

Dance – the hidden language of the soul

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“Dancing faces you towards Heaven, whichever direction you turn” Sweetpea Tyler. This is exactly where the dancers from the Christian Dance Fellowship of WA have been facing for the last 30 years.

The group who worship in dance and drama have celebrated their 30th anniversary by sharing their Christian dance with people living the second half of life.

Dancers Ellie MacPherson, Shirley Hartley and Linda Lilburne performed for residents at Amana Living’s James Brown House and Moline House.

The group, who choreographed a special performance aimed at the elderly, shared favourite praise songs such as My Rock, Amazing Grace and Teach Me to Dance. Residents were encouraged to sing along and join in the praising of the Lord.

Betty, a resident of Moline House and a former ballet dancer was thrilled to watch this wonderful performance. “It made me remember my years as a dancer and I am so thankful to have had the gift of dance” she said.

Ellie stated that “the group were delighted for the opportunity to share their passion with Amana Living and particularly enjoyed meeting the residents and sharing a cup of tea with them”. She went on to thank Amana Living’s Reverend Greg Jordan for inviting them to perform.

Amana Living operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels and five nursing homes throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for dementia residents and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to people living in their own homes.

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