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LIFTING DEVICE BRINGS DIGNITY BACK TO RESIDENTS

A simple lifting device is assisting residents at Seaview House to easily get back on their feet, quickly, safely and with dignity.

Affectionately known as the “Camel,” the lifting device is designed to lift a person from the floor with the help of only one other person, creating more time to support and care for the resident.

The lifting device can be used anywhere, indoors or outside and using the simple hand control and compressor provided, the Camel is inflated section by section to bring the individual up into a position from which to stand.

The purchase of the lifting device was made possible by a donation from the United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund.

Myra Burke, Manager at Seaview House said it was on the wish list for a long time.

“Before getting the Camel, we were calling on paramedics from Ambulance Victoria to attend and assist in getting patients up who had fallen.

“It is now done in house,” she said.

“It is less stressful for the residents and frees up the paramedics.”

Nicole Carr Executive Officer United Way Glenelg said older people are much more vulnerable and likely to fall, and even more so if they have a health condition.

“Falls are a major health issue with around 30% of adults over 65 experiencing at least one fall per year.

“The purchase of the lifting device will give reassurance to residents, staff and families. We’re thrilled the Lewis Court Fund is assisting the older members of our community,” concluded Ms Carr.

Grants will open Sunday 1 August 2021 and close Tuesday 31 August 2021. Applications can be made through www.unitedwayglenelg.com.au For further information please call Nicole Carr, Executive Officer on 0410 513 305.

Photo: Personal carers Paula Etherton and Leanne Walder demonstrate the ease with which the Camel can be used.

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