

**LAST CHANCE FOR
A SHARE OF
£10,000**



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Today is the final day to send entries to the MAKE IT HAPPEN award scheme. We have already received over 80 from all over Dundee, Angus, Perthshire and Fife. Over the coming weeks, the awards panel will be making the difficult decision on who will be successful in getting shares of the £10,000 fund, sponsored by Combined Insurance.



Looking after our elderly



Staff and regulars at the Forfar Day Care Centre.

A SLICE of the Make It Happen cash for new easy chairs would be the icing on the cake for clients of Forfar Day Care Centre in their new surroundings, writes Graham Brown.

The Lour Road facility, for OAPs from the town and its surrounding area, this month celebrated 17 years in existence, providing a friendly and stimulating daily meeting place for people who otherwise might be isolated in their own homes.

Extended in 1999, the facility entered a new era at the end of last year when Mary, Dowager Countess of Strathmore, officially unveiled a £190,000 custom-built extension as a replacement for portable buildings which had served the centre since its launch.

The new accommodation has proved a boon for the 25 clients who attend the centre daily, and deputy manager Fiona Clark said new easy chairs and tables would cap the excellent provision for pensioners attending the well-used premises.

"Forfar Day Care Centre is a voluntary sector establishment run by a voluntary management committee providing day care for older people," she said.

"The last phase of our building work has been completed and we now have a purpose-built centre.

"The centre assists people with a variety of difficulties which can range from mental health/physical and social issues," added Fiona.

"The pensioners love the new facilities and we are full up every day."

The latest expansion has actually given the day care centre a capacity to take more clients, but although there is currently a waiting list providing the extra places hinges on more money becoming available from sources such as Angus Council to bring more staff into the set-up.

Management committee officials hope that may be possible, but in the meantime are approaching the Make It Happen scheme in an effort to make daily visits to the centre even more enjoyable for existing clients.

"A wee while back we received a donation and bought some new chairs and tables, but we are still hoping to get another 10 chairs and six tables, which will cost £2370 in total," added Fiona.

"The type of easy chair we get is very important.

"Everyone has different needs and there are two types of high back chair we use, which makes sure the

clients are comfortable and can enjoy the time they spend here. We would greatly appreciate it if Make It Happen could help us towards the cost of these much needed items for our elderly members," said Fiona.