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"It is a pleasure to nominate Tracey and her little daughter, Harriet for this recognition award. Tracey enquired about becoming a friendship buddy last year. She thought it would be nice to have a friend join them on their outings around Palmy and if it was ok for her to bring along Harriet. The Friendship Service is all about diversity and inclusion, so we couldn't wait to meet them . From my first meet and greet with Tracey, I instantly knew her values aligned with our service. Tracey is such a warm, thoughtful and kind lady and Harriet, her daughter is just gorgeous too. Tracey and Harriet were 'matched' with Margaret - Margaret lives in a supported home here in Palmy. Margaret is friendly, fun lady and absolutely adores children, so their connection begun. It has been a privilege to receive photos and updates from Tracey. Their smiling faces say it all. The fun they are having together shines through. We are truly grateful for Tracey gifting her time (as she is a busy mum). After asking Tracey for feedback on her volunteering journey she said: "I have really enjoyed getting to know Margaret and love our weekly catch ups. I love seeing how much Margaret cares for Harriet and how happy Harriet makes Margaret. I enjoy coming up with things that will interest them both, and I have found that through doing this, I have discovered a whole lot of things around Palmy that I hadn't known of or thought about doing. I love Margaret's sense of humour too!" Tracey - thank you for being such a wonderful, kind hearted and dedicated buddy for Margaret. You both mean so much to her and we look forward to seeing many more photos that make our heart swell. ."

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