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FUNDRAISER OF A DIFFERENT KIND: GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF FACE MASKS DRIVES NEW FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE IN TASMANIA

LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA – Wendy Mitchell, CEO of Community Care TASMANIA is seeking volunteers of a different nature.

With the current worldwide shortage of indispensable face masks the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused, Mitchell is seeking 1,000 volunteers to donate their time and skills to sew face masks.

Participation in this different kind of fundraiser will allow people to remain in the safety of their own home; and can help to provide people with home sewn face masks that are so urgently needed by many.

The face masks will be made available for free to those most in need, such as vulnerable people and their carers but also medical staff, support workers, health workers, clients, families and to people who are still working for the good of the community.

"So far we have over 10 volunteers from all over Tasmania who are already busy sewing face masks, but we need a lot more people to get on board", Mitchell says.

For those that do not have any supplies to make face masks, Community Care TASMANIA can provide material, supplies and patterns. Delivery of supplies can be arranged by calling the office or supplies can be picked up at their Launceston based office, after calling to register first. People may have fabric they can use available at home.

They are quick to make and should include a layer in the middle (so 3 layers in total). The middle layer would be a PJ type thick material like flannelette - these can be removed for washing. Instructions can also be provided if required.

Jo Swan (76), of Launceston, is one of the volunteers and says "it's lovely because it give me purpose, I am locked up at home and missing my children and grandchildren dreadfully but this gives me a purpose to do something so helpful. It's a combined effort. My husband Jocko (80) is the 'cutter outera' [sic] and sometimes they are not always exactly straight or perfect but they are functional - we think - and we have asked our friends to help out as sewers as well."

To join this fundraiser of a different kind, you can contact Community Care TASMANIA on 1300 722 300. — END—

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ABOUT COMMUNITY CARE TASMANIA:

Community Care TASMANIA's mission is to assist and support people that wish to remain living in their own homes in a safe, friendly, comfortable way, and to maintain their dignity and independence in the familiar environment of their own home.

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