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# The role of a Compassionate Connector

is to provide a network of support to those in your community experiencing caregiving, dying or grieving

This service has been described as "if a darkness has lifted" (patient)

### How does it work?

Individuals or families with advanced chronic conditions or life limiting illnesses needing support can be referred by their service provider or self-refer to the Program.

The Program Coordinator matches individuals or families with Connectors based on location, need and skills.

As a Connector you will identify extra social and practical support needed by the individual or family. You will liaise with existing networks, community members, and services to provide additional support.

You will keep in touch as needed to ensure your families are receiving the appropriate support.

# Who can apply?

Anyone who would like to provide support and kindness is welcome to apply.

All applicants will be required to complete an <u>Expression of Interest</u>.

All Connectors will need to complete a free one-day training course before commencing.



Connectors are supported by the Program Coordinator. Fortnightly online meetings are held to learn and share with other Connectors.

# **What our Connectors say**

"So rewarding to watch their quality of life improve"

"Feels like you are making a difference"

"Opportunity to give back to the community"

"Learnt a great deal"

"You become part of their lives; it's very fulfilling"

"A lovely way to do volunteer work if you like being with and talking to people"



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