



CLARENCE HOUSE

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to send you all my warmest congratulations as you celebrate Abbeyfield's 60th birthday. It is not every day that a charity recognizes its diamond anniversary and I hope you can all feel a well-deserved sense of pride at being part of an organization that has enhanced the lives of older people for so many years.

The nominations for this year's Royal Patron's Awards show, as always, the tremendous hard work, effort and dedication that the Abbeyfield family puts into the welfare of older people not just in the United Kingdom, but around the world.

I am delighted that in receiving this special award at the 2016 All Abbeyfield Conference each nominee will be recognized for their distinctive contribution, for their outstanding service and for their ongoing commitment to supporting Abbeyfield and the older people for whom you care.

I was able to take part personally in one of the many celebrations of this anniversary year when I visited your Viewlands House in Perth. It was a great pleasure to be able to spend some time with residents and staff in an organization whose devotion to the welfare of others makes me, as Patron, extremely proud.

As you mark this important milestone, I send you my very best wishes and I have no doubt that your inspirational work for older people will continue to go from strength to strength.

HRH The Prince of Wales