

# VOLUNTEERING

## Ways to volunteer

At UnitingCare we are continuing to care for people to live their lives in all its fullness, but we need your help. Here are just a few ways that you can assist us.

## Pastoral Care

At UnitingCare every person matters and at this time of crisis we would like to ensure all staff have 24/7 access to pastoral care. We need pastoral care volunteers to ring staff who have asked for a pastoral call. Volunteers can choose the hours they are available and numbers of calls they are willing to make. This will enable the Mission Team to serve our staff by providing a listening ear for all who request it.

## Cleaning at Blue Care

As we enter into Easter, we reflect on Jesus' willingness to serve those whom loved him and those who betrayed, denied and abandoned him by washing the feet of his disciples. Service is at the heart of who we are as a church.

We are all aware that this is an unprecedented time for the world, for our nation and for our organisation. COVID 19 has resulted in large amounts of preparation and new practices to ensure that the most vulnerable people are kept safe. Our Blue Care Residential Aged Care is introducing extra cleaning processes to protect our residents in aged care.

If you are not required to self-isolate we are asking you to consider giving of two – three hours / week to volunteer at your local Residential Aged Care facility to undertake cleaning as an expression of service and love in this time of need. Cleaning would predominately include wiping down of surfaces and cleaning floors. Appropriate training will be provided. There is a particular need for the weekends, but also for during the week. All of our Residential Facilities require this service. If you are interested in supporting UnitingCare

as a telephone pastoral carer or as a cleaner in our of Residential Aged Care facilities please register here

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicOrganization/ca01f463-b1f4-451f-9e3f-59373682cdda/1>

Please note that from 1 May 2020, you will need to have a current influenza vaccination to be granted entry to any residential aged care facility.

## Keeping Connected

How do we reach out to lonely people, when we ourselves need to stay at home? BlueCare's new "Keeping Connected" program offers us a beautiful opportunity to reach into the lives of those most vulnerable in this difficult season.

- Can you write letters to connect with someone lonely?
- Can you make or send cards to bless someone you may not even know?
- Can you make phone calls or video messages to chat or pray with an aged care resident?

Well, if you have a little time and a lot of love, you can reach out and help us to connect our aged care residents with the spirit of fellowship that we value so much in the Uniting Church.

Our local BlueCare Aged Care Chaplains are working hard in this season to support our residents and they would love to connect you with someone ready to hear from you. If you want to be a part of *Keeping Connected* or you just want to find out more contact your local Blue Care chaplain or email [missionteam@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:missionteam@ucareqld.com.au)

## Attention all sewers

Watch this space - Stay tuned as there is a sewing project that will be announced next week.

For more information please ring Mission Team on 3253 4008 or email [missionteam@ucareqld.com.au](mailto:missionteam@ucareqld.com.au)