## **Community Care Fund**



The fund was initiated in 1996 by Barbara Faro and strongly supported by Eileen Caddy as her friend Joannie needed 24 hour care and we needed to raise funds to ensure that we could provide it at a time when the council didn't yet fund it at all - as thankfully it is doing now for many aspects of care.

The fund is dedicated to support community members requiring care in the community. Its purpose is to supplement any support available from statutory (rather than to replace those) – like Moray Council, social work or the health service - and private sources.

In the past it has allowed us

- To facilitate 24 hour nursing care at home, i.e. to cover the amounts that were not paid for by care allowances.
- To pay up front for funeral arrangements. This saved the executor and close friend of the deceased the stress to have to deal with all of the financial aspects when grief and mourning were the immediate needs.
- To buy a specialist bed, an electric buggy and a bath hoist for elders that allowed them to remain independent longer and to facilitate care at home.

The fund has received initially generous donations from all over the world – due to Eileen's impassioned appeal. Also Barbara Faro dedicated her salary during her time with the Holistic Health Dept to go to the fund. Since then it was mainly elders in the community who supported it – either through ongoing monthly contributions in one case or through leaving a sum in their will. The latter were sometimes specified to enable sheltered housing to be provided. Whilst there is not enough to actually build, we have been able to help the community own the Community Care Flats in East Whins with a loan through Ekopia.

The custodians of the fund are The NFA Community Care. The fund is held securely in a charity (HealthWorks Holstic Health Care Ltd. SCO 21 152).

For donations please make cheques payable to HealthWorks Community Care Fund. For more information or to apply for support please contact any member of the NFA Community Care Circle via the NFA office.