



Caring Women began its activities through the involvement of the National Institute for the Deaf (NID) within the community. It is based on the premise that a woman plays a vital role within the community. She is the centre point of the family. She knows her community and would be aware of persons with disabilities in her community who can benefit from the services provided by the NID and Western Cape Association for Persons with Disabilities (WCAPD).

Objectives

The chief objectives of Caring Women is for members to –

- (a) be vigilant in their communities and refer anyone requiring services re hearing loss / Deaf or physical disability to NID and WCAPD respectively; and
- (b) raise awareness in their communities on general aspects of disability.

Membership

Participating Branches of WCAPD will invite women from their community to a tea party where they will be informed of the purpose and function of the Association, as well as the aims and objectives of the Caring Women / Omgee Vroue project. They will be invited to become a Caring Woman / Omgee and will receive a membership certificate and a lapel brooch.

Once a core group of women has joined, they will be trained on all aspects of disability (sensitisation). These women are then encouraged to invite their own family, friends, colleagues and contacts to a tea party where the process begins again.

Caring Women are encouraged to spread the positive word about disability as well as identify persons in their community who require the services of either APD or NID, and link them the local branch of these organisations.

The benefits are far-reaching and include

- A greater understanding of persons with disabilities and related issues;
- Making a valuable contribution to the community; and
- Participation in a support structure of like-minded women.

Interested women are welcome to enquire at WCAPD on
(021) 555-2881 or **marketing@apd-wc.org.za**
for the closest group of Caring Women to you.