



MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Real friendship serves up real food in the Blue Flame Kitchen

Disability is no barrier in the kitchen for Nulsen Group residents who will be participating in cooking classes to hone their culinary skills in the ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen.

Disability service and care provider Nulsen Group has teamed up with ATCO to provide people with disabilities in their care the opportunity to unlock their creative potential in the kitchen. The partnership also delivers art classes to Nulsen residents who are joined in the activities by ATCO employees.

Nulsen Group Manager Partnerships & Communication, Danica Wieman said that the collaboration with ATCO will give up to 20 Nulsen residents the opportunity to learn cooking skills from Chef Dale Sniffen who has been heavily involved with ATCO's Blue Flame Kitchen for a number of years.

"Our residents will be able to unlock their passion for home cooking in ATCO's specially designed functional facility and create hearty meals and develop long-lasting life skills in the process," Ms Wieman said.

"The creation of food is a one of life's pleasures for many of us and our residents are no exception.

"You need to see the pure joy on their faces while they are chopping, stirring, kneading and sautéing to really understand how beneficial the cooking classes are for people with disabilities," she said.

The theme for the up-coming cooking class will be 'Easter Delights' and the budding chefs will be crafting various Easter treats.

President of ATCO Gas Division, Stevan Green said that ATCO supports Nulsen Group and their residents cooking and art programs to provide creative out-of-home experiences which connect Nulsen residents with newfound skills and kitchen confidence. In addition the program provides ATCO employees with the opportunity to engage with local members of the community.

"Sharing a meal is what brings family and friends together and that is the motivation behind our cooking and baking classes with Nulsen Group. We want the residents and staff to learn new culinary techniques and forge new friendships with our team."

Ms Wieman said that Nulsen Group and ATCO formed a partnership in 2013 and since then, ATCO have delivered over \$66,000 in sponsorship of gas appliances in Nulsen homes, \$24,000 in donations through ATCO Employees Participating in Communities program and delivered more than 25 cooking and art classes for over 150 residents with complex disabilities.



“It is wonderful to see the effort of the ATCO team to not only make our residents feel welcome in the Blue Flame Kitchen, but also the love and support they share to help our residents’ explore their creativity,” Ms Wieman said.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Time: 9:30am – 12pm

Location: ATCO
81 Prinsep Road Jandakot

Parking: Onsite

Interview and photo opportunities:

- Danica Wieman, Manager Partnerships & Communication Nulsen Group
- Stevan Green, President ATCO Gas Division
- Wilmari Nel, Manager Community Investment & Partnerships
- Residents of Nulsen (photo opportunities)
- ATCO Staff

ABOUT NULSEN

Nulsen Group is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and services to more than 200 Western Australians with complex disabilities. We have been part of the WA community for more than 65 years.

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