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VOLUNTEERS PART OF THE TEAM AT BETHESDA HEALTH CARE

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of the many volunteers around Australia. From 21–27 May 2018, thousands of events were held across the country to say thank you to the six million Australians who volunteer their time.

The week-long celebration included breakfasts, morning/afternoon teas, and luncheons, as well as open days, award ceremonies, picnics, forums and training sessions, many of these held in Western Australia.

The theme for 2018 is Give a little. Change a lot, which represents the millions of volunteers who make a significant impact in their communities and on society, by giving a little of their time.

Close to 60 volunteers work at Bethesda Health Care and they are a vital part of the care team. The majority of the volunteers work in the 23-bed Palliative Care Unit of the hospital, or in the main reception as a 'meet and greet' service.

A special morning tea for the volunteers will be held on Tuesday 22 May at 10am, where each volunteer will receive a small token of appreciation from the hospital. Lotterywest and Volunteering WA, as part of a NVW Grant, generously support this morning tea event.

Ms Yasmin Naglazas, Bethesda Health Care CEO said "this group of volunteers are very special to us. In addition to their care duties within the hospital, they also spend a lot of their time fundraising for patient items. Since July last year they have raised more than $4500 through their fundraising efforts and we really appreciate their contribution to the Bethesda patient experience. This week is about recognising them and to offer thanks for their important role at the hospital".

Bethesda Health Care is currently seeking Volunteer qualified Reiki practitioners, musicians and singers/choirs to support patients in the Palliative Care Unit. To find out more about these roles please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Ms Kay McIntyre on 9340 6423 or email KMcIntyre@bethesda.org.au.

Bethesda Health Care is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing care and service to the Western Australian community for more than 70 years.

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