



# Ryder-Cheshire News

NEWSLETTER OF RYDER-CHESHIRE AUSTRALIA "For the Relief of Suffering"

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## GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The first edition of our Newsletter in the new coloured format was well received in May, so we are encouraged to continue. You will also find a new Klibur Domin brochure with this edition. Again we trust that the new style of this brochure will encourage people to read it and learn more about the magnificent work being done to help East Timorese people who are sick, disabled or destitute. We will update the Raphael brochure prior to the next Newsletter.

Much of the work on the brochures is being done by Terry Warr, an enthusiastic member of the RCF Victorian Committee. Terry has also updated the Ryder-Cheshire Australia website, and I encourage readers to visit [www.ryder-cheshire.org](http://www.ryder-cheshire.org) to view the vastly enhanced presentation. My thanks go to Terry for his major contributions.

**Klibur Domin** has seen major changes over the past year with three new buildings being completed. A six bedroom **Residents' Cottage** has been exceptionally well received by the residents. It was funded by RCF Victoria from the proceeds of the 2009 Dinner and from a bequest from Barbara Lewis, who had been enormously supportive of Raphael since the early 1960s and later of Klibur Domin until her death in January 2009. The Residents' Cottage will be named the "**Barbara Cottage**" as a perpetual reminder of her wonderful contribution to Ryder-Cheshire. Patrick Lewis is writing a book on Barbara's life which will be published in 2012 and tells the amazing story of her life of giving to others.

A four bed **Multi Drug Resistant TB** isolation ward was completed in July and is the only such facility in East Timor. Patients undergo intensive treatment for up to 12 months to overcome the disease. A new 12 bed Respite Centre was also completed in October and has been named the "**Saint Damien Respite Centre**" in memory of Father Damien who gave his life to helping those with leprosy in a colony on Molokai Island (in the Hawaiian Group) late in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This name was requested by the donor who provided the \$100,000 to build this Centre.

Our support to **Raphael** continues as it has done for the past 50 years. Raphael excels in its care for residents, inpatients, outpatients and those being helped under Community Based Rehabilitation programs. My congratulations go to all at Raphael for winning the "**Best NGO in 2011**" award—see page 5. We have recently worked with Raphael to improve the **Sponsorship Scheme** and there is an article on sponsorships on page 6. We desperately need more sponsors to ensure the flow of funds to Raphael into the future. Can you help?

On 24<sup>th</sup> September, a small celebration was held at the **Ryder-Cheshire Victorian Homes at Ivanhoe** to mark the 30th anniversary of the opening of this facility. My congratulations go to everyone who has been involved in this outstanding endeavour, past and present.

As the end of 2011 approaches, I wish all our supporters a very happy Christmas and New Year and I remind you all that our **Biennial Conference**, which is open to all supporters, will be held in Canberra on 5/6 May 2012. Finally, I hope that the spirit of Christmas may encourage you to consider either becoming a sponsor or a donor to one of our homes – see the How You Can Help box on page 6. Thank you and best wishes.

Peter Newton, President, Ryder Cheshire Australia

## WALFORD ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, ADELAIDE *Valued Supporters of Ryder Cheshire*

The students of the Walford Anglican School for Girls in Adelaide contacted us to say that their annual Ryder-Cheshire support event raised \$3000. This school has generously supported the Foundation for decades and so President Olive Lane and Secretary Di McEwen drove to Adelaide, attended a school assembly to receive the generous donation, spoke to the girls and staff, were hosted to a delicious lunch, then drove home. What a day - but worth every effort to keep contact with this excellent school. What a magnificent effort !!



PICTURED ABOVE (l to r) -  
DI MCEWEN AND OLIVE LANE (RCF SA),  
HELEN TREBILCOCK PRINCIPAL WALFORD SCHOOL,  
AND STUDENT LEADERS.  
KATHRYN PALASIS AND EMILY ANDERSON.



## HAPPY FACES AT VICTORIA'S GOURMET SUPPER AND AUCTION

FLORENCE GOUGH AND MARG MCCONNELL (RCV  
COMMITTEE) WITH GUESTS CHARLES & CLARE SCERRI.  
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## FOCUS ON BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP

*Beginning with this edition, we commence a series of "Focus" articles, in which Australian Support Groups and State Foundations will tell their stories. The following article is by Dorothy Carpenter.*

BALLARAT is a city in Victoria approximately 105 kilometres north-west of Melbourne and has a population of about 96,000 people.

The Ryder-Cheshire Foundation Ballarat Support Group was formed in December, 1964, after a visit to Ballarat by Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder.

Agnes McLean had heard about Leonard's work with lepers in India from her friends, Barbara Coleman (Lewis) and Josephine Collins. She was so moved that she organised Leonard and Sue to come to Ballarat where a public meeting was held. It is believed that nearly 1,000 people attended. They were all impressed by Leonard's ideals that no barriers of background, age, religion, race or particular handicap should prevent anyone from receiving compassionate care and support.

Agnes and her sister, Mary, were the first sponsors of a resident at Leonard's leprosarium in India, 'Raphael', and many of the individuals and groups who showed an interest in helping Raphael at that time are still supporters, and sponsors, today. After the initial meeting, Leonard and Sue visited several schools in Ballarat.



LEONARD CHESHIRE AND SUE RYDER WITH FORMER PRESIDENT CATH MCLENEHAN AT AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN 1991

Three of these are still supporting Raphael today and a number of other schools are involved in fund-raising as well. The schools include Ballarat Grammar School, Ballarat Clarendon College, Loreto College as well as two small country schools, Mt Blowhard and Learmonth Primary Schools.

The first President of the Ballarat Support Group was Mr John Hurley. Mr T. Kingston was Secretary, and Mr Ray McCluskey was Treasurer. Other Presidents have been Cath McLenehan, Val Sarah AM, Geoff Nott, Olive Lamont, Bernard Bradbury, and currently Leo Rennie.

There have been many volunteers at Raphael from Ballarat, including Sue Ann Bruhn, Anne Bourke, Jillian Gleeson, Carmel O'Connell, Jeff and Joy Brisbane, Ally Rennie, Robert Brookes and Clare Cooper (see Page 5 of this issue for Clare's Raphael report).



Early Days at Ballarat (L TO R) – PAT GRACE, GEOFF NOTT, AGNES MCLEAN (DEC) AND VAL SARAH AT A THEATRE FUND RAISER IN THE 1980'S

The Group has 29 sponsors of 34 residents at Raphael. This work has been ably supported by Anton Brandenburg who has organised many contributors in Ballarat East.

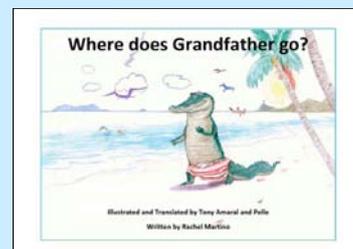
Our group has also focussed on the work of Ryder-Cheshire at 'Klibur Domin' in East Timor. This facility has been visited by Diane McGrath, Terry Warr, Ally Rennie and Leo Rennie, Mark Chapman, Wendy Smyrk and Andy Naus who worked there recently as a volunteer. A number of sponsorships have also been established.

The Group hosted the Biennial Conference in 2008, when we were fortunate to have as a guest speaker, Ms Anita Rana, a former student from the Little White House at Raphael and currently a nurse in Ballarat.

Ballarat has a long and proud history with Ryder-Cheshire Australia, and our group continues today, based on the solid foundations formed all those years ago. We have been able to maintain a very loyal support base whose collective wisdom and sense of history we rely on to guide us into the future. Our group is ever mindful of the late Anne Nott's words:

*"It is the belief that it is possible to make the world a better place that keeps the light of Sue and Leonard's vision shining."*

### "SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS" STUDENT COMMUNITY PROJECT "KD KIDS TEAM"



An initiative of the Australian Catholic University - Aquinas Campus in Ballarat has provided students currently undertaking the Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education with an opportunity to form partnerships with local, national and global community agencies. The "KD Kids Team" group has had the privilege of being in partnership with the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation of Australia in Ballarat.

Together, we have undertaken the development of a culturally appropriate Early Childhood Literacy Project for the children of the Klibur Domin Community in East Timor and surrounding villages. In a population of about 1.2 million, there are less than 350 Timorese children's books in print. This statistic was a catalyst in the group's decision to develop a children's book; entitled, "WHERE DOES GRANDFATHER GO?" This book embraces healthy lifestyle choices and affirms family values and relationships. The book uses the image of a crocodile, a highly revered East Timorese animal to depict the figure of the grandfather. The book has been translated into the local language, Tetum, and has been illustrated by local artist, Tony Amaral.



l to r ROBYN ILETT, STEFFANI KHUN, RACHEL MARTINO AND BRONWYN LANYON. ALL ARE EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS AT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - AQUINAS CAMPUS, BALLARAT.

# HANDS ON AT KLIBUR DOMIN

BY BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP VOLUNTEER ANDY NAUS

I have been volunteering at Klibur Domin, East Timor, for three months. I responded to an advertisement that the Ballarat Support Group had placed in a Newsletter called United Way.

After talking with their President, Leo Rennie, and meeting the members, I decided that this was the place for me to go to support the work undertaken by the KD community. I had been to East Timor previously, assisting the work of the Ballarat Friends of Aniara who are supporting the people of the Aniara District.

Upon my arrival at Dili Airport, I was met by Joaquim Soares, the Manager of Klibur Domin. As he drove me along the scenic coast road to Klibur Domin I thought this was quite a bumpy ride but I was soon to learn that this road was comparably in good condition. My accommodation was in the Volunteers' Cottage which consisted of three bedrooms, each with an East Timorese bathroom, and a kitchen. Remarkably I actually learned to cook! Before I could not heat water, let alone boil an egg! I have yet to try this newly found talent out on my family back home in Ballarat.



VOLUNTEER ANDY IS GREETED AT KLIBUR DOMIN BY MANAGER JOAQUIM SOARES

My role was to be very hands on which is what I know and am experienced in. I really enjoyed working alongside the local people from the KD community. I found them all to be such willing workers. The Odd Bods (UK) Association had donated a self-propelled mower which arrived while I was at KD. This was to be a new experience for us all. I was able eventually to set up the mower and assist in training the workers on using this new machinery, which caused much fun and laughter among the KD community. Before we could use the mower we needed to clear the compound of many, many rocks. This was a huge communal undertaking. I am sure we all lost weight and became fitter during this exercise. I know I lost eight kilos!

There was a lot of safety equipment that came with the mower. The favourite was a set of overalls. These were worn with pride. So much so, that the workers asked me to source sets of overalls for each of them upon my return to Ballarat!

The gutters and water tanks were other jobs that we undertook. The gutters needed clearing. They were clogged due to leaf debris. After discussing this task with Joaquim, we realized that the over hanging tree branches were the culprits. Action was immediate. The problem was swiftly attended to by skilful tree-climbing workers. Up the trees the workers sped to cut away the offending branches! That job was accomplished in no time at all!

Water is an issue throughout East Timor and so it is at KD. Installing water tanks was the other major task that I supported. I noticed a label on an existing tank and discovered that an Aussie, Norm Bruce, headed a Rotary Project that had established East Timor Roofing Steel (ETRS).

This business manufactures tanks that would attune to East Timorese weather, road and health conditions. We decided that I should visit Norm and his team in Bacau, which was only 100kms from KD. Now this is when I truly got to know East Timorese roads. I realised just how good the road from the Airport to KD really was. I caught the bus at 6.00am and arrived at my destination only 100kms away at 2.00pm! The journey and time was well spent as Norm's advice was invaluable. He explained that plastic tanks would be too costly and that large tanks would be very difficult to transport given the road conditions.

The four water tanks that would hold 40,000L were quickly put into place by the skilful local workers. I was quite overwhelmed by their knowledge and expertise in accurately setting the footings and foundations for these tanks. Their use of minimal equipment was quite amazing. We celebrated their accomplishment by hosting a very special treat of Nescafe coffee in the Volunteers' Cottage.

I had access to TV so I was able to keep up with important Aussie events such as AFL. The other way that I was able to keep up with news was at Mass. I regularly attended the Sunday Mass at the near by Church. It was very, very long and all said in Tetum. When my presence was noted, the Priest found a translator for me and I was asked to tell the congregation why I was at KD. The translator also explained that Mass was so long because part of the Priest's role was to keep the locals informed about news throughout their country. Communication is a difficulty particularly outside of Dili. Each Sunday I would

have lunch in Dili with the other Australian volunteers. This always provided a nice



THE NEW KD WATER TANKS

exchange of information.

My time at KD was wonderful. The management and staff are doing a remarkable job supporting the health of their people. I learned so much from the KD community. They hosted me to a huge farewell feast, much to my embarrassment, but it was explained that at least they would have a good feed that night.

On my second last night at KD there was a huge deluge of rain...and to my great joy...I could actually hear water running into the tanks!

When, back home in Ballarat, I attended my first Support Group meeting. Not only were the members anxious to hear about my time at KD, they also presented me with a framed Certificate of Appreciation. I was really touched by this gesture.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO RAPHAEL Best NGO for 2011

Raphael has been adjudged the 'Best NGO for the year 2011' by the Indian National Trust (an organization set up by an Act of Parliament for the welfare of persons suffering from Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and multiple disability) in recognition of its outstanding achievements in the disability sector.

The award was presented at Delhi on 5th September 2011 by the Honourable Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.

As part of its varied roles, Raphael is now engaged in spreading disability awareness in entire Uttarakhand and various schemes of the National Trust applicable to the disability sector.

## SUE RYDER

“diminutive in stature but a giant in humanitarianism ...”

BY ELS TOMPKINS, Manager,

Sue Ryder Legacy, In Memoriam and History Team, United Kingdom

Sue Ryder founded her national and International healthcare charity (Sue Ryder Foundation) nearly 60 years ago which is now providing specialist health care services in local communities. It offers support to people affected by a variety of terminal and long-term conditions, including cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and brain injury.

Sue Ryder the woman was diminutive in stature but a giant in humanitarianism and one of the jobs of the charity's Legacy, In Memoriam and History Team is to explain the origins of the charity and to bring its name alive through Sue Ryder's remarkable story.

Much of what defines the Sue Ryder Charity we know today is rooted in the character, experiences, and values of its founder. It was her experience through childhood and during the Second World War that set Sue Ryder on a path she was to follow for the rest of her life.

Born in Leeds, West Yorkshire she was greatly influenced by her mother Mabel, a voluntary social worker. Sue, by the age of 6, had joined her mother working in the slums near to their home. Lying about her age, she volunteered for the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry at just 15 years old. By age 17 Sue was serving in the World War 2 Special Operations Executive, Polish section, driving SOE agents and commandos to their top secret missions.

Her time in Poland during the war proved formative. Hugely impressed by work of the resistance movements there, she became determined to establish a “living memorial to the dead”, seeking and addressing suffering wherever it may be, regardless of race or religion.

After the War, Sue Ryder stayed in Poland to assist with the relief effort. Working among Europe's displaced and stateless clearly had an effect on her. By 1952 Sue Ryder had established holiday schemes for those still in relief camps and a home for ex-prisoners. There soon followed the opening of a number of homes for the sick and disabled, the first of which was St Christopher's in Germany. and then followed Konstantin, Poland. Her contribution to galvanising the Polish people at a time of desolation and despair cannot be understated. Sue was honoured in the UK with the title Lady Ryder of Warsaw. She was also awarded Poland's highest medal of valour and honorary citizenship of Poland. The Forgotten Allies Trust, soon to become the Sue Ryder Foundation (now known as Sue Ryder), was established in 1953. Over time, more homes were opened, 24 of which were in the UK. 70 more were established abroad, in Poland, Greece, and Yugoslavia.

It is in this sense – with a heavy emphasis on volunteering – that “Sue Ryder” has worn the unmistakable mark of its founder for more than half a century. Volunteers and support groups really are the lifeblood of “Sue Ryder”. “Sue Ryder” charity shops, to be found in many towns throughout Britain, also have a social aspect - providing as much support and meaning to the volunteers as to those the volunteers are helping



THE SUE RYDER CHARITY SHOP  
AT CAVENDISH, JULY 2011.

Despite name changes and the death of Sue Ryder herself in November 2000, “Sue Ryder”, still operates on all the same principles embodied by its founder: those of hope, love, respect, and the commitment to providing care where it is needed the most.

If any readers have any stories or memorabilia about Sue Ryder or her charities, The Legacy, In Memoriam and History team in the UK would very much like to hear from you. Please contact

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**or write to them  
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16 Upper Woburn Place, London,  
United Kingdom, WC1H 0AF**



ELS TOMPKINS left and JULIE PATTERSON right  
with EVELYN PETTERS (from WA) at a Sue Ryder  
Shop in UK July 2011

## NEWS FROM RCF NEW ZEALAND

Carolyn Tapley (RCF NZ) writes from Christchurch on the aftermath of the earthquake of 22 February 2011

Thank you so much for all your phone calls and letters of support.

Most days we have substantial shakes. We used to talk about the weather and now we talk about how many shakes we have had and how we are progressing with rebuilding our homes and our city.

We are so grateful for our members in Auckland who have done a sterling effort in fundraising this year.

It has been difficult to find a venue in Christchurch to do any fundraising. Christchurch has lost many fine buildings, including restaurants, and as you can imagine trying to source a restaurant that seats 120 where we could have our annual Indian dinner was difficult.

We decided to have just the one fundraiser this year in Christchurch as many of our members and committee members have suffered severe loss and are busy trying to restore some normality back into their daily and working lives.

We held our AGM after the conclusion of our Indian Dinner. We weren't able to hold our AGM any earlier as our Auditors lost their building and files in the February earthquake. Sally Taylor, our Treasurer is a chartered accountant and she worked with our Auditors to get these reports completed.

We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from you all in Australia and were greatly humbled when we heard that Raphael had a special church service for us all in Canterbury.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

THE RYDER CHESHIRE AUSTRALIA  
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

WILL BE HELD AT

ALL SEASONS OLIMS HOTEL  
IN CANBERRA

ON 5TH AND 6TH MAY 2012.

ALL SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

State Foundations and Support groups will receive details of arrangements in November.

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## **\$14,000 RAISED AT VICTORIAN GOURMET SUPPER and AUCTION**

100 guests spent the evening of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre in Preston. A gathering where a warm welcome by President Peter McConnell, set the scene for a night of fine food, good wine, and an auction presided over by Lou Silluzio from Barry Plant Real Estate.

**GOURMET FARE** Our generous guest chefs – Andrew & Matt McConnell - provided us with a sumptuous meal of delicacies which were much enjoyed by all.

**KLIBUR DOMIN UPDATE** Peter Newton delivered a wonderful account of what is currently happening at Klibur Domin and what the plans are for the future.. The presentation was accompanied by excellent audio visuals put together by Terry Warr.

**AUCTION** Throughout the evening, guests wandered, inspected and bid on 35 items displayed for Silent Auction. Our main Auction was entered into with much eagerness – the large ticket item being a bottle of 1991 Grange Hermitage – donated & signed by the Governor General - which brought \$605.

**PROCEEDS** The success of this fundraising event was not only the \$14,000 raised, but the wonderful atmosphere enjoyed by all and the enthusiasm of people to be a part of our fundraising efforts for Ryder Cheshire's involvement in East Timor.

## **30TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORIAN HOMES**

by Don Sinclair, President RCVHF.

The Ryder Cheshire Victorian Homes recently celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Homes which were established in September 1981. During these years we have accommodated thousands of guests requiring medical treatment at various Melbourne hospitals. Naturally most guests are from country Victoria, but we have regularly welcomed guests from all over Australia and New Zealand and many overseas countries. Overseas guests are usually family members caring for an overseas visitor who has been involved in a major accident or illness whilst visiting Victoria.

In the past year the Homes have provided nearly 15,000 bed nights and accommodated some 2,500 guests. 45 new television sets are being installed in the change-over to digital transmission, and we are most grateful to the Rotary Club of Rosanna who have offered to donate all of the 45 sets. This donation included a \$4,000 donation from an anonymous club member.

**We sincerely thank the members of the Rotary Club of Rosanna for their very generous donation.**

## **MY EXPERIENCE AS A VOLUNTEER AT RAPHAEL**

*"My volunteering experience changed my life"*

### **BY CLARE COOPER OF BALLARAT SUPPORT GROUP**

Late in 2010 I spent two months as a Volunteer at Raphael in Dehra Dun, India. For me it was a door that opened just as I arrived at a crossroads in my life. I was in need of adventure, and throwing myself into another culture was bound to do the trick. It was about a six weeks lapse between expressing my interest in volunteering and being on a flight bound for India, so I really had little time to develop preconceived ideas about Raphael and the experience that was to come.

My first "anything is possible in India" moment was when I waited four hours for my driver to pick me up in Delhi and take me to Dehra Dun. This was my first ever day in India. Even though I arrived at Raphael at night, I was greeted by a group of boys from the Little White House who insisted on taking my bags and showing me to my room.

When I arrived it was mid to late October. There were four other volunteers there - Jenny and Adrian from New Zealand, and Georgia and Caitlin from Victoria. They were a great help with settling in and provided some amazing experiences. My first few days at Raphael were introductions, administrative procedures and absorbing my surroundings. I started my duties in the vocational area helping with making paper bags and candles. The candles were in high demand with Diwali just around the corner so it was great to be involved in the lead up to such a festival. I never knew how many fireworks it was possible to let off in one week!



CLARE WITH CHILDREN AT RAPHAEL

After Diwali, I spent the remainder of my time in the primary A classroom with Janki. This classroom had ten students, nine boys and one very special girl, Chavi. Chavi has autism, and she usually bites, pinches and pulls hair when she is upset. For some reason she took a liking to me and I basically became her teddy bear. Once you get to know the kids personally, you just adore them.

I had never worked with disabled children before and it was a bit daunting to begin with, but when you do not understand Hindi and they don't understand English, you realise that in this case you are the one with the disability. When it came time to leave, I had made many friends and had many experiences that I will remember forever. My volunteering experience changed my life and made me a better person.

**ARE YOU ARE A PERSON WHO FEELS THAT SOMETHING IS MISSING IN YOUR LIFE? THEN I CHALLENGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER LIKE I DID, YOU MAY JUST FIND WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.**

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## SPONSORSHIPS

### SHARING IN THE LIFE OF RAPHAEL AND KLIBUR DOMIN

Sponsorships are the life blood of the Ryder-Cheshire funding programs for both Raphael and Klibur Domin and without them, Ryder-Cheshire would have been unable to maintain the level of support provided at these two homes. Sponsorship schemes have been in place since the early 1960's at Raphael and since 2000 at Klibur Domin.

#### RAPHAEL SPONSORSHIPS

Traditionally at Raphael, sponsors have been allocated individual residents in one of its homes – **Shiv Sadan**, for those suffering from leprosy; the **Little White House**, for the children of parents with leprosy; and **Ava Vihar**, for those with physical or intellectual disabilities. Some sponsors have taken on patient beds in the **TB Hospital**. Many sponsors have developed close personal relationships with their sponsored residents, aided by the regular updates received from Raphael. We are now expanding the Raphael sponsorship scheme to include the sponsorship of programs, including:

- **The TB program** with its 26 bed TB Ward and an outpatient program treating over 2000 new cases a year.
- **The Community Based Rehabilitation program**, providing support to disadvantaged children in their villages.
- **The Day Care Centre program**, providing education and therapy to 160 children and adults with disabilities.
- **The Independent Living program**, providing a small number of young women with disabilities the opportunity to live independently in their own house at Raphael .

#### KLIBUR DOMIN SPONSORSHIPS

This scheme has evolved from the sponsorship of individual residents (of which there are now only 6 remaining) more to the sponsorship of programs, including:

- **The Inpatient Services program**, caring for residents and those patients recovering from illnesses and injuries.
- **The TB program**, including inpatient and outpatient services , a Mobile TB Team and a Multi Drug Resistant TB Ward.
- **The Community Based Rehabilitation programme** supporting children with disabilities in their villages and homes.

#### COST OF A SPONSORSHIP AT RAPHAEL OR KLIBUR DOMIN

Ten years ago, Ryder-Cheshire decided to raise the cost of sponsoring to \$365 or just \$1 a day for all new sponsors. Existing sponsors were not asked to increase their payments, but many have elected to pay an increased amount. Some sponsors are contributing less money, according to their means. We are appreciative of whatever amount a sponsor offers. Money is pooled for the Raphael and Klibur Domin schemes respectively and contributes to the running costs of the programs at these homes.

**Ryder-Cheshire desperately need new sponsors to continue its work. Can you help? If you would like to make a donation or become a sponsor, kindly tick the box and cut out the form below and send to the address shown. The Sponsorship Secretary of the nearest Foundation or Support Group will contact you with full information on the schemes.**

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## How You Can Help

To RYDER-CHESHIRE FOUNDATION PO Box 51, GLEN IRIS, VICTORIA, 3146

Ryder-Cheshire Australian Overseas Aid Fund is a Deductible Gift Recipient (ABN 15 362 991 732) and all donations and sponsorship payments of \$2 and over are tax deductible. If you would like to become a sponsor or make a donation, please nominate which home (Raphael or Klibur Domin) you wish to support by ticking the relevant box below. A receipt will be issued by the nearest Foundation or Support Group.

- I would like to make a donation to Raphael /Klibur Domin and my cheque/card payment for \$ ..... is enclosed.
- I am interested in becoming a sponsor at Raphael for \$365 or \$ ..... (other amount)
- I am interested in becoming a sponsor at Klibur Domin for \$365 or \$ ..... (other amount)
- Please send me information on how to make a Bequest to support the work of Ryder-Cheshire

Your Name .....Address .....

Tel. No. ( ) .....Email Address .....

Visa/Mastercard No ..... Expiry Date ...../..... Amount \$ .....

Name on Card .....Signature .....