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Thank you for creating precious moments, memories and mementoes for Catherine's family

Catherine was a smart, highly respected recruitment consultant. She had a loving family and wonderful friends. She loved Celine Dion, and everything about Christmas.

Three weeks after she turned 32, this beautiful young woman died in Mary Potter Hospice.

But while Catherine was in the Hospice, you helped add life to her days.

You gave Catherine and her girlfriends a Pizza, Cheese & Wine Night – a night of normality and fun together.

Catherine's birthday was approaching while she was in the Hospice. She wanted to go home and wake up one last time in her own bed on that special day.

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Catherine's mum Heather remembers: "Before we took her home that night, the Hospice asked me what her favourite cake was. She was a savoury girl, she wasn't into cakes – but since she'd been in the Hospice, she loved sweet things. The only cake I knew she really liked was a bee-sting."

Thanks to you, when Catherine came back to the Hospice on her birthday, waiting for her were two of her nurses with a surprise birthday trolley. There were balloons, champagne, and a beautiful bee-sting cake. Catherine whipped out her phone and sent a photo to her friends – she was so surprised and delighted. You were behind this special moment. Thank you.



Heather told us: "The Hospice was simply wonderful. There's really a different kind of atmosphere there. The staff were just the dearest people, so caring, and the doctors were amazing. The nursing care was beautiful."

"In the Oncology ward, it's more about the treatment, but we realised that in the Hospice it's about making your days as special as they can be. It's about treating the whole person."

And because of you, Catherine found her artistic side while in the Hospice. Because of your generous support of the Fra Angelico Creative Arts program, Catherine was able to create special art-pieces that her family will treasure forever. Catherine's parents, Heather and Larry, are so grateful for what the program did – for both Catherine and their family.

"This arts program was such a valuable experience for Catherine and for our family. It truly supported all of us – firstly by doing it, and then in receiving the treasured pieces (which were so beautifully wrapped and presented)."

"Fra Angelico is an incredible program, and it has meant so much to our family. It is a wonderful way for families to connect, enjoy and be supported."

"We can't thank the Hospice enough – an amazing group of people who Catherine and ourselves grew to love."

 Thank you

Catherine's loving family will never forget the care you made possible for their daughter and sister. Thank you for the joy and special moments they shared during a heartbreaking and challenging time.

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Lives honoured, and hearts touched

Cancelled last year due to COVID-19, this year's Walk For Love brought families and staff together once again, to remember loved ones and support the Foundation.


We were blessed with beautiful weather and a good attendance at both Walks.

A highlight for us was having more time to meet so many family members – to put faces to names and to say thank you in person.

From your feedback, the little touches we created, including the hearts on the trees along the route, the children's activities, and the Gratitude Tunnel meant a lot to those who attended.

We have already started planning next year's Walk For Love. We hope you will join us.



 **Thank you** to everyone who walked, fundraised, had a student walk for you, volunteered, baked, or donated. Together we honoured loved ones, touched the hearts of many walkers, and raised much-needed funds for patient care.

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Introducing our new Palliative Services Manager – Helen Kradolfer

Helen shared with us her message of thanks:

“I am so grateful for when something beyond standard hospital care is needed, I can be confident that the Foundation can swiftly turn a wish into a reality. In many situations, time is crucial, and our patients may not have the days or weeks to wait for a complex approval process.

Fortunately, because of people like you, who support The Mary Potter Foundation, the Foundation team has the capability of making things happen at the right time.

Thank you for supporting Mary Potter and for generously supporting



the Foundation, because like myself, you believe that great care at end-of-life is important”.

You've brought back a much-loved tradition to the Hospice

Ask anyone whose loved one was in Mary Potter many years ago and they always mention how much they looked forward to the *Sweets Trolley* which made its way around the Hospice every afternoon. Well – it's back!

Since the beginning of June, volunteers have been tempting patients and families with a variety of cakes and slices, thanks to you.

We have created a menu filled with old-fashioned favourites including cream cakes, pavlova, custard

tart, lemon meringue pie, citrus tart, cheesecake, and a variety of slices.

The choices are intentional. They are designed to trigger fond memories and are easy to eat. We love nothing more than seeing a patient who has started to lose their appetite

– eat something they enjoy. This always brings a smile to the faces of their loved ones.

Thank you for making the return of this much-loved tradition possible.



HOW TO *Get involved*

HOLD IT FOR HOSPICE

If you have always wanted to hold a fundraiser for the Foundation, please contact our **Development Manager, Jess George** on **8239 0119** to discuss your ideas and how we can support you.

SAVE THE DATE

THE LOVING TREE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Wednesday 8 December 2021
at 7.30pm at Australian Lutheran College, cnr Jeffcott St & Ward St, North Adelaide.

This event will be ticketed and reformatted to meet COVID-19 requirements.



LIGHTING OF THE LOVING TREE

Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 8.45pm

at Mary Potter Hospice.

Refer to our November newsletter or website for more information closer to the date.

THANK YOU

We sincerely thank the following groups, volunteers, and organisations for your recent support:

- SA Power Networks Employee Foundation
- The Order of St John of Jerusalem
- Lewis Saint and the Blackfriars Priory School Community
- St Peter's College Boarding students and staff
- Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club
- Waikerie & Strathalbyn Football Clubs
- Grill'd Rundle Street
- Air Barb's Crew
- The Rotary Club of West Torrens
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- Dr Dan Huynh
- Star of the North Café
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- Ceravolo Orchards
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Inspiring people to share our belief that caring for people at the end of their lives is an honour and a privilege and to work with us to support living every day, every hour.



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