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Agedcare Alternatives Open for Business

On Friday 3rd December, Mrs Liz Scarce, wife of His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, and the Mayor of Unley, Mr Lachlan Clyne, opened a free aged care information centre which assists people in finding out how the aged care system works, and how to go about finding what care and support is available for older people in South Australia.

Mrs Scarce currently volunteers at Resthaven Malvern Residential Care Services.

Located at 1/445 Fullarton Road, Highgate, the centre, called *Agedcare Alternatives**, is staffed primarily by volunteer 'Options Guides', who provide face-to-face information and support to those wishing to navigate the aged care system.

'Our Options Guides give free, one-to-one, face-to-face assistance to find out what an enquirer's needs and concerns are,' explains *Agedcare Alternatives* Coordinator, Franco Parenti.

'Anyone can call in and speak with an Options Guide or phone for information and a strategy to find their way through the plethora of information.

'As the centre relies on volunteers for its day to day operation, we thought it appropriate to open the centre in the same week as International Volunteer Day, on 5th December,' Franco says.

'We acknowledge the hard work of our volunteers, without whom this venture would not be possible.'

The centre is open during normal business hours. For more information about *Agedcare Alternatives*, telephone the *Agedcare Alternatives* office on 8271 3888.

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Photograph: (left to right) Peter Hughes, Ward Councillor, Sue McKechnie, Executive Manager, Resthaven Community Services, Liz Scarce, wife of the Governor and Resthaven Malvern Volunteer, Lachlan Clyne, Mayor of Unley, and Franco Parenti, Agedcare Alternatives Coordinator.

**Agedcare Alternatives is sponsored by Resthaven Inc as a 75th Anniversary gift to the South Australian community. Advice offered is independent, general information, relating to all aged care support available in South Australia.*