## **YOUNG PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES**



**PEOPLE A YEAR\*** \*This remains similar to the number entering aged care a decade ago.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**46%** of young people in aged care have a partner, or had a partner before entering aged care.

**Over 50%** of younger people in aged care will end up seeing family or friends once per year or less. Separation from family, friends and community leads to intense loneliness and social isolation for younger people.

**45%** of younger people in aged care never participate in leisure activities in the community.

FOUNDATION

ONLY 1 IN 10 ARE EVER LIKELY TO RETURN TO FAMILY OR THEIR FORMER HOME.



Multiple government inquiries have found aged care facilities are not designed for young people, and lead to poor outcomes for them. Over 10 years ago, State and Federal governments agreed to a plan to reduce the number of young people going into nursing homes. Despite this there has been no significant reduction in the number of young people going into nursing homes in a decade.

HAVE SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

The NDIS has the potential to stop young people going into aged care, however, many are facing significant barriers to accessing the NDIS.

A Royal Commission into Aged Care was announced in 2018 that will include looking at young people living in aged care. This provides an opportunity to put an end to young people in aged care once and for all.