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Resthaven Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Community Grants

This year, Resthaven celebrates its 75th Anniversary. To commemorate this significant milestone, Resthaven has sponsored a number of community grants and academic scholarships.

Resthaven CEO, Richard Hearn, says: 'These initiatives aim to improve the physical, mental and social wellbeing of older people, their carers and volunteers, highlight relevant issues and improve access to information that will improve independence, and celebrate the contribution of older people to society.'

Community grants of up to \$5,000 have been awarded to several organisations, including the Palliative Care Council of SA, the Chinese Welfare Service, the Holdfast Bay Community Centre, the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Hut Community Centre at Aldgate.

A Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Dementia Care has been established, in conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia, and academic scholarships have also been offered to all three South Australian universities. These include:

- **Eight scholarships** and one **Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Disaster Management** at Flinders University,
- **Ten scholarships** for full time nursing students at University of Adelaide,
- **Eleven nursing scholarships** at the University of South Australia, as well as a **Master of Nursing Science** and a **Perpetual Scholarship for Indigenous Nurses**.

A research project is being funded with COTA Seniors Voice, and an information service has also been established at Highgate, called 'Agedcare Alternatives.' This service is staffed with volunteers and aims to provide clear, unbiased information to those who wish to access aged care services.

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