



EVA TILLEY

Caring with Dignity

5th June 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends of Eva Tilley,

Re: End of Year Donation - Tax Deductible

Eva Tilley has identified an urgent need to enhance the music and art activities which are so important for many of our residents. We do not have spare funds available for this work following the major refurbishment at Eva Tilley and we would be pleased if you might consider providing some support. We need to find a total of approximately \$15,000 to meet the costs. We would be most appreciative of any contribution you might be able to make.

Eva Tilley was built by the Community for the Community and has been providing a caring environment for its residents for the past 57 years. Our Staff, Board and Volunteers believe that Eva Tilley should be a home for all, where each resident is treated with warmth, care, dignity, respect and cultural understanding. Our home provides care for up to 115 residents from low to high care, as well as dementia specific, palliative care and respite care.

We have been successful each year in increasing our in-house activities and support to ensure our residents remain stimulated and engaged. The COVID-19 restrictions for aged care facilities have made this even more challenging in the current environment.

Eva Tilley's recent refurbishment was at a cost of \$4.2 million. The available funds did not extend to musical instruments, music lessons, surround sound amplifier, audio visual equipment, art supplies and furniture in the Music (Piano) Lounge. That is why we are seeking your support.

Music plays an enormous role in keeping residents stimulated, happy and in the case of residents suffering memory loss it plays a significant role in offering sensory and emotional comfort. We are fortunate to have a beautiful donated Steiner piano and, as several of our residents have been accomplished musicians prior to needing care at our facility, appreciation of music is one their great joys. Music offers a medium for stimulating long term memory which enables a sense of satisfaction and fulfilment. Similarly our art activity contributes significantly to the welfare of our residents.

As an independent, community-owned not-for-profit organisation, Eva Tilley relies on self-generated funding with community-based funding for major redevelopments. With the end of the financial year quickly approaching, we seek your assistance by adding Eva Tilley to your 'donation list'.

Please accept our sincere thanks for your continued interest and consideration of our request.

Kindest regards,

Margaret Smith, OAM
Vice Chair & Chair, Community Committee