

GOOD OMEN GOODEZE INC

CHARTER

This charter establishes a set of principles as a guide for GOG members to facilitate our mission to provide comfort care items to those in need within the Canberra Health network; to provide personalised stitching for wellness programs to the Canberra community; and to offer a safe and inclusive space for members to express their creativity; volunteer their time and resources; and develop positive relationships within the community.

GOG members display behaviour that shows integrity, kindness, and compassion.

VISION

'Providing warmth and comfort for those in need, one stitch at a time.'

AIMS

Good Omen Goodeze is established to be a charity whose purpose is to advance health/social or public welfare by operating a community shed to:

- bring comfort to people in need in the Canberra Community in the form of handcrafted comfort care items
- connect people across the Canberra community through a culture of inclusion and acceptance of diversity while creating handcrafted comfort care items
- provide craft related wellbeing programs for community groups, schools, government agencies and the private sector across Canberra
- connect with complementary charity organisations for the benefit of the broader community
- improve the health of community members who are at risk of health issues arising from loneliness and isolation
- facilitate programs that address mental, physical, and emotional health issues
- provide meaningful activities where people can participate in the company of others to relieve isolation and loneliness
- undertake charitable activities for the benefit of the broader community

CORE PRINCIPLES

GOG will:

- provide a safe and inclusive environment for its members to gather and create hand crafted comfort care items for the Canberra Health Services
- support and uphold diversity and inclusivity within the GOG community (e.g., racial, gender or religious)
- provide an opportunity for members to connect, learn new skills, and express their creativity at their own pace
- where possible, provide resources (yarn, tools, and materials) for members to create handcrafted items for comfort care.
- distribute the goods created by members to maximise their impact and benefit for the wellbeing of patients, family, and staff within the Canberra Health Services system
- support and network with other charities where possible and appropriate
- establish and support enrichment programs in collaboration with schools and other community organisations
- through the volunteer coordinator within the Canberra Health Network, provide a personalised service for in-patients and their family members.

Members of GOG will:

- freely express their creativity to foster diversity and choice ('Make what you love, and someone will love what you make')
- demonstrate kindness and respect to all members and promote the welfare of members by positively acknowledging their creativity and efforts
- welcome and support new and prospective members
- strengthen GOG through positive communication that adheres to the GOG vision, while raising feedback and constructive ideas with the GOG leadership group
- use resources provided by GOG for creating comfort items for distribution through GOG
- commit to the GOG requirements for cataloguing, safety checks, labelling and distribution of handmade comfort items
- in the context of GOG community stitching for wellness projects for example: GOG Stitching for Mindfulness, Community Threads Project etc., members will:
 - respect the privacy of participant confidentiality and adhere to the ACT Health Services Volunteer Code of Practice where applicable
 - represent GOG in a manner that embodies compassion, integrity, positivity, and teamwork.
 - Members will be required to wear clean, neat, and tidy attire and use appropriate language.
 - honour and respect decisions made by the GOG Committee.