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## *Help Us Replace 3 Patients Beds This Christmas*

As the Christmas season approaches, we're reminded of the importance of generosity and the true meaning of giving. At St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane, our focus is on ensuring that every patient who comes through our doors receives the very best care—care that promotes healing, comfort, and hope. This year, as part of our New Year, New Equipment project, we need your help to ensure that our hospital is equipped to meet the needs of our patients in 2025 and beyond.

**The Challenge We Face:** Across our inpatient wards, some of the beds that patients depend on are aging and in need of replacement. These beds, while having served us well for many years, can now be unreliable at times. They can break down, leading to interruptions in patient care and placing additional strain on our staff. Imagine a patient, recovering from surgery, who is unable to adjust their bed for comfort or safety because the controls no longer work. Or a nurse, trying to deliver the best care possible, but constantly dealing with malfunctioning equipment. This is the reality that we face every day.

**Our Solution:** To address this problem, we need to replace three of our most problematic beds with modern, state-of-the-art 8000x Arjo beds. These beds are designed to not only improve patient comfort but also ensure better safety and care outcomes. With features that minimise pressure sores, improve blood circulation, and allow for easy adjustments, these new beds will make a tangible difference in the recovery journey for our patients.

**The Impact of Your Support:** By contributing to our 2024 Christmas Appeal, you will be directly improving the lives of both our patients and staff. For patients, the difference will be felt immediately. Whether they're recovering from surgery, managing a long-term illness, or simply resting after treatment, having a reliable, comfortable, and adjustable bed can make all the difference. Research shows that hospital beds are a critical factor in patient recovery, helping to minimise discomfort and prevent complications like pressure sores. For our staff—nurses, doctors, and the maintenance team—new beds mean fewer disruptions, less frustration, and more time spent focusing on what truly matters: patient care.

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**Stories from Our Wards:** We've seen firsthand how something as simple as a reliable hospital bed can change a patient's experience. Take Mrs. Johnson (name changed), for example, a recent patient in our inpatient ward. Recovering from surgery, she needed constant adjustments to her bed to reduce pain and manage her circulation. Unfortunately, her bed's controls malfunctioned not allowing for adjustment of position making her uncomfortable. This bed then required swapping over to a bed that allowed for position adjustment. The new 8000x Arjo beds would have eliminated those issues, ensuring she had the support she needed to focus on healing.

It's not just our patients who would benefit. One of our senior nurses frequently talks about how challenging it can be when equipment breaks down. *"You never realise how much you rely on the bed to work properly until it doesn't,"* she says. *"A good bed means we can focus on the patient's needs without worrying about whether the bed will hold up."*

**The Features of the 8000x Arjo Bed:** The 8000x Arjo bed is an advanced piece of equipment that is designed to support both patients and caregivers. With adjustable head and foot positions, the bed helps reduce the risk of complications such as pressure sores and ensures that patients can rest in the most comfortable position for their condition. Additionally, its height adjustment features make it easier for caregivers to assist patients, reducing the physical strain on our staff. These modern beds are equipped with the latest technology, offering features that enhance both patient care and safety. Importantly, these beds are reliable, ensuring that care is not interrupted by mechanical failures.

**Why Your Support Matters:** We need to raise \$17,400 to purchase three of these critical beds for our inpatient wards. Every dollar donated will bring us closer to that goal and help ensure that we can continue to offer the highest standard of care to every patient. Your generosity will have a direct impact on the lives of those who need it most—patients like Mrs. Johnson, who deserve the very best in their healing journey.

At St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane, we believe that everyone deserves dignity, comfort, and the highest quality of care. By supporting our 2024 Christmas Appeal, you are helping us make that belief a reality.

We ask you to consider making a donation this Christmas. Your contribution will not only help us meet our goal of \$17,400, but it will also send a message of compassion, care, and commitment to the well-being of every patient who comes to St Vincent's.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas, filled with the warmth of giving and the blessings of the season. Together, let's ensure that 2025 is a year of comfort and healing for all who rely on our care.

With gratitude,



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