

"I just thought the Hospice would be a dark, miserable place where you only end up to die. I didn't realise that it was completely the opposite: a warm, beautiful place with people who just wanted to help us make the most of every minute Mum had left. It was all about living."

Sam, Daughter of Hospice patient Susan



Together, we care 

Letter from the heart

As I sit down to write, my heart is full of gratitude. I feel truly blessed by your ongoing support, which allows us to provide meaningful, compassionate and individual care to patients and their families. You make such a difference to them each and every day. Your generosity enables us to extend our programs and strengthen that circle of care – ensuring each person feels supported, comforted and valued.

I hope this edition of our newsletter further reinforces just how central you are to everything we do.

Our Walk for Love in May is always such a special and meaningful event. It is a beautiful time of reflection and connection – a time where families and friends come together to Walk to honour and remember their loved ones.

I am deeply grateful to every one of you who chooses to be part of our Walk for Love, and I look forward to meeting many of you there.

No matter how you support us, thank you for sharing our belief that caring for people at the end of their lives is both an honour and a privilege.

With a grateful heart,

Kristen Hardy
Executive Director



Last year, Sam took part in her very first *Walk for Love* in honour of her best friend and mum, Susan, who died in Mary Potter Hospice in December 2024. She was also an ambassador for the event.

Sam told us why she wanted to give back so soon after her Mum's death.

"Coming into Mary Potter Hospice with Mum, I had no idea what to expect. I assumed it would be just like being in hospital."

"But it really is a whole other world... yes, it's medical, but it's also like being in a five-star hotel in how they treat everyone. Just the way everyone cares so deeply – not just the patients, but their families and friends too."

"Being in the Hospice gave us the most precious gift of time. The first five days were truly magical. It was like one big, long girls' sleepover. We laughed, cried, had massages, and shared all our memories, hopes and dreams."

Susan had a very special wish. She wanted to see one sunset by the beach.



Sam remembers, *"I was really stressing how I could make this happen. Mum was so tired at this stage. I didn't think it was possible anymore."*

"But the nurses and Foundation just took the stress off my shoulders. They organised a special Access Taxi to get us to Henley Beach, and two Hospice nurses came with us to look after Mum. We had champagne and fish & chips and just watched the sunset together. It was gut-wrenching, but so important & beautiful. Mum was happy."

"I will never forget it – a truly special gift that just wouldn't have been possible without the Hospice and Foundation. Why wouldn't I want to give back after that?"



You – our wonderful donors – were with us making Susan's sunset wish come true. Without you, we simply could not create these moments of joy for our patients and their families. Thank you so much for your loving support.

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Thank you ...

Because of you, Calvary Palliative Home Care patients can join in on monthly 'Creativity & Connections' art sessions.

Established by Vicki Mau, Pastoral Care worker and arts enthusiast, and supported by artist Sue Michael, these gatherings provide a relaxed and nurturing space where participants can try something new and express their creativity. Each session concludes with a light lunch.

It's thanks to you, our compassionate donors, that this program is possible. Engaging in the arts offers moments of connection, joy and respite away from the focus on clinical care.

We are truly grateful to you for helping to bring something innovative and truly uplifting to our patients.



"Many thanks for the truly enjoyable morning and your wonderful assistance in working miracles with my limited craft skills! I really enjoyed myself and am looking forward to coming again."

Along with the unexpected care you make possible each day for patients and their families, we are so thankful to you for supporting Calvary's Life Stories Program.

Because every life is extraordinary.



"We can't express enough gratitude for the exceptional care the Mary Potter Hospice team provided to our beloved mum, nanna and great-nanna in her final days. It truly felt like Mum (and all of us) were surrounded by family. They listened to her stories, held her hand when we couldn't, and made sure every detail was taken care of."

"They didn't just care for Mum; they celebrated who she was with their beautiful Life Stories program. Her reflections on her life rekindled some very special memories – and we will forever treasure her life story booklet gifted to us."

"Thank you for the grace and humanity that you all brought into our lives when we needed it most."

Daughter of Hospice patient, Hilda

Walk for Love

Registrations are now open!

Join us in May to honour the life, courage and memories of someone you love and miss, and help us bring compassionate care and loving support to patients and their families.

Whether you are remembering your loved one, giving back for the care that special person received, or simply want to support the work of the Foundation – everyone can be part of Walk for Love.

To register, donate or find out more, please visit walkforlove.org.au or scan the QR code on this page. If you have any questions, or are unable to register online, please call us on 08 8239 0119.



ATTEND IN PERSON

Sunday 31 May 2026
8am, 9am, 10am & 11am
Carclew | 11 Jeffcott St,
North Adelaide 5006

DO YOUR OWN

Choose a time and location to do your own Walk sometime in May 2026

WALK FOR ME

A student from St Peter's College will Walk on your behalf

Come along and experience the Walk for Love for yourself. We would love to see you there!

Samantha | 2026 Walk for Love Ambassador

"I'm just so grateful for everything the Hospice team and The Mary Potter Foundation did for Mum. Being involved in Walk for Love feels like the most beautiful way to honour Mum and her legacy. I know this is something she would have wanted me to do, and I'm so honoured to be a part of it."



The 2026 Walk for Love is proudly sponsored by



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Get involved

WALK FOR LOVE BARTON'S CAKE STALL

Do you love to bake? We are seeking donations of home-made cakes, biscuits, slices, etc., to be sold at the Walk for Love cake stall. We would love your help! For more details, please contact **Mel** on **08 8239 0119** or at mel.hond@marypotter.org.au

SAVE THE DATE BARTON'S CREW BARBARA'S HIGH TEA

Sunday 19 July 2026

For further info, please contact **Juliann** on **0407 394 334** or at juliann.andriani@gmail.com

CARING HEARTS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Open to any immediate family member who has lost a loved one at Calvary SA.

Meetings are held monthly in Connery House at Calvary North Adelaide Hospital: 2nd Tuesday of each month 10am – 12 noon

Next meetings will be on 14 April, 12 May, 9 June & 14 July 2026

To RSVP, please email your name and phone number to reception@marypotter.org.au or call us on **08 8239 0119**.

For more details, including upcoming dates in 2026, please visit marypotter.org.au/caring-hearts



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Our Mission

With the support of our compassionate community, we nurture meaningful care that embraces respect, comfort and warmth – creating a lasting impact at the end of life.



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