”

Community connection

Pam’s community, and their support, has been a constant in the 18 months since Ken passed.

She remains a part of the Carinity family, receiving fortnightly cleaning through the Australian Government’s Commonwealth Home Support Programme. With limited mobility at times due to debilitating knee pain, she enjoys the convenience the professional cleaning service provides.

“Nihara also connected me to Kerry Anderson, the Community Chaplain managing the ‘Neighbour in Need’ program. There was a section of garden behind Ken’s shed that had grown out of control and well beyond what I could manage. While out of sight, it wasn’t out of mind. Kerry organised for a team of volunteers with the tools and skill to clear out and



Previous page: Pam with Nihara Dove from Carinity Home Care. **Above:** Ken and Pam on their wedding day.

tidy up the garden. It was such a great feeling knowing this had been tackled and not be on my mind any longer.

“And my sister and neighbours continue to be amazing friends and my support network. We’re always looking out for each other. While they were there in the hard days with Ken, they’re also there for a cuppa, to take delivery of a parcel if I’m out, even joining me at aqua aerobics,” shared Pam.

Pam’s continued connection with her friends and family, with the support of Carinity Home Care, ensures she maintains her independence in the home and community she so loves and values.

Neighbour in need

Supported by Carinity’s Collaborative Community Projects, Neighbour in Need is an initiative of Logan Connect. The program is dedicated to building stronger, kinder communities – one good deed at a time. Volunteers come together providing their time to help those in need in the community with a range of support including yard work, cleaning, cooking, visiting, or even knitting!

 /NeighbourinNeed

The gift of joy

There aren't too many jobs in the world where your sole purpose is to bring joy. For Carole Pallier, that's exactly how she views her role as Diversional Therapist at Carinity Brookfield Green.



"My job is to make this part of our residents' lives enjoyable," she said.

Carole is one of Carinity's 25 Diversional Therapists and Activities Officers, who are tasked with putting smiles on the faces of aged care residents.

Maintaining social connections, hobbies and interests plays a key role in our holistic wellbeing. For many Carinity residents, moving into an aged care home provides them the support and opportunity to re-engage with old pastimes and make new friendships.

For Carinity Colthup Manor's Residential Manager, Joanne King, the Diversional Therapists and Activities Officers are essential to maintaining quality of life for residents.

"Our Activities Program plays a vital role in supporting the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of our residents. It is not just about keeping residents busy - it's about enhancing their quality of life and maintaining their independence, dignity, sense of purpose and belonging. The Activities Program also provides opportunities for family members and staff to attend and engage with our resident community."

Often the health or mobility of new residents may prevent them from socialising or being involved in hobbies or activities before moving into our aged care homes. Having the opportunity to participate and re-engage once they are in care can be enormously helpful for their mood.

"Regular social interaction helps combat feelings of loneliness and isolation, which are risk factors for depression and anxiety in older adults," said Joanne.

"Engaging in enjoyable activities or socialising with other residents during dining provides a sense of purpose and belonging. Our Activities Program supports residents to build new friendships and have meaningful interactions that help them feel part of a larger community," Joanne said.

Back at Brookfield Green, the home is buzzing with activity. Carole and Activities Officer, Terry Hook, co-ordinate between five



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and seven activities or events every week day.

Concerts, music, and arts play a starring role in the calendar. Sports are also a hit, which brings movement, joy, and a little competitive spirit.

"Our residents really enjoy sports mornings. We do four different rapid-fire games which test their co-ordination and reflexes, all done to crazy circus music which creates a hilarious atmosphere - it's all about fun!" Carole said.

The activities are also about supporting the physical and cognitive wellbeing of residents.

"From a physical perspective, engaging in group exercises, or light movement during social events, can help improve mobility, balance, and overall wellbeing. Participating in mentally stimulating group activities also helps maintain memory and thinking skills," Joanne added.

With a background in art, Carole has also started a painting club

where she conducts what she calls 'a la carte art'. This involves hand painting gift cards for residents while they sit and chat. She also revs up the bus and takes residents for a fortnightly visit to a local art café.

Of course, not all residents are able or eager to join in the daily activities, but that doesn't stop Carole and her team brightening their days.

"We have people who do not like group activities, so we set time aside to make sure they get one-on-one attention. This could be painting with just one person, a walk in the garden, reading them a book, inviting them to tell their life story or playing board games," Carole said.

For residents living with dementia, activities are tailored to their needs.

"We play music and sing, or take them out to enjoy the fresh air in the garden. We also do hand massages and nails, as the touch and physical connection is important."



Carole has also created putting areas in the garden for keen golfers.

Ultimately though, it's the ability to make a positive impact on the life of the resident in front of her that's most meaningful for Carole.

"One of our residents is bedridden, she had not been out of her room for a very long time, by her choice. One day, we managed to encourage her out of her room in a regency chair and took her to a room with a piano, which she used to play.

"You can imagine the tears all round, when this lady asked to be wheeled up to the piano and she played her concert music, which she hadn't done for years.

"This is what makes our job worthwhile."

Opposite page: Diversional Therapist, Carole Pallier, enjoys taking time to chat with resident Julie. **Above:** (Clockwise from top left) Carole and residents at Brookfield Green enjoy getting into the day's concert; resident Kay gets into the rhythm with a tambourine; Carole enjoys sharing her love of photography.

Family ties in retirement village

Paul Andersen used to travel by car to his son Ian's house for lunch every Sunday. Now if they want to visit each other, all they need to do is walk a couple of minutes to the other's home.

Ian recently joined Paul living in the Carinity Brownesholme seniors' community in Highfields. The Andersens are the only father-son combination living in a Carinity retirement village.

Ian is no stranger to Brownesholme – his father has lived there for 20 years. Ian now lives so close to Paul that he can see his father's place from his new back yard.

Ian moved into his own two-bedroom unit a couple of months ago, relocating from nearby Meringandan West, and is enjoying the "relaxed atmosphere of the place".

"In my mind there was always the potential that I might end up at Brownesholme – and I'm very comfortable and very happy to be here," Ian said.

His expectations of living at "a place I'm really familiar with" have been met since his "very seamless transition" to the retirement village.

"From my perspective it's affordable and it's always been a place that I thought would work for me," Ian said.

"It's about the quality of the construction, the openness of the design – it's nicely set out and there's a nice distance between each house. It's well maintained, and a great bunch of people live here as well.

"For me personally, I wasn't looking to move into a retirement village that has all this other stuff you can do on site like a pool, gym and

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restaurant. You pay for all those extras and that's not what I was looking for.

"I still have lots of interests outside of Brownesholme. I bowl two or three times a week and I'm on the board of directors of a college – which keeps me busy. Dad probably comes by my place every so often but I'm not in!"

Ian praised the assistance Carinity Brownesholme Village Manager, Vaughn Whittingham, provided when selecting and purchasing his retirement dwelling.

"The previous occupant of my unit had been there since the start (of Brownesholme). For me it was like moving into a new

house because the unit had been totally refurbished inside. Everything has been redone," Ian said.

"I asked for a couple of things to be done slightly differently and Carinity just made that happen. It was a very easy process and very professional.

"I feel very comfortable and given the timing of how the unit became available, I feel blessed by that."

According to Paul, Ian knew what the village was like, and he knew how it was managed.

"Knowing all that detail, I think it made it fairly easy for him to decide where he wanted to go," Paul said.

"It's great that I know he's there. I can go to him, or he can come to visit me any time. It's very reassuring that there's someone close."

Paul, 95, has lived at Carinity Brownesholme since 2005, having moved in with his late wife, Joyce. The Andersens have been the sole residents of their unit.

"Our cul-de-sac was in the process of being established and they were about ready to start building houses when we were interested in coming here," Paul recalls.

"The Baptist influence in the place was an attraction, as was the people here and the fact we knew the manager at the time, who was a pretty good friend of ours from the church.

"All those things together made it look like it would be a very suitable place to live, in the same sort of atmosphere that we were used to.

"I also like the fact that you're not hand-to-hand out the window beside your neighbour. You have a bit of room, it's pretty relaxed and you feel secure."

Paul also takes comfort in the fact that, should he require higher care in the future, the Carinity Brownesholme residential aged care home is located next to his retirement village.

"I know that if I get to the stage where I can't reasonably look after myself due to mobility or whatever other issue, I can go down there and stay," he said.

"The aged care was talked about but it wasn't in progress when we built here, however we knew it was going to happen. That was also an influence in us coming here to Brownesholme."

Above: Paul and Ian Andersen are the only father and son living in a Carinity retirement village.

My Story

Peter Lamberth

They may not know his name, but thousands of Queenslanders have benefitted from the vision, enthusiasm and proficiency of Peter Lamberth.

Peter recently retired after overseeing an unprecedented expansion of Carinity during his 16-year tenure as the organisation's Executive Manager of Business and Development.

Peter commenced his working career in banking 50 years ago, initially travelling around New South Wales converting branches from hand-written ledgers and mechanised accounts to computer-based systems.

He transitioned to working for church-based organisations in roles such as property and vehicle fleet management and procurement. He linked with Carinity, then known as Queensland Baptist Care, in 2009.

"The alignment of my personal faith with the values of Carinity was a match crafted in Heaven. The skills and knowledge gained in my previous roles transferred seamlessly and allowed me to play my part in assisting Carinity advance from humble beginnings to where it is today – while paying particular respect to those before me," Peter said.

Peter added that working for a church-based not-for-profit felt "a world away" from his background in the commercial sector which encompassed banking, finance, information technology, and legal administration.

"Whilst I had always given my all to whatever role I served, the not-for-profit sector attracts a very different person with heartfelt commitment to help those who would otherwise be vulnerable or doing it tough," he said.

"Seeing the lives of real people being improved and the flow-on impact that has for others surrounding them, is humbling. When stories emerge of those positive impacts, I've often managed a private smile knowing how many others were involved to realise the outcome."

Peter's impact at Carinity – and his vision to grow the number of people in need that we support – can be measured by the number of new services and properties around Queensland he developed.

Major infrastructure projects introduced under Peter's tenure included four new aged care sites, and the acquisition of two more. No fewer than seven Carinity aged care homes have been renovated.

Peter oversaw civil works for retirement village developments in Brisbane, Townsville and Ipswich, and steered the purchase of the building from which the Our House disability service in Toogoolawah operates from the Queensland Government.

He helped establish home care services statewide, and laid the groundwork for future Carinity services in Townsville, Bargara, Yeppoon, Maryborough and Gympie.



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Peter also helped bring Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy under the Carinity banner and oversaw a comprehensive sustainability plan delivering substantial greenhouse gas savings.

Carinity's education services have also grown significantly under Peter's stewardship. Between 2016 and 2023, four school campuses in regional Queensland were acquired, renovated or constructed. Two existing schools were rebuilt or expanded.

Opening new educational opportunities for hundreds of young people who previously struggled in school is something that Peter particularly relished.

"Adding significant buildings and infrastructure to Carinity Education sites, then seeing the students graduate – some as sole parents – wells up a peace and gratitude inside that is difficult to express to others," he said.

Peter also faced many challenges in his role, from staff turnover, to natural disasters and construction delays.

"Changes in stakeholders during a project and modifications to scopes of work – even during construction – has certainly been a complex pathway to navigate given our projects always operate under tight budgets," Peter explained.

The establishment of the Carinity Fairfield Grange integrated seniors' community in Townsville is an example of such challenges.

"Despite extensive research into all our suppliers, the builder of the project entered involuntary administration while the project was only 60% completed," Peter recalled.

"The tasks of locating an alternate builder to carry out the remaining works and damage restitution kept me particularly active during the days and awake for nights on end."

Sometimes it appeared Peter's labor output was a job done by two: those working in Carinity's head office in Brisbane often joked that his twin brother would sneak in after hours to share Peter's workload.

However, Peter insists that his faith – as well as strong working relationships with likeminded dedicated co-workers – fuelled his work ethic.

"During my working lifetime I've been told by others I have stood out due to my commitment, attitude, enthusiasm, and importantly, faith. However, in Carinity there are so many with those same attributes," Peter said.

"I'm only one of hundreds who combine time and talents for those we serve."

Above: (clockwise from top): Peter Lamberth surveying construction of the Carinity Cedarbrook aged care home; overseeing plans for a new Carinity project; and launching Carinity's solar strategy which he initiated.

New learning spaces inspire bright futures

Carinity Education Gladstone has reached a major milestone with the opening of Stage 2 of its master plan – a \$3.21 million redevelopment that improves learning opportunities for some of the region's most vulnerable young people.

Replacing outdated Science and Technology buildings and the groundsman's store, the redevelopment features modern facilities where students can explore practical skills in building and construction, metal work, and woodworking in a safe and supportive environment.

For Year 11 and 12 students, the school now offers Woodwork and is expanding to include Industrial Skills, giving them the chance to work with a wider variety of materials.

Junior students also benefit from a greater range of elective options, with projects designed around the CNC machine – a computer-controlled device that automates the cutting, shaping and carving of wood with high precision and efficiency. It's being used to produce cutting boards, jewellery boxes, small furniture, and even metal barbeque utensils.

Students are also engaging in STEM learning with hands-on activities such as water testing



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and ginger beer making to explore fermentation, connecting real-world experiences across disciplines.

The new building was supported by \$1.4 million from the Queensland Independent Schools Block Grant Authority, with Carinity contributing \$1.81 million.

The Hon. Jason Clare MP, Minister for Education, said the facilities will make an enormous difference to students' lives.

“These new facilities will provide school staff, teachers and students at Carinity Education Gladstone with better, more modern spaces in which to work, teach and learn,” he said.

According to Principal Jane Greenland students can engage in hands-on learning on site that could lead to

recognised vocational pathways in the future.

“This gives them hope and a stronger foundation for their future within the local community.

“They are producing items such as chess boards, skateboards, furniture pieces, and learning practical skills like wall repairs. It's tangible proof of the confidence and pride the new facilities are inspiring,” she added.

Since Carinity acquired the school in 2017, enrolments have grown to 140 students, with 29 on the waiting list.

Above, top: Gladstone Regional Councillors Simon McClintock (left) and Karen Davis (second from right) join Carinity Education Gladstone Principal, Jane Greenland, and Carinity Council Chair, James Tan, at the official opening of the building. **Bottom:** A student enjoying the new learning environment.

chaplains chat



The gift of His Son, Jesus, was the provision of hope, peace, and love, gifted to a world longing for compassion and care. His arrival was trumpeted by angels but he was birthed in a humble stable.

All I want for Christmas

As we approach Christmas, we're reminded that God's greatest gift was not wrapped in gold, but in swaddling rags. The gift of His Son, Jesus, was the provision of hope, peace, and love, gifted to a world longing for compassion and care. His arrival was trumpeted by angels but he was birthed in a humble stable. He was welcomed by shepherds and celebrated by travellers - the long-awaited humble servant king had finally come!

For us as a faith-based organisation, the Christmas season renews our purpose: to share that same servant-hearted leadership and compassionate love in practical ways. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every moment of service reflects the light of Christ in our community.

You and I may not be able to afford the extravagant gifts, but we can be like Jesus and follow His example by offering ourselves as a gift, bringing a commitment to caring for one another in gracious, humble ways!

May this Christmas be a time of joy, reflection, and gratitude - a moment to rest in God's presence and celebrate His faithfulness. And as we look to 2026, let's continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus, bringing hope to those who need it most.

“The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.” John 1:9

REVEREND DAN LYONS
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONAL
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

At Christmas, we're reminded that even in a world of shadows, hope endures. May the light and love of Christ bring you peace this season!

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Home, hope and healing for children in residential care

Nestled on 10 acres of land on the Capricorn Coast lies a place for young people to call home. Carinity On Track is a welcoming refuge for 12 to 17-year-olds in the child safety system.

Residential care supports young people who, through no fault of their own, are unable to live with their parents or in kinship care. It's often considered a last resort, when other arrangements such as foster care have been unsuccessful or are insufficient to meet their needs.

When a young person arrives at On Track, they have usually suffered trauma. They may have been abused or neglected, or have parents who are incarcerated or battling addiction or mental health issues. They may also have complex needs that other forms of care are unable to meet.

Led by Program Coordinator Sammie McLardy, On Track's

team of on-site counsellors and youth workers provide a nurturing, structured, family-like environment.

"The children are usually grappling with behavioural issues triggered by their trauma and it's our mission and passion to guide them on how to express their emotions in more constructive ways," Sammie said.

"Central to this approach is ensuring that their voices are not only heard but also validated.

"Our goal is to create lasting positive memories for our young people, so they know there are people who truly care about them.

"Our team is there on special occasions, as well as every day and night in between, ensuring that every child feels valued and at home.

"We celebrate achievements and actively support hopes and dreams, fostering an environment where individuals can truly thrive."

Sammie said what she loves most about her role at On Track is witnessing the growth of young people who have faced and overcome significant challenges.

"The positive changes we see are immense, as individuals develop essential life skills, and become empowered to find their own solutions to the barriers they face," she said.

"From daily routines, such as preparing for school and participating in cooking nights, to achieving milestones like reunifying with families or gaining independence, each success story serves as a powerful reminder of the impact we can have.

"The camaraderie and laughter amongst us reflects a true sense of family. It's a privilege to help build brighter futures and I am proud to be part of such a talented and passionate team."



Our 2024 Christmas Appeal raised almost **\$28,000** to support people living with disadvantage.

Thanks to your generosity, some of the assistance we were able to provide included:



Gifting shopping vouchers to 60 struggling school families, to help make their Christmas a little brighter.



Funding social excursions for people with disabilities, as well as a camping holiday for young people in care.



Providing emergency food hampers, school supplies and fuel vouchers to people we support across our counselling and community centres.



Offering free chaplaincy support in prisons, schools, home care and residential aged care, and hospitals.

Will you help Queenslanders in need this Christmas?

Our 2025 Christmas Appeal is your chance to help us walk alongside people in their time of need. So, if you are in a position to donate, we would be blessed to receive your tax-deductible donation.

With your gift, we will continue to offer direct assistance to vulnerable people in our community. We also have some new initiatives planned to help those less fortunate, such as providing the opportunity for young people in residential care to attend a Christian outdoor recreation camp; and building a playground to support children impacted by trauma to engage in counselling.

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Help us give a once in a lifetime opportunity

With donations from the Carinity Christmas Appeal, we will partner with Queensland Conference & Camping Centres to provide a tailored outdoor education camp for the young people at On Track.

On behalf of the people we support, *thank you* for your kindness and generosity!

I will donate \$ to the 2025 Carinity Christmas Appeal

Please direct my donation to the following area:

Where most needed

- ☐ Your gift will be utilised by the Carinity service that most needs assistance.

Community services

- ☐ Your gift will help us continue to support disadvantaged people in the community, including:

- ★ Youths affected by homelessness
- ★ Children in out-of-home care
- ★ People with disabilities
- ★ Families in need of counselling
- ★ Women and children impacted by domestic and family violence
- ★ Elderly and unemployed people who seek support from our community centre

Education

- ☐ Your gift will help ease cost-of-living pressures for families of Carinity students who need help.

Chaplaincy

Your gift will provide hope, solace, compassion and guidance to people in:

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