



### Key Messaging

- Thousands of young people with physical disabilities are being left behind in residential aged care or other inappropriate housing.
- With your support, Youngcare is creating a more inclusive Australia where every young person with physical disabilities feels at home in their own community.
- You/amazing supporters are providing freedom, dignity and choice for young people with physical disabilities across Australia.
- I know you agree; all young people with physical disabilities deserve to choose where they live, who they live with, and how they live their lives. It is up to all of us to make sure that happens.
- Youngcare's Disability Housing provides dynamic, modern living spaces that enable young people to live independent lives, with appropriate and dignified care.
- Will you fight for freedom, dignity and choice for young people with physical disabilities?

### Useful Statistics

- 4.4 million Australians live with disability.
- On average, approximately 13 young Australians enter permanent Residential Aged Care each week.
- A quarter of young people in residential aged care are parents to young children.
- Nearly all are in, or have been in, partnered relationships.
- More than a third of young people in residential aged care have depression. This is over 3.5-times higher than the occurrence of depression in Australians generally.
- Young people in nursing homes (64 years and younger) are three times more likely to take their own life than their counterparts aged 65 and over.
- **130 young people with high physical support needs** will have a place to call home in Youngcare housing or through Youngcare's support in the next three years.
- **Over 4,500 contacts** recorded through Youngcare Connect since 2010
- **1,610 grants distributed to a value of \$9 million +** since inception in 2009.
- **Builds in construction or in the pipeline:** Pelican Waters (6 residents), Helensvale (6 residents), Rothwell (6 residents), Jordan Springs NSW (6 residents), Noosa Heads (10 residents), Everton Park (6 residents), East Brisbane (9 residents) – occupancy capacity 43.
- **6 builds now open:** Woolloowin 2 (6 residents), Albany Creek (8 residents), North Lakes (14 residents), Townsville (3 residents), Chermside (10 residents), Woolloowin 1 (4 residents) – occupancy capacity 46.
- **2 legacy stock** developments, now wholly owned and operated by partner WesleyCares QLD