CARERS ARE NOT ALL THE SAME

Palliative care affirms quality of life… for everyone.

Every day after uni, Janet rushes to her grandmother’s house to cook tea. Janet knows that if she doesn’t do this, her grandma will go to bed without eating. After tea, Janet sets out her grandma’s breakfast for the morning. She puts out a clean set of clothes, and makes sure that her grandma is taking her medicines. Janet remembers when her grandmother used to take care of her.

Melinda is responsible for her mum on Saturdays and Bree takes over on Sundays. This gives their dad, Mark, a two-day break from taking care of their mum. The three of them decide on the showering, washing, cooking and shopping between them. They made the decision to manage the full-time care of their mother themselves. They didn’t want to see her go into a nursing home.

Vincenzo and his wife Rosa have been Australian citizens for most of their lives. For lots of reasons they never learned to speak much English. When Rosa became ill, Vincenzo found it difficult to manage at home and care for Rosa. Vincenzo then found out that there were English translators. They could guide him through the services available. Vincenzo began to feel in control of his world again.

People who provide care come from many different backgrounds and have varying skills and responsibilities. There is support available for all of these circumstances.

Because carers are not all the same, CareSearch provides information and resources for people from all walks of life.

CareSearch provides information on financial assistance, managing daily life, translators and interpreters, emotional support and a range of other everyday issues.

If you care for someone who has a life-limiting illness, visit www.caresearch.com.au.