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Donation goes to Centre giving new experiences to people with disabilities

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Before handing in its warrant late last year Freemasons from the Wynnum Rose-Croix Chapter together with a Dollar for Dollar subsidy from Hand Heart Pocket the Charity of Freemasons Queensland donated just over \$2000 to an association enhancing the lives of people with disabilities on Brisbane's bayside.

Essential equipment including a new lawn mower, washing machine and pantry cabinets will be purchased for Aid and Recreational Association for the Disabled (ARAD) in Wynnum – a volunteer-run day centre which provides its clients with the opportunity to participate in leisure activities to boost their confidence and cultivate life skills.

Former Wynnum Rose-Croix Chapter Recorder Rod Powell said the old equipment which was often in need of repair had become a distraction for volunteers.

"Aid and Recreational Association for the Disabled is a place where people with disabilities can come to pursue their interests and learn new skills whether that be to learn how to cook, sew, learn the art of woodwork, horticulture or simply go to the movies, swimming pool or on a scenic drive," Rod said.

"For some of the clients this is the only place where they can mix and be part of the community. We are so proud that there is a service of this kind in our community and want to see it continue for many years to come," he said.

Aid and Recreational Association for the Disabled Secretary Bev Mitchell, said the association very much appreciated the donation.

"Without the support of the community we would find it impossible to keep going. For groups like the Wynnum Rose-Croix Chapter to recognise what we're doing and think it's worthwhile supporting, means a lot to us," Bev said.

Similarly, Hand Heart Pocket Chief Executive Officer Gary Mark praised the now disbanded Chapter's charitable efforts over the years.

"Hand Heart Pocket would like to recognise the contribution Wynnum Rose-Croix Chapter has made to the local community," Gary said.

"We were only too happy to support them and this important local initiative that is having a positive impact on all who come across it," he said.

Photo: Aid and Recreational Association for the Disabled (ARAD) President Mary Guy, Former Wynnum Rose-Croix Chapter Recorder Rod Powell, volunteer Betty McKercher and ARAD Secretary Bev Mitchell.

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