



Helping Hand Giving Community

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Seven decades of giving

Helping Hand has been shaped by the generosity of countless individuals, families, community groups, businesses and organisations. While only a few of their stories appear in this publication, many family legacies live on through the naming of our homes, shared spaces and buildings. They serve as daily reminders of the enduring power of giving with purpose.

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As we grow older, what matters rarely changes.

We all want to feel safe.

We all want to feel valued.

We all want to belong.

At Helping Hand, we believe everyone deserves these things, not just today, but tomorrow and for generations to come.

Exceptional aged care is not just about buildings, services or systems. It is also about the meaningful moments that make every day richer, more connected and more fulfilling.

It's the daughter who goes to work, knowing her mother is safe, valued and surrounded by people who know her.

It's the care worker who sees the person behind the diagnosis and knows how a familiar song can unlock a moment of connection.

It's a new friendship that begins over a cup of coffee.

It's the quiet comfort of knowing someone is always there to care.

These moments may seem small.

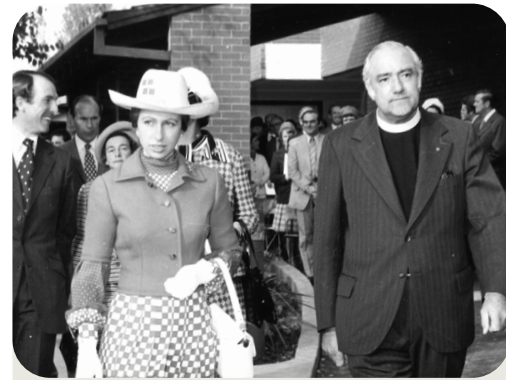
To the people living them, they are everything.

Through our history many remarkable people have shaped Helping Hand. In the early years Mary Seymour, and her brother Thomas, were generous and humble benefactors. Mary is pictured here in 1960, with Helping Hand founder, Rev Arthur Strange.





In 1954, supported by a group of benefactors, Rev Arthur Strange, opens Westering, a home for 16 older, vulnerable women.



HRH Princess Anne officially opened Rotary House in North Adelaide in 1975. Named after the Rotary Club of Adelaide who launched a public appeal to raise funds.

The enduring generosity of our Giving Community began in North Adelaide

Visionary trailblazers, generous benefactors, fundraisers, volunteers, local businesses and families have helped shape our story. Together they have helped us build homes, plant gardens, deliver programs to alleviate loneliness and funded life-enhancing technologies for people living with dementia.

As Australia's population ages, the opportunities to redefine what growing older can, and could be, is full of possibilities.

Older Australians rightly expect care that recognises their individuality, supports their independence and helps them continue living lives of meaning, purpose and connection.

Government funding provides an important foundation, but creating exceptional experiences requires people who share our vision for the future.

At Helping Hand, we build meaningful partnerships with people who share our values of excellence, respect, compassion and community. Our experience has shown that every person's reason for giving is unique.

What unites our supporters is not the size of their gift, but the shared belief that every older person deserves to live with dignity, purpose and belonging.

Honouring every gift

For more than seventy years, people have trusted Helping Hand with their generosity. We are committed to ensuring every gift is managed with integrity and respect, and used in ways that create the greatest possible benefit for older people and the communities we serve.

When Arthur Horner, a resident of Lealholme Residential Care Home in Port Pirie, left a Gift in his Will to Helping Hand, he entrusted us with the responsibility to create something lasting. Although Arthur left no specific instructions, we took great care to honour both his generosity and his connection to the place he called home. We spoke with those who knew him, listened to residents and staff, and carefully considered how his gift could create the greatest and most enduring impact.

In 2026, Arthur's Café opened at Lealholme Residential Care Home in Port Pirie. Named in Arthur's honour, it has become a welcoming place where residents, families, staff and the wider community come together to share conversation, companionship and moments of connection – a lasting legacy of one person's generosity.

"When I heard, he had left money for a café, it really got to me. What he has done is a great thing. I am so happy it's named after him."

Des, resident.

"Residents come for a coffee and it's like they are going out. They meet new people, have a chat."

Alisa, onsite hairdresser

"It means everything to us. Having this café is like going on an outing. The café has helped me meet more people. Athur Horner has done a wonderful thing."

Betty, resident



There are many ways to become part of our Giving Community



Two significant gifts shaped the development of Parafield Gardens Residential Care Home. In 1965, Elsie Quick donated land and in 1978 Colin Eaton, left a Gift in his Will in memory of his late wife Ruth. Pictured here is Sir Donald Dunstan, AC, KBE, CB, Governor of South Australia, unveiling the plaque of the Ruth Eaton Nursing Home.

- Leave a Gift in your Will to support future generations.
- Donate to a project or initiative that reflects your interests and values.
- Share your expertise, services or resources.
- Fundraise on our behalf and bring your community together to support a cause you care about.

Every donation supports Helping Hand to create places, which don't just feel like home – they are home.



Grassroots fundraising has always been at the heart of Helping Hand's story. From fetes, fun runs (see photo above) and raffles generations of supporters have raised funds to purchase equipment, enhance amenities and create better experiences for older people across our homes in Adelaide and regional South Australia.

Every meaningful partnership begins with a conversation

Whether you are considering a major gift, supporting an innovative program, partnering with Helping Hand through your business, contributing your expertise, or leaving a Gift in your Will, we would be honoured to learn about the difference you hope to make.

Please contact the Philanthropy Specialist at Helping Hand on 1300 653 600 or giving@helpinghand.org.au

Join the Helping Hand Giving Community

We invite you to join the Helping Hand Giving Community by subscribing to our newsletter. You'll receive stories from the people whose lives have been touched by generosity, updates on projects made possible through philanthropy, reflections on our legacy leaders and insights into the future we are creating together.

To join, simply:

- Scan the QR code.
- Call us on 1300 653 600
- Email us at giving@helpinghand.org.au



Every act of giving supports Helping Hand to create places, which don't just feel like home... they are home

For more than 70 years, Helping Hand has been creating moments of connection, community and belonging for older South Australians and their families.

Today, we are a proudly South Australian, not-for-profit organisation supporting thousands of older South Australians through residential care, home care, retirement living and wellbeing services.



Scan the QR code to go to our website and find out more about our work.

Helping Hand provides services across many lands traditionally owned by the Kaurna, Narungga, Peramangk, Ngadjuri, Nukunu and Barngarla people.

Helping Hand acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we work and provide services. We pay respect to their culture and heritage, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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