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Resthaven's 75th Anniversary Gift to Alzheimer's Australia: A Postgraduate Research Scholarship

This morning, Resthaven CEO, Richard Hearn, met with Glen Rees, Chief Executive Officer, Alzheimer's Australia, to announce *The Resthaven Inc. Postgraduate Research Scholarship - Quality in Dementia Care*.

Resthaven's Postgraduate Research Scholarship will support a student to undertake a doctorate, researching quality dementia care. The scholarship is open to applicants from across Australia and will be available in 2011.

Glen Rees says, 'Alzheimer's Australia values this opportunity to further strengthen its partnership with a highly regarded aged care provider. The Resthaven Postgraduate Scholarship enables us to further support emerging Australian researchers in undertaking vital dementia research.'

Richard Hearn explains, 'This year, Resthaven is celebrating 75 years of outstanding care and support for older people and their carers. Resthaven's Board specifically approved a number of activities to celebrate this significant milestone, and this is one that will have lasting benefits.'

'Resthaven's investment in the scholarship offers an opportunity to support a student in undertaking research in the area of dementia care and quality management. It may include broader behaviour management issues, hazards and their management, such as falls, pain management and palliative care for people with dementia.'

'We hope that this research scholarship will add to the body of knowledge of evidence based dementia care in Australia, and lead to improvement in the quality of life for both people with dementia and their carers.'

'The objective is to affirm the value of older people, even when they are physically or mentally frail. Older people have shaped this nation and deserve quality care and support from highly skilled and dedicated professionals.'

For details about the scholarships, visit the Alzheimer's Australia website: www.alzheimers.org.au

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PHOTO: Resthaven CEO Richard Hearn and Alzheimer's Australia CEO Glen Rees at Resthaven Malvern