

SUPPORT-A-PATIENT

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THERE IS STILL HOPE...

Following above-the-knee amputations on both of her legs, Agnes* was admitted to the Care Centre for wound care. She is an 82-year old widow whose only son died many years ago. On occasion, her nephew's wife would come and visit her at the Care Centre, which she looked forward to. She started making friends with some of the other patients too. Soon, with new friends, visits from a family member, and staff who treat her with dignity and respect, she began to feel hopeful about life and about her future.

Then something completely unexpected happened. **COVID-19** hit and, along with the whole world, the Care Centre went into lockdown. As loneliness, depression and anxiety set in, Agnes soon began to worry about her future. She was alone in this world and she was disabled. Who would look after her? How would she survive? Hopelessness filled her heart and she began to withdraw from her new found friends and from the staff.

Through the love and care from the staff at the Care Centre, and the daily morning and evening devotions offered to the patients, Agnes slowly began to feel more like her old self. The other patients, her friends, reminded her that they were all in this together and that she was not alone. The Care Centre counsellors encouraged her, discussed her future with her and gave her hope. The Occupational Therapist at Murchison Hospital organised a wheelchair for her to use when she is discharged. Agnes began to feel stronger and more encouraged about her future.

Although Agnes has a difficult journey ahead in learning to live without her legs, she is hopeful that things will go well with her.

*Name changed for privacy.



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