

HARTLEY LIFECARE

SHORT TERM RESPITE



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PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITY
HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
TO LIVE THEIR
BEST LIFE



"Renaissance House is superbly appointed – complete with everything you need from commodes to ceiling hoists.

Added to this are the warm-hearted and attentive staff who take great care to ensure your visit is worry free.

I wouldn't stay anywhere else when visiting Canberra."

Duncan Wallace, Executive Director SpinalCure Australia

*In a recent survey
100% of respondents
indicated that they were very
satisfied with the respite
services offered at
Renaissance
House*

ABOUT HARTLEY



Established in 1962, Hartley Lifecare (Hartley) is a Canberra-based not-for-profit organisation providing supported accommodation for people with disability, their families and carers.

Originally founded to provide a learning facility and therapy support service for children and adults, Hartley has grown extensively to support people independently and in shared accommodation in over 30 locations. We offer a Hydrotherapy pool, and high quality adult respite services.

On 13 June 2025, Hartley transitioned from an incorporated association to a company limited by guarantee. This important step strengthens our governance and enables us to meet growing demand beyond the ACT, including the ability to deliver services in New South Wales.

Hartley Lifecare relies on NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) funding, corporate partners, individual donors and special events to expand and enhance the services we provide we provide to people living with disability in our local community.

HARTLEY'S VALUES



PERSON CENTRED

The people we support are at the centre of decisions made which relate to their life



LEADERSHIP

Our people encompass leadership qualities to drive Harley to be a sector leader



INTEGRITY

Trust, honesty and reliability are the foundations of our organisation



RESPECT

We are inclusive, kind and responsive



QUALITY

We continually strive for excellence

RENAISSANCE SHORT TERM RESPITE

Located in Chapman, Renaissance House is a modern four-bedroom home designed for comfort, connection and care.

Wide corridors, height-adjustable benches and ceiling hoists make it accessible for everyone. At the same time, the stylish interior gives the house the feel of a luxury getaway.

Whether you want a quiet few days to unwind or a week filled with activities and new experiences, Renaissance House is the perfect place to make it happen.

You can arrange your stay to coincide with friends, or you can meet new people while trying out many of the activities and experiences offered at Renaissance.

Guests can enjoy everything Canberra has to offer, with accessible transport available for outings, appointments and adventures. Our experienced support team can arrange visits to local attractions and events or help plan engaging home-based activities tailored to your interests.

Renaissance House is equipped with internet and streaming services so guests can unwind with their favourite shows and movies.

“Get in touch to talk about what you are looking for. We will answer your questions and guide you”

OUR PEOPLE

At Hartley, you will be supported by a skilled and caring team. Every staff member completes Hartley's comprehensive training program, and our on-call Nurse Advisor provides expert advice whenever needed. For guests, this means you are supported by people who know what they are doing. For carers, it means you can rest easy knowing your loved one is in safe hands.



OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Hartley, our philosophy is built on empowering people with disability and their families to shape their own support. We focus on person-centred care, family involvement, and active support, ensuring every individual's needs, choices, and aspirations are at the centre of everything we do.

Person Centred

Person centred approach is about ensuring the person with disability is at the centre of decisions which relate to their life. People with disability have control and are involved in planning, developing and monitoring support to make sure it meets their individual needs.

Putting people and their families at the centre of decision making is a core focus for Hartley. We also train our staff in active support and implement this model across our support service for the best outcome for the person with disability.

Family Governance

Hartley Lifecare applies a Family Governance model to all of the services we provide, allowing the person supported and their families to be involved in determining the care requirements as much or as little as they like.

It is crucial for us to be able to provide appropriate support through listening to each individual in an effort to fully understand their needs. This involves working closely with those who have a greater level of awareness of the individual's life experiences. Through ongoing feedback we are able to properly support the individual and help them to achieve their goals and aspirations.

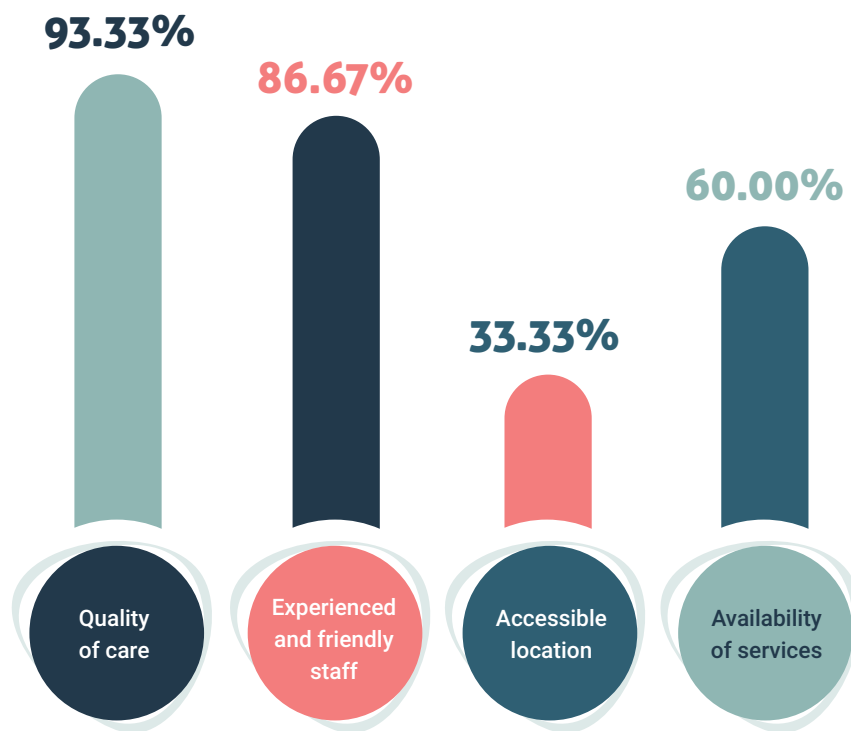
Active Support

Active Support is a way for people with disability to engage in meaningful everyday activities of their choice, with the amount of support they need.

Our active support training is provided by registered qualified trainers and tailored to each individual and their support requirements.



WHAT WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT REASONS YOU CHOSE RENAISSANCE HOUSE FOR RESPITE SERVICES?



"Renaissance House has a high standard of care, continuity of staff who understand the needs of people with disability and safe environment"

PLAN YOUR STAY



"Whether you are looking for a break, a change of scenery, or a trusted place for your loved one to stay, Hartley provides safe, high-quality support that feels like home"

1 START THE CONVERSATION

Reach out to Hartley to talk about what you are looking for in short term respite.

2 VISIT RENAISSANCE HOUSE

Come and meet our team, explore the space, and get a feel for what your stay could be like.

3 PERSONALISED PLANNING

We will spend time getting to know you, your needs, preferences and goals. Then we will complete the required documentation together.

4 LOCK IN YOUR DATES

Once everything is set, we will confirm your booking so you can look forward to your stay with confidence.

5 ENJOY THE STAY

Settle in, relax and make the most of your time at Renaissance House, supported by our experienced and caring team.

RENAISSANCE HOUSE FACILITIES



Opening in 2021, Renaissance House accommodates up to four guests and is built to meet Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) standards, aligning with the High Physical Support category. The home features open plan living, maximised natural light, individual spaces, and integrated assistive technology, creating a welcoming, contemporary 'home away from home.'

Our short term respite facility has been made possible thanks to the generous support of Andrew Kerec, owner of Renaissance Homes and the ACT Government.

"I was impressed with the thorough professionalism of the staff. Renaissance House is lovely, has a homely feel and the location is peaceful"



HARTLEY
ALSO PROVIDES
SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT
LIVING (SIL) AND LONG-TERM
ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS.

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