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Acknowledgement of Donation

Dear Friends of Irene Homes,

Ruth Dawson, an 82-year-old woman with intellectual disabilities, died on February 21, 2024, at Irene Homes. For 59 of her 81 years, Irene Homes was the only home she knew and where she was able to create her own life experiences. At her memorial service, only the staff and other residents of Irene Homes were there to honour her life.

It is estimated that one billion people worldwide have some form of disability. Many of these vulnerable people are excluded from crucial aspects of life and, for the most part, are denied equal access to basic societal rights.

Irene Homes is one of a few national facilities that provide, serve, and protect women with intellectual disabilities by offering a comprehensive and supportive environment for individuals with intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, mental health needs, and other complex needs. We aim to develop this small populace by providing a safe, disabled-friendly, and efficiently managed facility.

We at Irene Homes perceive it as vital to create a safe environment in which people with disabilities can enjoy contributing to our community while also benefiting from all the fundamental rights to which they are entitled. Our goal for those in need that we serve is to empower them and assist them in finding meaningful opportunities. The more proficient our residents and day workers become, the more successfully they can integrate into society, act as catalysts for change, and recognise their own potential.

On the Irene Homes estate, we manage six resident houses, a chapel, three workshops, a health clinic, a one-of-a-kind Charity Shop, an administrative building, and other amenities to accommodate the needs of residents and their families. It is located in the heart of Irene, tucked away on a serene 8.2 hectare of land.

To preserve the facility with its holistic services, we require a substantial funding source. We require 59 dedicated staff who administer the vast estate and who work tirelessly to achieve this aim while simultaneously fulfilling the needs of each resident.

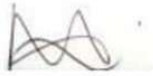
As with any charity, the majority of our resources are sought rather than purchased. With financial challenges on the rise and Government budget cuts for NPOs, securing funds and contributions has become a difficult task. However, our residents only know that everything they need is provided, our estate is kept clean, and they have a secure

sanctuary where they may be the greatest versions of themselves. They have no idea where the funding comes from or how things are done. We just do it!

With so many adult orphans already in our care and the harsh reality that a growing majority of our residents' families are not able to meet their fee commitments or can only afford partial fees, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this incredible donation. It is because of people like you that we can do what we do best and that is to serve the most vulnerable in our community!

It's heart-warming to know that there are caring people like you who support organisations such as Irene Homes. Thank you!

Yours truly,



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