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The Christmas spirit is alive and well at Resthaven

'You're never too old to do a good turn', says 94 year old Resthaven Marion resident, Lil Bousefield. Lil is the October 'Calendar Girl' in the Uniting Church 2010 Calendar, pictured learning how to use the computers with the help of students at Westminster School. Each week, she joins other residents on the bus and heads off to the school to use their computers under the tutelage of Year 9 and 10 students.

Lil not only rises to the challenge of learning new technology, but also raises funds for children with cancer through Camp Quality, cooking and selling delicious scones at Resthaven.

A few years ago, a Camp Quality guest speaker attended the 'Community Windows' current affairs knowledge program at Resthaven Marion, 10 Township Road, Marion. Describing the work of Camp Quality, she explained that it costs approximately \$200 to send a child with cancer to camp. This prompted Lil to join another resident, Jack Cullen, to cook tasty items for sale to raise funds. They have raised more than \$10,000 so far.

Each fortnight, everyone looks forward to special home baked treats. Lil bakes in accordance with the Food Safe Guidelines in the Carinya Room at Resthaven Marion*. The irresistible smell of freshly cooked scones wafts through the facility, tempting fellow residents, volunteers and staff alike to come and buy her wares.

In addition, Karen Neighbour, Leisure and Lifestyle Coordinator say, 'Lil contributes enormously to the Resthaven community, helping daily, serving morning tea to other residents as well as being a "buddy" to a number of new residents whom she takes under her 'wing'.'

'Helping others for whom life has been difficult or not as fortunate, in even a small way, is important to Lil. She is an inspiration.'

'Lil promotes positive ageing in a very practical way, adding a little Christmas cheer throughout the year whilst giving back to the community.'

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*(This is difficult at present due to building upgrade work)