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#### Thank You!

I would like to extend a huge thanks for the fantastic response to the end of financial year fundraiser. The generosity of the SCC community, and others associated with The Mooring has absolutely blown me away. Once again the amount raised far exceeded our expectations. These funds are already being put to good use. So far this financial year The Mooring has cared for 18 families! This would not be possible if not for your generosity.

Some of our donors have been supporting The Mooring since the beginning. Your faithful support over the years has made such a difference in the lives of so many during their time of crisis. God bless



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# **Amazing Progress for Gregorio!**

Gregorio and Camila had recently arrived in Australia from Argentina to study English, when Gregorio was involved in a serious accident, resulting in a long admission to ICU at Gold Coast University Hospital. The Mooring was able to provide a unit close to the hospital for Camila, who had no local support, as well as family members who arrived from Argentina.

The family has also been generously supported by a wonderful couple from Brisbane, Marty and Fabiola, who speak Spanish, enabling us to communicate with the family.

After a long hospital stay Gregorio was finally discharged to the delight of his family. We are so excited to see Gregorio now up and walking on his own. His family will soon return to Argentina and Gregorio and Camila will continue their journey to recovery and life here on the beautiful Gold Coast. We are so thrilled to have met these beautiful people and know the friendships made will continue long into the future.



Left to right: Fabiola & Marty, Jorge, Maria & Mateo (Gregorio's Dad, Mum and brother) Seated: Gregorio and Camila

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## Introducing carers Ed & Elaine

Ed and Elaine operate as a couple, caring for The Mooring clients. Ed joined us in 2019, with Elaine beside him when he assisted clients. Elaine officially joined the team last year. As a couple they bring a unique blend of gentle compassion and empathy, which especially benefits some of the older clients who are in distress with a loved partner or family member in ICU.

When asked why they joined The Mooring the reply was: "We were drawn to The Mooring from the first time we heard of their purpose explained in church. We waited and prayed about it for a few months and when we offered, we were prepared to do anything. We are grateful for being able to help, and see the benefits of being a couple in some cases."

From a client's note in The Mooring unit visitors book - "A big thank you to Ed & Elaine whose Christ-like ministry really supported us through a very difficult time."



### Wifi Installed at The Mooring Accommodation

To assist our families with staying in touch with their loved ones at home, we decided to have wifi installed at The Mooring accommodation. After some weeks of research, we decided to use Aussie Broadband who offer discounted rates for charities. After Aussie Broadband heard



of the help The Mooring provides, they contacted us to let us know they will be providing their services free of charge! Big thanks to Aussie Broadband for their generosity!

Huge thanks also goes to Norm from Grayson Communications who donated time and resources to get the wifi up and running! What a blessing this internet will be to so many families!



## Alex is finishing his degree!

In June 2019 Alex was studying on the Gold Coast and ended up in ICU in a critical condition. Once Alex was discharged from hospital, he and his family who were cared for by The Mooring returned to the UK to begin his long journey to recovery. Last month we received news that Alex headed back to university to finish his degree! Congratulations Alex, we are honoured to be cheering you on from the other side of the globe.