

There To Care AWARDS

*Celebrating excellence, respect,
compassion, and community.*



Debbie

Residential Care Worker
Lightsview Residential Care Home

2025 Second Quarter Award Recipient

Beyond providing excellent resident care, Debbie, who has been at Helping Hand for eight years, is deeply committed to guiding and empowering new carers and students on placement to fulfill their potential. She is also a worthy recipient of a There to Care Award.

“The students are our future; it is vital they are taught properly in these early stages. I learnt so many tricks of the trade throughout my career and now I can pass on that knowledge because one day they may be looking after me,” she says.

Although caring has been a lifelong passion throughout Debbie’s 38-year career, her personal experience with her father’s passing over a decade ago reshaped how she lives her role.

“While I was always interested in palliative care, when my father was there, the care staff were looking after my father and me with emotional support. I had such respect for them. It’s such a huge honour looking after someone who is dying, so that was a career shift,” she explains.

At the heart of it all, it is the relationships that Debbie has built with each resident that she finds the highlight of her job.

“I adore the connection I have with residents, and I treat them as my own family. I’m just doing my job, caring and making sure every day is a good day for them. They are so grateful for everything we as carers do, even for the littlest thing,” she says.

Debbie says she was completely blown away by the nomination, yet is grateful for recognition.

“My motivation for this work isn’t recognition; it’s because I genuinely care for the residents and their families.”

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