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## **Maryborough Family Day Care celebrates Christmas with local seniors**

Last week children from the Churches of Christ Care's Maryborough Family Day Care centre playgroup spread some Christmas cheer when they visited the Fair Haven Maryborough Aged Care Services also operated by Churches of Christ Care.

During the weeks leading up to the visit the children were busy making gifts and wrapping paper and writing in cards, which were all given to the residents at the facility.

Family Day Care Coordinator Nancy Hammond said the children had been excited about the visit and were eager to present their handmade gifts.

"There was a Christmas sing-a-long with the children and residents and afterwards each child gave a gift to a resident," Ms Hammond said.

"We set up a stable with a manger and baby Jesus and the children came dressed up as Mary, Joseph, the Three Wise Men, shepherds and angels and performed a nativity play. It was a fantastic and heart-warming day for everyone."

Fair Haven Maryborough Diversional Therapist Lynn Priestly said she was thrilled to have the interactions between the children and the residents.

"The residents enjoyed the visit tremendously; many of them don't get to see their grandchildren very often, so they get a lot of pleasure from the children – their faces just light up like Christmas trees," Ms Priestly said.

"After the nativity performance, the children went around and sat and spoke with the residents which was just lovely. It is really important for children to learn about the older generation and meet people outside their families."

Ms Priestly said more visits were being planned for the playgroup in the future.

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### **Photos attached**

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We strive to create an inclusive, caring, compassionate environment that meets its clients' needs without discrimination or prejudice. Everyone is welcome to call on our help regardless of their religious background.

Churches of Christ Care is one of Queensland's leading providers of early childhood, child protection, affordable housing, retirement living and aged care services. We are a not-for-profit organisation that supports more than 27,000 clients each year in urban, rural and remote areas.

We operate 137 services throughout Queensland with the support of more than 2,800 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.