Caring Communities Program – Project Overview

Organisation: Anglican Retirement Villages

Name of Project: Palliative care education utilising interactive satellite television technology

Length of Project: 3 years

Project Summary:

This project entails utilising satellite television technology to develop four interactive palliative care education programs for residential aged care facility workers. Topics to be covered include:

1. Palliative care overview
2. Death & dying
3. Pain management
4. Dealing with grief & loss

Project Objectives:

1. To increase palliative care knowledge and skills of direct care staff working in the Anglican Retirement Villages (ARV) Residential Aged Care Facilities.

2. Reduce the ARV transfer rate of palliative care residents from low to high care facilities.

3. Develop a cost effective high quality palliative care education program that could be utilise in the future by remote and isolated communities.

4. Facilitate a "shared" (involvement of families in the care of their dying relative) approach to caring for residents/clients in receipt of palliative care.

5. Base program content on Australian Palliative Aged Care Project guidelines.

Project Activities:

1. Development and screening of four interactive palliative education programs.

2. Development of program facilitator resource material.

3. Development of student resource material.