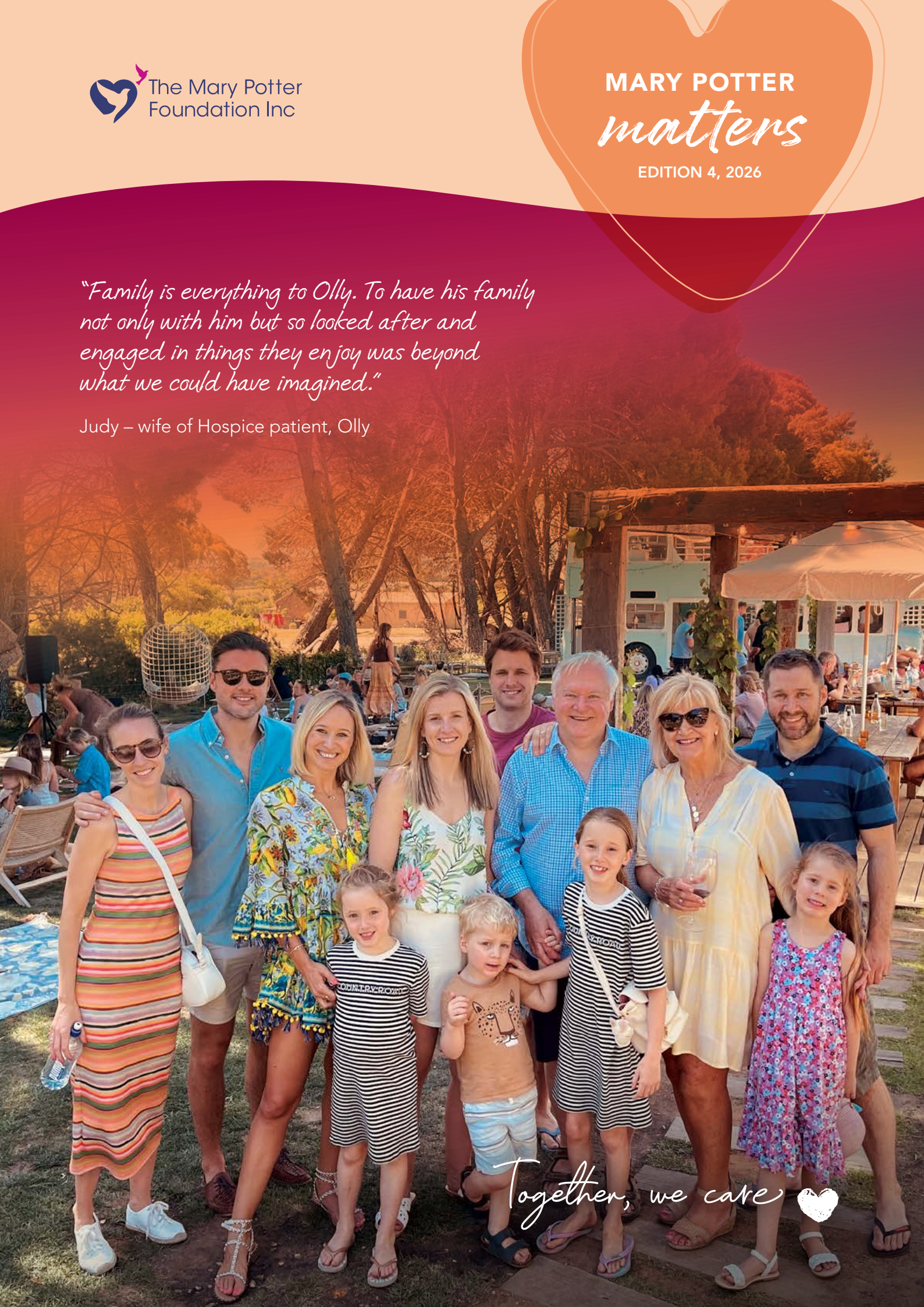
The Mary Potter Foundation Inc

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"Family is everything to Olly. To have his family not only with him but so looked after and engaged in things they enjoy was beyond what we could have imagined."

Judy – wife of Hospice patient, Olly



Letter from the heart

As we look back on this past year, my heart is so filled with gratitude for the beautiful community that surrounds us. Every time someone gives a gift, offers their time, or simply holds our families in their thoughts, it creates a ripple of comfort and warmth when it is needed most.

You make it possible for us to walk alongside patients and their families through life's hardest moments, ensuring they are wrapped in care and respect.

Thank you for sharing your heart and generosity with us in 2026. We know that for some, Christmas can bring a sense of longing as they remember loved ones who are no longer beside them. May this season bring moments of peace, comfort and connection, and may the love and memories you hold close bring warmth to your heart.

Looking ahead to 2027, we will be marking a truly special milestone – the 40th anniversary of the Foundation. It is a moment to honour four decades of meaningful care, made possible only through the extraordinary support of community members like you.

I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and blessed Christmas season.

Kristen Hardy
Executive Director





You wrapped Olly's family in love, light and cherished moments.



Olly and his wife, Judy, had always shared a deep love for travel. From an incredible Combi van trip across Europe in the 1970s to countless adventures since, their life was rich with exploration. Yet, no place held quite as much magic for them as Port Noarlunga, where they first met as teenagers.

When Olly was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, his tight-knit family's world tipped upside down. Stepping into Mary Potter Hospice, however, felt entirely different from what they ever expected. Instead of a sterile hospital room, they found a warm sanctuary centred around connection, where they were wrapped in love and comfort.

For Olly, Judy and their devoted children and grandchildren, the Foundation helped transform an otherwise devastating journey. The grandkids couldn't wait to visit – not only to see their beloved Grandpa, but to also race into the fully stocked kitchen for treats, whip up hot chocolates, and greet special animal visitors like a miniature horse. For Judy, having their six-year-old cavoodle, Louie, by her side during her visits, brought comfort, while offering Olly the heartwarming feeling of home and familiarity.

Special moments blossomed amidst the heartbreak, including a vibrant Greek-themed birthday celebration complete with a virtual



reality trip to their favourite destination, Santorini. This exciting new technology and program is such a gift thanks to the generous support of you, our valued donors. Olly was delighted to receive a meaningful handmade quilt, lovingly crafted in the colours of the Ukrainian flag, reflecting his parents' country of birth. A cherished final trip to Port Noarlunga brought Olly and Judy back to a place that had always held a special place in their hearts. Surrounded by family and friends, they gathered by the sea to reminisce, share stories and create precious new memories together.

Judy shares a profound sense of gratitude:
"I can't imagine with the situation Olly was in, how I could have coped without the wonderful care, kindness, and fun for the grandchildren that the Foundation supplied. Without the wonderful donors, they couldn't make happen what we have experienced."



It's because of the generosity of you, our compassionate community, Olly, Judy and their family were given the precious gift of laughter, comfort, and treasured memories. We are so grateful for the impact you make.

Together, we care

Thank you ...

Making Moments That Matter

From helping a loving grandmother celebrate her grandson's special birthday with a visit from some scaly friends, to bringing pure delight on National Pet Therapy Day with gorgeous Moet the Pony, thank you for helping create precious moments for patients, families and staff.

Every gentle visit, shared smile and touch of home offers comfort, familiarity and warmth when they are needed most.









At the Forefront of Care: What You Have Made Possible



Because of your incredible kindness, the Foundation was proud to sponsor a group of nurses to attend the 2026 Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference in Adelaide.

Clinical Nurse, Perminder reflected on what this support meant to the nursing team:

"The opportunity to attend this conference was invaluable. We gained current knowledge, evidence-based practices, and practical insights that will enhance the quality of palliative care provided to patients and families. The conference also allowed us to connect with colleagues and experts in the field, fostering professional growth and collaboration."

Your generosity ensures that clinicians with a desire to further their education in palliative care have access to ongoing education and professional development. Thank you for investing in the extraordinary hearts and hands that wrap our community in comfort and reassurance.

Proud Sponsor of the Loving Tree

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LIGHT UP THE HOSPICE *with love* THIS *Christmas*

Each Christmas we light up thousands of twinkling lights on the Loving Tree to remember our loved ones and to shine a light on those in our care.

The Loving Tree stands at the entrance to Mary Potter Hospice as a symbol of our love, while each light remembers a very special person.

You are warmly invited to do something very special this Christmas by dedicating a light on our Loving Tree. Not only will you shine a light on someone you love, but your gift will also support the many patients and families who will spend their Christmas in our care.

Simply make a gift from your heart and we will add your loved one's name to our Loving Tree Remembrance Book and video.

2026 LOVING TREE CAROLS CONCERT

Every December, we host the Loving Tree Carols Concert. It's a special time where we come together to reflect and remember those we love and miss every day – but especially at Christmas.

The concert features special performances by Rachael Leahcar and Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, with various choirs leading the carols.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral,
39 Wakefield St, Adelaide
Wednesday 2nd December 2026,
7.30pm – 9pm

This ticketed event is exclusively for those who make a donation or dedicate a light on our Loving Tree. There is no cost for the ticket.

To have your loved one's name included in the carols concert booklet and on the video honour roll, **please make a gift in memory on or before Friday 20 November via the enclosed donation form** or online at **marypotter.org.au/lovingtree**.

Click to donate



What's On

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING
AT RUNDLE MALL PLAZA

Bring your Christmas presents to the ground floor of Rundle Mall Plaza to get wrapped! Gold coin donation per item, all in support of The Mary Potter Foundation.

For opening dates and times, call us on **08 8239 0119** or **follow us on social media.**

CARING HEARTS
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A welcoming, supportive space for any immediate family member who has lost a loved one at Calvary SA.

2nd Tuesday of every month, 10am – 12 noon
To RSVP call us on **08 8239 0119** or email **reception@marypotter.org.au**

The final 2026 session will be on 8 December, for a Christmas lunch. There will be no sessions in January 2027 and they will resume on Tuesday, 9 February 2027.

FOUNDATION OFFICE **CLOSURE DATES**

As the year comes to an end, everyone at The Mary Potter Foundation wishes you a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

The Foundation office will close from **2pm on Friday 18 December 2026** and reopen at **9am on Monday 4 January 2027**.

HEART FOR HOSPICE
MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

Become a member of our Heart for Hospice Monthly Giving Program and Heart for Hospice program and give a gift of extra special support that lasts all year round.

Your regular monthly gift provides deeply meaningful care for patients and families when they need it most. You will also help us invest in palliative nurse education, ensuring the dedicated Calvary specialist nursing team stays at the absolute forefront of best practice.

To join, simply **complete the Heart for Hospice section on the enclosed reply slip**, or use the **QR code to register online**. We are so truly grateful for your support.

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Business Hours Monday-Friday 9am to 4pm

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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A member of the Professional Body for Australian Fundraising

A registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)